

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
September 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order via conference call at 8:05 p.m. Present were: Shannon Guy, Mary Losee, Gretchen Lindner, Betty Kooy, David Nelson, Greg Guelcher, Lynn Weaver, Docker Hartfield, Holly Beeman, Al Johnson, Mary Kocsis, Robb Pantano, Peggy Speer, Brian Jensen, Bianca Christiansen, Bruce Schomburg, Tom Beck, and Scot Sorensen.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 8, 2008 BOD meeting were approved after correcting #7 under New Business to read "Zones" rather and "All Stars."

Agenda Changes: Mary Losee indicated that the discussion of the Board of Review documents will be deferred until Jim Devine, the new chair of the National Board of Review committee, can be contacted. Under New Business, the Nominating Committee will be deferred to the House of Delegates.

Reports:

Treasurer: Mary Kocsis checked with Jim Harvey at USA Swimming regarding changing the fiscal year for Midwestern and was informed that there are no specific requirements from USA Swimming. Betty Kooy commented that it is the choice of the LSC but that our current Redbook indicates that the fiscal year ends August 31. Mary Losee indicated that it was recommended by USA Swimming that we change it.

Technical Chair: Docker Hartfield has the meet evaluations from the DI Long Course meet. Mary Losee requested that the report be sent to the General Chair but that highlights be mentioned at this point. Some things mentioned included promotion of the zone meet, awards presentation, and the timing of warm-ups and the coaches' meetings. All the forms and reports will be given to the General Chair.

Administrative Vice Chair: Brian Jensen reminded the BOD that the request for meets the HS swimmers can request releases to be able to swim needs to be submitted. The Senior Chair will submit the request to include the new Junior meet in December along with the meets requested in previous years (Grand Prix meets and All Stars).

Officials Chair: In the absence of Scot Sorensen (joined call later) the report was given by Gretchen Lindner. Keith Eckerman and Gary Kuhn have been elected to the Officials Committee for a three-year term beginning in January. The fall officials' training clinic will be Sunday October 5 at HDR in Omaha with Paul Jones from Michigan as the presenter. The officials committee was acknowledged for all they have accomplished toward the goal of professionalism.

Request to accept the reports and submitted and stated. **Motion** to accept the reports. **Seconded. Approved.**

Advice and Consent: Mary Losee has accepted the resignation of Lisa Ellis as Age Group Chair and Jeanie Neal as an At Large Board Member. The General Chair requested the consent of the BOD to appoint Kyle Hunt as Age

Group Chair and Tony Storer to the At-Large position to complete the unexpired terms of Lisa and Jeanie. Consent of the BOD was given to the two appointments.

Old Business:

Ad Hoc Committee for Review of By Laws: Greg Guelcher reported that the project was divided into three groups: 1) Typos, 2) Updates and revisions, and 3) Compliances. The questions and recommendations were discussed. The recommended changes need to be sent in writing. Betty reminded the group that much of the verbiage comes directly from the USA Swimming template for LSC By-Laws. The recommendations will be submitted for the House of Delegates meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee for Creation of Mission, Vision, and Values Statement: Peggy Speer had presented thoughts to Mary Losee regarding key concepts for each of these terms. The committee of Peggy, David, and Docker will have a statement ready for the November meeting. It was agreed that it should be short and to the point.

NSAA Update: Lynn Weaver discussed the four proposals before the NSAA regarding dealing with the right to participate. The problem is that schools without swimming programs get to vote on proposals that affect swimming and they do not really understand swimming needs. Some coaches favor swimming as a fall sport. The coaches need to let their Ads know what they want. The athletes were asked to weigh in on the proposals. Docker mentioned that it is our duty as Midwestern coaches to elevate the level of swimming and to work toward the best way to move our swimmers up the ladder. We need to focus on a win-win situation for both HS swimming and MW swimming. MW is in favor of whatever is least restrictive to the athlete.

Midwestern Banquet: Mary Losee reported that the Banquet is set for November 16. That is Sunday after the MAC meet. Bruce will finalize the arrangements.

New Business:

House of Delegates: Mary Losee would like to have the HOD meeting before the Banquet on November 16. There is time in the afternoon on November 16 to do both.

Board of Directors Retreat: Mary Losee would like to have a one-day board retreat. The BOD needs to do some strategy planning. Mahoney was suggested as a location. The beginning or end of the holidays was suggested as a time frame. Several proposals will be sent out for the BOD members to choose from.

Budget Proposal 08-09: Mary Losee welcomed new finance chair Robb Pantano. A basic budget proposal was submitted. The numbers will depend on when the fiscal year ends. It will need to be reworked. The budget committee will meet and rework and resubmit a new budget based on the calendar year.

General Chair Notes: Mary Losee stated that all BOD members will be receiving a print-out of the duties and responsibilities of their office as set forth in the Red Book. It will need to be signed and returned to the General Chair if one accepts those duties and responsibilities. If one cannot fulfill those responsibilities, one needs to submit a resignation in writing. Beginning in November we will be conducting the meetings by consent agenda. All reports will be submitted and not discussed unless pulled for discussion. Docker would like the Board polled

as to what the 'next level' means to each BOD member. The question will be sent to each BOD member with request for comment. Mary would like to create task force for disabilities and diversity.

Convention Notes: Lynn Weaver reported that the Senior Development Committee of USA Swimming has recommended that each Zone conduct a Senior Zone Championship. Central Zone has voted to hold a Senior Zone Championship beginning in 2010 for 15 and over swimmers. That will have an impact on the two age group meets. A Zone task force will look recommendations for making both meets viable. There is discussion of restrictions on the Lazer suit for younger athletes. The Scholastic All America team was announced. MW members include Anna Kokensparger, Kelly Kunkel, Mitchell Pruss, Kyle Wemhoff, Ryan Krysl, and Billy Kunkel. These swimmers will be recognized on the MW website and also at the Banquet.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. **Seconded.**

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary