

Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2017
Via Conference Call

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CALL TO ORDER: Carol Olson, Midwestern Swimming Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM.

Those present: Carol Olson, Mike Witt, Jeff Nelson, Betsy Purcell, Bruce Schomburg, Cristina Murray, Sam Bach, Sean Froemming, Kayden McCullough, Starre Haney, Alana Palmer, Betty Kooy, Kaitlin Witt, Shelby Mullendore, Eric Samson, Scot Sorensen, Louie Balogh, Toby Reese, Jay Thiltgen

Those Absent: Carol Bilunas, Dan Brailita, Brinker Harding, Stefanie Martinez, Jason Hiley

AGENDA PREVIEW: Athlete report will be added to tonight's agenda.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Carol Olson read the following 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 of 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.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on September 26, were reviewed. A motion to approve the September 26 minutes was made by Starre Haney. Second by Betsy Purcell. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The September 26 minutes are APPROVED.

OFFICER REPORTS

Shelby Mullendore - Athlete Committee

The newly developed Athlete Committee is shaping up. The goal is to have one athlete representative from each team. An introductory meeting for this new committee is currently in the planning stage. 20 athletes have signed up thus far.

Betsy Purcell – Officials Committee

The Officials Committee is in the process of adding new members to fill open positions. Ballots have been distributed via email. One West Area representative will be elected to a three year term, ending in 2020 and one At-Large representative will be elected to a three year term, also ending in 2020. The 5 candidates on the ballot are:

Dan Brailita - West or At-Large, Tisha Thacker – West or At-Large, Bill Haney – At-Large
Kim Schmidt – At-Large, Jerry Nevins – At-Large

NEW BUSINESS

Pool Rental Rate Increases

Louie Balogh began a discussion with regard to the steep increase swimming pool rental rates. After the MW Swimming Championships in March, the rental rate for the Devaney Center Pool will increase from \$5200 to \$13,800. The University of Nebraska is offering a discount to the increased rate for the 2018 Championship meet, agreeing to charge \$8800, instead of \$13,800. 2019 will be the first year to have the full rate increase. Louie suggests charging a \$5 admission fee per person to cover the increased fee. After consulting with Randy Julian at USA Swimming, Randy indicated that many LSCs are experiencing dramatic increases in pool rental fees. Jay Thiltgen reported that Elkhorn has had to increase fees. Fees need to be kept an affordable rate. Bruce reminded the board that MW is obligated to hold these meets, and that the budget needs to be changed accordingly to allow for increased rental rates. An extra stipend or grant was discussed as a means for host teams to conduct meets. Carol asked for volunteers to be on a committee to address the increased rental fees. Those who volunteered for the committee are Bruce Schomburg, Louie Balogh, Jay Thiltgen, and Eric Samson.

Technical Chair Position

Eric Wiken has resigned from his position as Technical Chair for Midwestern Swimming. A call for nominations and a description of the position has been sent out by Betty Kooy. Jimmy Parmenter, Head Coach at Brownell Talbot School has expressed interest in the position. Coach Jimmy is new to Brownell Talbot this year. He was previously the Head Coach at Plantation Swim Team and held numerous positions in the Florida Gold Coast LSC. Carol will wait 15 days to collect nominations for the position from all teams. If no other nominations are received, Carol will appoint Jimmy to the position with consent from the Board of Directors.

Coach Education Grant

Grants are available to coaches for educational purposes. Applications are due December 1st. the purpose of these grants is to allow coaches to mentor with other coaches, attend coaching clinics, and increase their coaching certification level. A special committee has been established to promote these grants. Members of this committee are Sam Bach, Jay Thiltgen, and Sean Froemming.

Bright Idea Program

A \$1000 prize is available to the winner of a contest at USA Swimming for a Bright Idea, which promotes or enhances swimming. Thus far, only one LSC has submitted an idea. Ideas should be submitted to Carol.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, January 9, 8:30 PM, via conference call

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Starre Haney made the motion to adjourn. Second by Louie Balogh. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.**