

**Midwestern Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30pm by Brian Schaezner, General Chair. The meeting was held via telephone conference call. Board members that were present: (There were no non-board members present):

Brian Schaezner, General Chair	Louie Balogh, Technical Chair	Scot Sorenson, Registration Chair
Lynn Weaver, Senior Vice-Chair	Gary Kuhn, Officials Chair	Amy Wahlmeier, Sr. Athlete Rep
Betty Kooy, Executive Secretary	Linda Renner, Treasurer	Carly Wahlmeier, Sr. Athlete Rep
Bruce Schomberg, Coaches' Rep.	Dawn Bowen, Secretary	Brianna McCullough, Jr. Athlete Rep.
Mary Losee, Adm. Vice-Chair	Carol Glover, Delegate at Large	Tanya Hopson, Delegate at Large
Ryan Theil, Finance Chair	Chris Pawloski, Safety Chair	

Approval of May 15, 2012 BOD minutes

Brian asked if there were any corrections for the May BOD meeting minutes. There were no corrections. Lynn made a motion to accept the minutes. Gary seconded. The minutes were accepted as written.

Year-to-date financial report

Ryan reviewed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January-September 2012. MWS did contribute more to the Zone Meet since it was in Indiana, the budgeted amount was \$2,600 and MWS contributed \$5,000. The Splash Fees increase is due to the \$1 increase for the fee. The income from fines is up. The USS Member and Non-member memberships' income is due to timing of when this is paid. This line item does not mean anything until the end of the year. Athlete Training and Clinics still shows a balance of \$5,000 as MWS was not able to reserve a time at the Colorado Training Center. MWS is using the money for Zones and the upcoming Swimposium. Athlete reimbursement is about the same as last year. MWS needs to discuss how to get the word out to athletes to apply for allowed reimbursement when traveling to the higher level meets. More money was spent for the Officials this year due to purchase of the LC championship meet shirts. Looking at January-September, MWS shows \$20,000 for income. This will change once the USS memberships are paid and by year end, MWS should be right on the budget. Ryan said his committee will start work on the 2013 budget and if you have any items to be considered, please email Ryan. Scot addressed the timing of this information being sent to the board and not enough time was allowed for everyone to be able to review it. There was discussion about when it should be distributed prior to a board meeting. Lynn noted that there has never been any information given to the person in charge of an area as to when the reports need to be sent out. The board agreed that any items for distribution for the board meeting need to be sent out at least 48 hours in advance.

Annual review of financials and tax return

Linda provided the financial update. The financial statement review was performed by Massman Nelson Reinig PC. The audit showed no income change. Revenue \$261,500 Expense \$248,650 Net Income \$12,850. The net assets are \$129,719. Linda explained the process of how financials are used to prepare the tax return. All the financials did tie out. Doug Kozeny prepares the return. The board must review the annual financials due to a rule change by the government. Lynn made a motion to accept the financial statement and tax return, Linda seconded. The financials were accepted.

MOST Reimbursement

Brian explained the request from MOST to be reimbursement for out of pocket expenses incurred related to the cancellation of the LC 2012 LSC Qualifier Meet at Hitchcock Pool. The amount requested is \$1,100. The expenses were related to payments and deposits made. The hospitality food was donated to local shelters. This was a very unusual circumstance and despite efforts by parents and the City to replace over half the water

overnight, the temperature remained above acceptable limits mandated by USA Swimming. Lynn said it was a Qualifier Meet under MWS and the club spent a lot of time and made a good faith effort to hold the meet. Gary said he agreed and asked if all the meet fees were returned to the clubs. Brian said the fees were returned to the clubs. Carol asked if this included the splash fee. Brian indicated the club returned both entry fees and splash fees to the clubs. Louie made a motion to reimburse MOST swim club for expenses incurred related to the cancellation of the meet. Gary seconded. The motion passed.

Outreach Diversity Proposal

Brian noted that if passed, this proposal would be effective November 1, 2012. Scot explained the proposal.

Outreach Athlete membership is available to qualified athletes in accordance with USA Swimming guidelines. The purpose is to make year-round membership available to athletes who might otherwise not be able to afford the standard athlete membership fee. If the athlete participates in a reduced or free school lunch program, and can provide documentation to Midwestern Swimming, the USA Swimming/Midwestern Swimming athlete membership becomes \$5.00. Documentation is as simple as a one-page form on the school's letterhead indicating that the athlete member is on a free or reduced lunch program. Documentation shall be submitted with the registration Transmittal of Funds form and payment.

Reduced Meet Fee Guidelines: Beginning with the 2012 Short Course season, event entry fees for all Outreach athletes will be twenty five percent (25%) of the published entry fee for all Midwestern Swimming sanctioned competition. Only year-round USA Swimming Outreach athletes are eligible for reduced swim meet fees.

Betty asked if the cost was fleshed out beyond the 25% and how will this be implemented by clubs. Is this something for the policy manual? Scot said an outreach athlete would have a 25% reduction in all meet fees for each meet entered. Mary said for implementation, each club should have an entry chair who would know who the outreach athletes are in the club. Lynn asked how it is determined if an athlete is an outreach athlete. Betty said that athletes need to qualify based upon if the athletes participates in a reduced for free school lunch program. Louie noted that the athlete has to be an outreach athlete to receive the reduced fees, not just participating in a reduced for free lunch program. He added this is a good idea, just not sure how to implement. Brian said that when a club enters athletes for a meet, they would let the host club know the number of outreach athletes included so host knows that fees will be reduced for a certain number of athletes. Betty noted that she does not want to have athletes identified by name and also questioned the implementation. She said a club could go through the MWS office and the office could contact the meet host to let them know the outreach athlete numbers. Mary said it should go through the Registration Chair and he could verify to the host club that XYZ club entering the meet does have x number of outreach athletes. Brian said this sounds like it would work. Gary added that this process is still working on the honor system since not confirming names. Brian said if this becomes an issue, the board can revisit the process. Mary made a motion to accept the Outreach Diversity Proposal. Carol seconded. The motion passed.

Swimposium

Betty said to date there are 58 athletes for the 11&U clinic and 31 athletes for the 12&O clinic. Each clinic has room for 100. The clinic features Amanda Beard. For the Elite Camp, there are 34 registered. There is a parent track and 17 have registered. The morning track will be about parent involvement and parenting a swimmer. The afternoon track will be about club leadership. There are 8 officials registered. There are 9 coaches registered for Saturday and 5 for the 2 ½ day clinic that goes along with the Elite Camp. Brian said that the expectation for the Elite Camp is that clubs need to have a coach at the camp if they have swimmers attending. Scot asked how these numbers compare to the prior Swimposium at Northstar. There were 25 coaches and approximately 50-60 athletes in each session. Mary asked if the clubs that still needed the club leadership training have signed up. Betty said not that she could tell. Brian said the athletes would receive a swim cap, zipper pull and opportunity for photo with Amanda Beard. Jan Wehl will take photos. The cost 4 years ago was \$10 and MWS charging \$10 again. This barely covers costs of food and speaker. Need better numbers for

coaches and officials registered. Gary said that he has called new officials and found a common thread of most do not know what the Swimposium is about. Need to really get the word out, adding info on the MWS homepage. Betty said she will send info to all coaches and club contacts and can add to homepage. Lynn said that his club sent everything that was available to his club's parents and there were still questions from parents about the event. Brian said he would have flyers available with the programs at the meet Oct. 12-14 and also put flyers in all the coaches' packets. There is a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for attendees from out of town. Lynn said he would talk to Docker to set-up coaches social. Brian said that Lisa Roskins will also provide an update on Saturday at 4:30pm regarding the pool that was purchased from the Olympic Trials. Lynn asked if Bob Steele indicated what he needed for coaches at the clinic. Brian said he would check with Docker and get back to Lynn. Scot added that the Swimposium info was just recently sent out. He learned about the Swimposium by searching the MWS site. It would have been helpful to have info out sooner to everyone. Gary said he did discuss the Swimposium at the ACE meet, but there were not a lot of details available initially. Need to get officials numbers up as Dan McCallan will be the speaker. Brian said he would definitely put in extra time at the meet this weekend discussing this opportunity. Lynn said it also has to fall to the clubs to promote. Betty said she believes the numbers will fill in. For officials right now, it is mostly referees registered. She will send out info to all club contacts, coaches and officials.

House of Delegates

The next House of Delegates meeting will be Sunday, November 11 at Millard West High School after the MAC Meet morning session.

Adjournment

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36pm. A motion was made Lynn and seconded by Bruce. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Bowen
MWS Secretary