

Midwestern Swimming Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 / Via Conference Call

AMMENDED/CORRECTED – Submitted 01/13/15

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CALL TO ORDER: Midwestern Chair, Dawn Bowen, called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM on November 11, 2014 with the following people present via conference call: Dawn Bowen, Brian Schaezner, Jay Thiltgen, Erik Wiken, Ryan Theil, Jeanie Neal, Bruce Schomburg, Scot Sorensen, Steve Marchitelli, Carol Olson, Eric Samson, Holly Hopson, Ellie Walstad, Anya Lindholm, and Betty Kooy (non-voting)

Those Absent: Linda Renner, Chris Pawloski, Louie Balogh, Tony Storer, Stefani Martinez, Dan Novinski, Karl Schaezner, Karlie O'Connell, Cindy Wigness

AGENDA REVIEW: No additions or deletions were made to the published agenda.

MINUTES

MOTION (Thiltgen): *To approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting as corrected.* Seconded. APPROVED

Discussion: Jeanie Neal reported receipt of an email correction from Linda Renner regarding NEW BUSINESS Item #4. Review Cost of Awards/Merchandise for MW Championship Meets. Corrected to read:

MOTION (Renner): *To accept the proposal to change the Awards/Merchandise for MW Championship Meets so that Host Clubs will pay the total cost of awards and keep the total ~~commissions~~ ~~receipts~~ commissions. [MW would retain the responsibility to order the awards. The host club would have the freedom to choose vendors and design meet apparel.]* Seconded. APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION (Olson): *To approve all items on the published Consent Agenda.* Seconded. APPROVED

- Membership/Registration Report
- Sanction Committee Report
- 2014 Legislation adopted by USA Swimming HOD at Convention
- Senior Vice-Chair Report
- Executive Secretary Report

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Dawn Bowen read the following statement to the Board of Directors:

“Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this meeting which should now be reported or disclosed or addressed under the Midwestern Swimming Conflict of interest policy?”

If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Conflict of Interest and Duty of Care Statements

From 09.09.14 A description of the Legal Duties of Non-Profit Board Members and a Statement of Principles on Ethical Behavior and Conflict of Interest has been provided to all members of the Midwestern Board of

Directories. *All members* are to submit to Dawn Bowen a signed copy of the Statement of Principles on Ethical Behavior and Conflict of Interest on or before the House of Delegates Meeting on October 5, 2014. 11/11/14: **ACTION REQUIRED:** There are still forms outstanding. Please deliver signed documents to Dawn Bowen by November 15, 2014. All formats are acceptable: email, hard copy, texted image, etc.

2. Nominating Committee Update

From 09.09.14 3. Nominating Committee: Board members reach out into their communities to identify additional candidates prior to the elections to be held at the House of Delegates meeting on October 5, 2014.

11/11/14: MOTION (Marchitelli): *To accept and elect the slate of two candidates, Analisa Peterson and Laura Cvrk, running unopposed to fill the two vacant spots on the Nominating Committee.* Seconded. APPROVED

Discussion: A slate of two candidates was presented and nominations from the floor were requested. No additional candidates were put forth. Nominations were closed and a motion was made to accept the two candidates to fill the two available spots on the Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2015 HOD Amended Approved Budget and Financial Update

Discussion: HOD approved amendments to the Budget were presented and are summarized below.

Line Item 541 change to \$20,000
Line Item 573 change to \$ 800
Line Item 576 change to \$ 500
Resulting in changing our budgeted net income for '15 to (\$15,360.30)

There was no discussion or questions regarding submitted year-to-date financial reports.

2. Proposed update to Event Fees Policy 8.5.5.2

MOTION (Theil) *To accept changes to the Midwestern Redbook Section 8.5.5.2 Event Fees Policy as proposed and shown below.* Seconded. APPROVED

(e) Midwestern Championship meet – Midwestern Championship meet – Host club will pay for the cost of the awards and all other associated meet expenses, select vendors for apparel/equipment and retain all entry fees, program revenues, advertising revenues and sales commissions. MW will serve as entry chair, purchase the awards, and receipt all entry-related income from the meet. MW will retain the MW surcharge and the cost of the awards and remit the remaining funds to the host club. (awards policy updated 10/5/14)
\$4.50/individual event
\$12.00/maximum charge per relay event
\$6.00/MW surcharge
\$12.00/maximum program charge

(f) Other Meet Formats- Event fees, MWS surcharge and program charge for the All Stars Meet will follow the MWS Championship Meet fee schedule. Meet fees may vary from MWS established meet fee policies for meets held within MWS where fees may be determined by another entity over-seeing the meet, such as a Central Zone or USA Swimming sponsored meet.

(g) Requests for higher fees (based on facility costs) must be submitted to the General Chair prior to sanctioning Minimum facility surcharge - \$2.00/swimmer; Maximum facility surcharge \$5.00/swimmer.

Discussion: Dawn Bowen and Jay Thiltgen declared a conflict of interest and removed themselves from discussion and vote.

3. All Star Grant

MOTION (Schaenzer) *To distribute HOD approved expense line #521.1 All-Star grant funds of \$1500 to ACE, the host club of the 2015 MW All-Star Meet.* Seconded. APPROVED

Discussion: Dawn Bowen and Jay Tiltgen declared a conflict of interest and removed themselves from discussion and vote. This is considered to be an on-going standard expense budget item. The All-Star meet is a great experience for our MW athletes and we want to keep the meet viable for future host clubs.

4. Coaches Honoraria Policy Update & Retroactive Payment

MOTION (Olson) *To accept changes to the Midwestern Redbook Section 4.6 Coaches Honoraria Policy as proposed and shown below.* Seconded. APPROVED

<p>Current Policy Financial Policies 4.6 adopted 12/5/11</p> <p>Coaches who are accepted for and participate as part of the coaching staff for a Midwestern Zone Team or Midwestern All Star Team will be eligible for the following honorariums:</p> <p>4.6.1 All Star Coaching Staff \$100 4.6.2 Zone Coaching Staff \$200</p> <p>Proposed Policy Update Financial Policies 4.6</p> <p>Coaches who are accepted for and participate as part of the coaching staff for a Midwestern All Star Team or Midwestern Zone Team will be eligible for the following honorariums:</p> <p>4.6.1 All Star Coaching Staff \$100 Meet-Head Coach \$200; Assistant Coaches \$100 4.6.2 Zone Coaching Staff \$200 Meet- Head Coach \$300; Assistant Coaches \$200 4.6.3 Open Water Zone Coach (if applicable)-\$200 (adopted 6/8/2014)</p>

Discussion: This policy update is to reflect the actual coach honoraria payment that has been in place for the All Stars Head Coach and Assistant Coaches. The payment differential has been part of the All Stars/Zones budget proposal adopted by the House of Delegates in Fall 2013 and 2014, and this corresponding policy will formalize the change in the Midwestern Redbook.

MOTION (Schomburg): To pay the 2014 Zones Head Coach an additional \$100 to bring the total honorarium to \$300 for the Head Coach as listed in the 2014 All Stars/Zones budget proposal. Seconded. APPROVED

5. Athlete Reimbursement Policies

MOTION (Schomburg) *To accept changes to the Midwestern Redbook Section 4.5.2 Athlete Reimbursement as proposed and shown below.* Seconded. APPROVED

<p>Remove reimbursement for Senior Zone Meet as this meet is no longer offered in the Central Zone.</p> <p>Change the date for submitting the form for long course from September 15 to September 30. This allows for a little more time once all the meets are completed in August to submit the form/receipts and also follows along the short course end of the month time frame.</p> <p>The current policy requires that the Grand Prix reimbursement be reviewed annually. Currently reimbursement is for up to 3 meets per year, \$200 per meet. The new posted Grand Prix Meets time standards are equal to Junior National standards for meets earlier and then become standards equal to Nationals later in the year. The recommendation is to continue to provide reimbursement for 3 meets per year, \$200 per meet.</p>

The reimbursement level for rthe Legends Meet will be considered and a recommendation made to the Board of Directors once the meet information is available.

6. Coaches Representative Election

MOTION (Walstad) To accept and move forward with Coaches Rep elections via email. Seconded. APPROVED

Discussion: The question was raised as to why there was no election in the summer. The response was that it was simply overlooked, and is now being brought forward for action with this one time November election.

7. Logo Development Committee Appointments

MOTION (Schomburg) *To accept Logo Development Committee appointments as submitted. [Erik Wiken, Tabitha Burnham, Rick Nelson, Eric Rankin, Jay Thiltgen, Eric Samson and Shelby Mullendore]* Seconded. APPROVED

8. LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program (LEAP) Level 2 Update

Dawn Bowen announced the intention for MW to reach LEAP Level 2 by next November. Carol Olson described the four LEAP evaluation categories: 1) Business & Organizational Success 2) Volunteer Development 3) Club and Coach Development 4) Athlete Development. She advised that we are already involved and performing many of the items on the evaluation list.

Dawn Bowen and Carol Olson have been working on the first steps toward LEAP 2 with the help of Jane Rossier, USA Swimming. Several additional MW Board Members are needed to fill out a committee to do the work necessary to make our *leap* successful. **ACTION REQUIRED:** If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Dawn by this Friday, November 14, 2015.

9. Club Leadership Management School

Dawn Bowen announced the Club Leadership Business Management School 201 proposed for May 9, 2015 8:00am-1:00pm at Elkhorn Middle School. It is the same day as the House of Delegates Meeting. Midwestern is required to host the school within one year of committing to LEAP, and it is required for clubs to reach Level 2 of the Club Recognition Program and/or participate in the Club Excellence Program. This class is not a budgeted line item for 2015, and class fees charged to clubs would be used to offset the costs. The proposal includes charging participating clubs a fee not to exceed \$30 for up to five attendees. Attempts will be made to secure sponsorships that may bring the cost down even further.

MOTION (Schaenzer) *To commit to a May 9, 2015 Club Leadership Business Management School 201 to be conducted by Randy Julian and cost participating clubs no more than \$30. In the event that expenses would exceed the fees collected, The Board of Directors approves having the LSC fund any remaining expenses from the budget contingency fund.* Seconded. APPROVED

10. Central Zone Board of Review & Central Zone Sanction and Appeal Panel

Central Zone Board of Review replaces the LSC Board of Review per 2013 USA Swimming Legislation effective January 1, 2015. MWS has the option of establishing an LSC Administrative Review Board to handle administrative matters that are not code of conduct violations.

The priority for USA Swimming and the Central Zone is getting the Board of Review organized. The Central Zone Sanction and Appeal Panel administration will happen next. One of the first tasks is to provide templates for how applicants may apply to the Appeal Board. Betty Kooy stated that all documents and forms that relate to both of these Zone committees will be posted on the Central Zone website.

MOTION (Schomburg) *Board of Directors grants consent for MWS Board of Review committee to continue as the Administrative Review Board Organization under Article 610 to handle MWS administrative matters starting January 1, 2015.* Seconded. [Brian Schaenzer recused] APPROVED

MOTION (Schomburg) *Board of Directors grants consent for appointments to Central Zone Board of Review for Brian Schaenzer (non-athlete representative) and Karl Schaenzer (athlete representative).* Seconded. APPROVED

Discussion: The question was raised of whether there would be a conflict of interest when having a father and son both serve on the committee. Discussion concluded that this would not be a problem.

MOTION (Schomburg) *Board of Directors grants consent for appointments to Central Zone Sanction and Appeal Panel for Brian Schaenzer (official), Louie Balogh (coach), and Karl Schaenzer (athlete).* [Brian Schaenzer recused] Seconded. APPROVED

MOTION TO ADJOURN (Schomburg) This meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM. Seconded. APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

- The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, January 13.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeanie Neal, Secretary

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To: MWS Board of Directors

From: Scot Sorensen, Membership/Registration Coordinator

Date: November 1, 2014

1. For the registration period 2014 and 2015 to October 31 respectively:

<i>Through October 31 of:</i>	2014	2013	Increase / Decrease
Year Round Clubs	9	9	0
Year Round Athletes - Renew	637	747	- 110
Year Round Athletes - New	394	497	+ 103
Seasonal Athletes – Renew	0	0	0
Seasonal Athletes - New	0	0	0
Outreach Athletes - Renew	9	14	- 5
Outreach Athletes - New	16	6	+ 10
Transfers within MWS	158	185	- 27
NATH Members	79	122	- 43

2. Broken Bow Cosmos Swim Team (BCST) is now a year round club rather than a seasonal club.

Midwestern Swimming

Senior Chair Report
Board Meeting 11/11/14

Midwestern Clinic

Erik Wiken, Jay Thiltgen and Tom Beck are working on clinic for the Spring of 2015. Location TBD in Lincoln. Erik has contact with several nationally recognized coaches for swimming and dryland. Scheduling is in progress.

Diversity

Attached is more information from the Diversity/Inclusion committee.

Additional information regarding the Diversity/Outreach committee

1. Website: The website page is now on the MWS website under Athletes tab. Jeanie will update the page as new information is available.
2. Survey: From the conference call, the plan for the survey is to send to all club leadership positions which includes the head coach, club contact, registrar, treasurer, HOD rep and club president. Most clubs have not registered for 2015 and in order to send the survey to the most current members in these key positions, the survey will be sent out once all the clubs have registered for 2015.
3. Letter review: From an idea I saw in another LSC, an additional way to provide awareness is by sending a letter to all outreach athlete's parents about the benefits. I talked with Scot about the possibility of sending a letter to parents and a proposed letter is attached. The process would be that the letter is sent by Scot as 2015 registration is received. I would ask that you review the attached proposed letter and respond about sending a letter to parents as their athlete is registered for 2015. Please respond by Saturday, October 18.
4. Informational flyers for meet programs and other information materials: As suggested during our last conference call, I contacted USA Swimming to request marketing materials for outreach that could be included in a meet program along with any additional educational materials available. Staff is working on this request and once I receive the information, I will pass along.

Athlete Rep

Started a new Twitter account that all athletes have access to: @MWSathletes
Still working on getting more involvement from the athlete level.

Voting for Athlete Reps will take place during the 2015 Shorcourse Championships. Applications will be due to the senior chair by February 1, 2015. Information will be broadcast to the clubs in December 2014 and January 2015 regarding the application process. Information will also be posted on the MW website.

Diversity & Inclusion

A Diversity & Inclusion page has been added to the MWS website under the Athletes tab. Jeanie Neal will be keeping the page updated.

MWS will host the Central Zone Diversity Camp June 16-19, 2016 at Brownell-Talbot School. Jeanie Neal and Lorraine Borys are heading up all the planning and arrangements. The proposal to host the camp in MWS was presented at the USA Swimming Convention in September and there is tremendous excitement within the Zone to send representatives to the camp.

There is a lot of opportunity for creating additional awareness about current outreach benefits offered in MWS along with other Diversity & Inclusion community programs. In addition to clubs being sent the information about the Outreach Athlete Reduced Meet Fees Policy, Scot would send a letter to all Outreach Athletes who register for 2015 so parents would know about the policy established by the BOD to pay for 75% of fees and how to work with clubs regarding the procedure for reimbursement. This would start after the 11/11 BOD meeting. A request has been made to USA swimming for any marketing materials available for community awareness programs that could be used on website, educational emails, meet flyers etc.

The plan for the survey is to send to all club leadership positions which include the head coach, club contact, registrar, treasurer, HOD rep and club president. Most clubs have not registered for 2015 and in order to send the survey to the most current members in these key positions, the survey will be sent out once all the clubs have registered for 2015. The survey will provide a better understanding of what clubs are currently doing in the area of Diversity & Inclusion, their goals and how the LSC can help; to look at options of developing a grant program and consider additional opportunities for community events, camps/meets and coaches education clinics.



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Welcome to Midwestern Swimming, one of 59 LSCs (Local Swimming Committees) in USA Swimming. As a registered member of the Outreach Program in Midwestern Swimming, you are entitled to certain benefits we are proud to present to you.

1. *Reduced annual USA Swimming registration fees from \$60.00 to \$5.00 per year.*

To be eligible for continuing reduced fees, simply provide your club registrar with a copy of the eligibility/acceptance form for reduced/free lunches through the public schools.

2. *Reimbursement of 75% of individual event entry fees and 75% of Midwestern Swimming meet splash fees for ALL Midwestern Swimming sanctioned competition.*

To receive reimbursement after the meet has ended, the person from your club who does meet entries (in some cases, this may be your head coach) simply has to complete this request form: (<http://www.mwswim.org/mwslsc/UserFiles/File/Registration/OutreachMeetEntryReimbursementRequest.pdf>) and send it to the Midwestern Swimming office. Once it is confirmed that you participated in your events, your club will receive a check for 75% of your entry fees to reimburse you for your out-of-pocket expenses. We hope that this will encourage you to participate in as many Midwestern Swimming sanctioned meets as you are eligible for.

These benefits are made possible for you through fees collected by Midwestern Swimming.

We are continually looking for additional ways to assist you with following your desire to swim. As additional benefits become available we will be sure to keep you informed so you may take advantage of them.

We welcome you to Midwestern Swimming and we hope you enjoy your experience!

Sincerely,

The Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Sanction Committee Meeting
Sunday, September 7, 2014
8:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Present: Dawn Bowen, Brian Schaenzer, Betty Kooy, Erik Wiken, Bruce Schomburg, Dawn Bowen, Jay Thiltgen, Ellie Walstad

Welcome by Dawn – request for additions to agenda (none)

Items for discussion:

- Status of sanctions for Sept/Oct meets from August 25 meeting
 - All meets on schedule are sanctioned, posted, and those needing event files have event files posted
- Status of bid requests for Short Course Championship Meet
 - Two entities have indicated intention to bid – MOST/OWSC/SO and LSS
 - No firm bid in hand yet
- Review of meets for Nov/Dec
 - 12 meets discussed – corrections noted
 - Betty will contact with any changes recommended
 - GNST Dec meet – recommend B minimum for 11 & O using the 11-12 B minimum std (club can swim own swimmers regardless of entry time) – combine events
 - LYD recommend 11 & O session with 15 & O no awards (still swim – meet says 14 & O but events indicate otherwise)
 - Questions regarding facility fees
 - Dawn will contact those requesting facility fees – for clarification
 - Discussion regarding the 3-week entry window –
 - Proposed 10/10 – Meet entries due 10 days prior to start of meet
Entry window begins 8 a.m. 10 days prior to entry deadline (with 48 hr priority window for priority clubs – policy for priority status to begin in January 2015 – if approved by the Board)
 - Meets with different entry requirements will be looked at on an individual basis (LSS Long Course 2016 in particular)
- Policy regarding priority status submitted by Brian was discussed; changes were to be made based on discussion (see previous item)
- Meet Schedule Review
 - MAC ok for January 17-18
 - Possibility of Devaney usage late Jan/early Feb
- Preliminary discussion of meet in Trials pool prior to Trials
 - Jeanie N was to join us
 - Because of lateness of hour Brian will correspond via email – early ideas
- Set next meeting date
 - Monday, September 29 – 8:30 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned – 10:30 p.m.

Reminders – Jan 15 deadlines for LC 2015 Meet Requests, flyers, sanction app/fee plus SC meet requests
May 15 deadlines for SC 2015-2016 sanc app/flyers/fees; LC 2016/SC 2016-2014 Requests

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Sanction Committee Meeting
Monday, September 29, 2014
8:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Present: Dawn Bowen, Brian Schaezner, Betty Kooy, Erik Wiken, Jay Thiltgen, Louie Balogh; Absent: Bruce Schomburg, Ellie Walstad; Guest: Jeanie Neal

Welcome by Dawn – order of agenda items may be changed

Items for discussion:

- Review of January through March meets – (18 meets)
 - Meets discussed; items missing noted by Betty; meets will be sanctioned when all items are finalized; clubs will be notified of status (registrations for 2015 for club, meet director, referee, admin official)
 - Recommended SCSC February meet – 9-10 also NTS
 - Question regarding facility fee for LPS facilities – will be clarified
 - GNST winter meet in Lincoln – dates still in question
- Discussion of Calendar Dates
 - Recommended November 15 for ALL bids for Long Course 2015 and Short Course 2015-2015
 - Consensus of the group to request bids now and work with the schedule as necessary
 - Schedule of due dates will try to follow MW P & P
 - Flyers, fees, sanction apps will be due January 15 for Long Course 2015
 - Flyers, fees, sanction apps will be due May 15 for Short Course 2015-2016
 - ALL bids for Long Course 2016 and Short Course 2016-2017 will be due May 15 of 2015
 - Three previous items follow MW Policies and Procedures
- Presentation of two bid requests for Short Course Championship Meet
 - Bids received – MOST/SO (UNO-Omaha) and LSS (UNL – Lincoln)
 - Discussion regarding the merits of both bids
 - One pool with warm-up/warm-down capability seems to better fit the needs of athletes, coaches, officials, parents – better championship atmosphere
 - By consensus bid to LSS – to be held at UNL Devaney
- Preliminary discussion of meet in Trials pool prior to Trials
 - Jeanie N joined call
 - Brian presented ideas for a Friday evening session and two Saturday sessions – Friday evening approved to involve community/masters/diversity camp/etc – 50 and 100 free plus mixed relays put together on site; Saturday MW only 12 & U session and 13 & O session – mostly sprint events – for both fast and no-so-fast kids; perhaps prelims Trials tickets for incentives, involvement of National Team?
 - Committee members discussed using the pool for a bigger meet
 - Brian will get with Harold C and discuss further; much depends on what is needed for testing by Omega etc
- Set next meeting date
 - To review bids received (Jay will send Betty an 'optimum' schedule recommendation which Betty will send with requests for Bids – will be sent and posted early October) and discuss/finalize Short Course Championship format
 - Monday, Sunday, December 7 – 7:30 p.m.
- Meeting adjourned – 10:00 p.m.

Reminders – Nov 15 deadline for LC 2015 and SC 2015-2016 Meet Requests/Bids

Jan 15 deadline for flyers, sanction app, fee for LC 2015

May 15 deadline for SC 2015-2016 sanc app/flyers/fees; LC 2016/SC 2016-2014 Requests/Bids

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Sanction Committee Meeting
October 27, 2014 8:30 p.m.
Conference Call

Present: Dawn Bowen, Brian Schaezner, Betty Kooy, Erik Wiken, Jay Thiltgen, Bruce Schomburg. Absent: Louie Balogh, Ellie Walstad.

Meeting opened by Dawn –

Items for discussion:

- Meet Fee Policy Proposal
 - Addition to meet fee policy
8.5.5.2 (e) – addition \$12.00/*maximum charge per relay event*
Add 8.5.5.2 (f) – Other Meet Formats – Event fees, MWS surcharge and program charge for ~~meets such as the All Star Meet will follow the MWS Championship Meet fee schedule. Meet fees may vary from MWS established meet fee policies for meets held within MWS where fees may be determined by another entity over-seeing the meet, such as a Central Zone or USA Swimming sponsored meet. (Current (f) becomes (g)).~~
 - Discussion – make policy apply to All Stars at this point and revisit if needed rather than leaving it open-ended
 - Discussion of program fees for meets – (P/F heat sheet fees) – consensus leave policy as is
 - Will be brought before the Board of Directors – November 11
- Proposed Optimum Meet Schedule – request for bids
 - Discussion regarding several suggested weekend formats
 - Oct 17-18 – MOST/OWSC meet worked well – no timeline issues observed even with the large number of swimmer
 - Perhaps address the number of swimmers going outside the LSC with another meet on the same weekend
 - Senior level traveled – ask for Senior level A+ meet with P/F format within MW?
 - Discussion of providing a meet director's/meet referee's report AFTER a meet
 - Suggested format – email requesting timeline (plan vs actual), swimmers/clubs turned away, negatives – Dawn will pull together a list of questions; Betty will begin ASAP with following through to meet hosts
 - Discussion of requesting two sites on some weekends
 - Number of officials available – especially during HS season – encourage more officials!
 - Allow for competing bids
 - Encourage more duals/etc
 - Several meets on proposed list changed to (*potential multiple hosts*)
 - Request to be put out (with changes) by November 1 and requests to be filed by December 10 deadline
- Set next meeting date
 - Sunday, December 7 – 7:30 p.m.
 - Review Short Course Championship Meet flyer; review bids received for LC 2015 – set schedule
- Meeting adjourned – 9:45 p.m.

Reminders – Nov 15 deadline for LC 2015 Meet Requests/Bids

December 10 deadline for SC 2015 Meet Requests/BIDS

Jan 15 deadline for flyers, sanction app, fee for LC 2015

May 15 deadline for SC 2015-2016 sanc app/flyers/fees; LC 2016/SC 2016-2014 Requests/Bids

The Sanction Committee has developed this Optimum meet schedule as a guideline for bidding to host meets during Short Course 2015-16. The schedule is an effort to address the growing demand of providing more meets to accommodate all MWS swimmers and to provide additional opportunities for creative formats which may be dictated by the facility available to each club. Clubs are welcome to submit bids for other types of meet formats on any meet weekend if the club feels it would benefit the schedule. Clubs are also welcome to submit bids to accommodate the needs of the swimmers in their local surrounding area.

**Midwestern Swimming
Optimum Meet Bid Schedule
Short Course 2015-16**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meet Type</u>
September 26-27	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max meet (potential multiple host sites)
October 3-4	B+/Minimum Meet
October 10-11	B-/Maximum Meet
October 17-18	NTS/Open (potential multiple host sites)
October 24-25	B+/Open
Oct 31-Nov 1	A+/NTS/Open (A+ meet format with bonus times)
November 7-8	B-/Maximum Meet
November 14-15	B+/Minimum Meet (potential for A+ P/F meet)
November 21-22	NTS/Open
November 28-29	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max meet (potential multiple host sites)
December 5-6	B-/Maximum Meet (potential multiple host sites)
December 12-13	B+/Minimum Meet
December 19-20	NTS/Open
December 26-27	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max (potential multiple host sites)
January 2-3	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max (potential multiple host sites)
January 9-10	B-/Maximum
January 16-17	B+/Minimum Meet
January 23-24	NTS/Open (potential multiple host site sites)
January 30-31	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max meet (potential multiple host sites)
February 6-7	B+/Minimum Meet
February 13-14	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max meet (potential multiple host sites)
February 20-21	B-/Maximum
February 26-27	Open Weekend / Dual / 4 Team Max meet (NE HS State Meet weekend)
March 5-6	B+/Minimum Meet (Sectionals Meet weekend)
March 12-13	MWS Qualifier Two hosts needed, teams assigned
March 19-20	MWS Championships Meet



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Meet Director's Post Meet Report

Date of Meet _____ Sanction Number _____

Name of Swim Meet _____

Sponsoring Club _____

Meet Director _____ Meet Referee _____

Compare actual start and finish times of each session to the planned timeline for each session.

	Timeline Start	Actual Start	Timeline End	Actual End	Reason for delay (if applicable)
Session 1					
Session 2					
Session 3					
Session 4					
Session 5					

Were any entries from teams (full or partial) not accepted due to exceeding either meet numbers limit or timeline? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, number of teams _____ Number of Swimmers _____

Were any changes made to the meet format to accommodate additional swimmers?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain.

Would you change anything with this meet format for next season? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain.

Additional comments regarding the meet.

BOD Report
Executive Secretary
November 11, 2014

Executive Secretary:

- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules/Requests for Bids** – Winter/Spring meets are being posted as they can be posted – Club, Meet Director, Referee, and Admin Official all must be registered for 2015 and current as of the date of the meet in order for the meet to be posted. Pending the unforeseeable, the posted meet schedule is current. Requests for bids for Summer are due November 15 – several clubs still have not filed their Request for Meet for the summer 2015. The State Games of America has requested approval – meet will be July 31, August 1-2 in Lincoln at Woods Pool. Requests have been sent to clubs for submission of Meet Requests for Short Course 2015-2016, due December 10, and were sent with an Optimum Meet Schedule developed by the Sanction Committee. It is hoped that clubs will bid on the types of meets requested by the committee so that the schedule can reflect the types of meets needed for all levels of competition.
- **USA Swimming Top 10:** Certificates have been received for the 2013-2014 USA Swimming Top 10. They will be presented at the 2015 Awards Celebration. In 2015 it is the hope of the Times Committee to have these certificates sent to each LSC electronically earlier in the Fall with the hopes that each LSC can print them and that they will be available for Fall Awards celebrations.
- **All Star Meet:** Fees have been set. Budget is made. Application needs to be put on the MW application site – and will be in the next few days.
- **Times:** Midwestern Championship Meet qualifying times have been posted to the MW website. Electronic file is available if needed. I have not posted it because it has to be zipped, and many do not have the capability of unzipping the file to make it importable.
- **Outreach:** The MW policy for reimbursement for meet fees for Outreach Athletes is being used. The Office processes the application, and forwards the request without the athlete names to the Treasurer for club reimbursement.
- **Website:** News items and records and anything is posted as needed. Several committee chairs have been given access to committee pages so that they may update as needed.