

Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2016
Via conference call

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

Officers present: Carol Olson, Jay Thiltgen, Sean Froemming, Jeff Nelson, Jason Hiley, Dannie Dilsaver, Shelby Mullendore, Kat Keller, Starre Haney, Betty Kooy, Dan Brailita, Brinker Harding

Officers Absent: Scot Sorensen, Thomas Graul, Carol Bilunas, Mike Witt, Marcus Bach, Stefanie Martinez, Kenna Wilkie, Nick Dice, Bruce Schomburg, Erik Wiken, Betsy Purcell, Eric Samson, Louie Balogh

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 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.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting, held on September 18 at Mahoney State Park, were presented for review. A motion to approve the September 18 BOD minutes was made by Starre Haney. Second by Jason Hiley. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The minutes are APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Carol Olson introduced the consent agenda for review and approval. Items include:

- A) Executive Secretary Report
- B) Registration Report

Motion made by Jeff Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Starre Haney. A vote was had with all in favor. The consent agenda is APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Hiley lead a discussion of the current financials for Midwestern Swimming. Presently, Midwestern Swimming shows a net loss of \$27,000, which is more than the projected \$15,000 loss. Jason assured us that this is mostly a timing issue. Income is up by more than \$10,000 due to increased revenue from splash fees. Jason's assessment is that we will be close to budget by the end of the year, but acknowledges that could change. Several meets are yet to run this year, so more income is expected from them. Betty Kooy indicated 2 clubs still have unpaid splash fees. Betty will pursue outstanding splash fees before the end of the year, which could account for approximately \$10,000 income.

2016 Registrations are ahead of 2015 registrations. Approximately 1500 registered athletes thus far, with nearly 1000 yet to go.

An All-Star Meet update was given by Sean Froemming. A New Year theme will be used for the meet. A quote for meet transportation has been accepted. Suits, caps, and bags are being designed. Quotes for the meet meals are being reviewed. Betty reminded Sean that she needs to see a list of the Coaches. Applications for the All-Star meet are due December 15. Mwswim.org website will have release forms and applications. Chaperones for the meet will be more apt to volunteer after the team has been picked. Chaperones are required to be certified by USA swimming as a Non-Athlete and have a current background check. Betty will handle the credit card payments for the All-Star meet.

Jay Thiltgen, Senior Chairperson, introduced a new discussion on the use of technical swimsuits in our LSC. Jay, along with Erik Wiken and Pat Bowen, submitted a report from the Southern California Swimming LSC, which describes the SCS LSC ban on tech suits for 10&Under swimmers, and limits usage in 11&over swimmers. Jay is proposing that Midwestern Swimming adopt a similar policy. Jay admitted his reluctance to encourage overregulation, but would like to see the focus be on racing, not the technology of a swimmers suit. This legislation could not be implemented immediately. Betty informed the Board that this topic would need to be introduced to the House of Delegates for discussion and eventual approval. Jay said this idea was originally brought up by The Age Group Chairperson, Sean Froemming. Sean indicated he is in full support of not allowing the usage of tech suits in age group swimmers, mostly to "even the playing field." Dan Brailita voiced his opinion in support of banning tech suits in younger swimmers. Further discussion revealed that coaches will need to lead this discussion and directive. The governance of such rules may be difficult. Swimming officials may have difficulty enforcing suit regulations. The board may have difficulty enforcing such rules, as well. Betty suggested a questionnaire be sent to clubs and coaches seeking desire for tech suit regulation. Brinker suggested a committee be established to investigate suit policies. Dan suggested a graduated system be used, by which a swimmer can earn tech suit privileges, with age and ability. The Board was reminded thatf Erik Wiken held an Old School Meet, which incentivized the use of non-technical suits. Starre has colleagues in the Southern California Swimming LSC, and she will consult with them to gain insight in their experiences with the regulation. Carol

asked if there are Board members interested in working on a tech suit committee. Jay, Erik, Sean, and Dan will initiate this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

January 9 – Board of Directors Meeting

April 29 – House of Delegates meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Brinker Harding made the motion to adjourn. Second by Sean Froemming. Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.**
