

**Midwestern Swimming
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2014 at 12:10pm**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15pm by Brian Schaenzer, MWS General Chair. The meeting was held at UNO. A sign-in sheet was used in place of a roll call. Those present:

Brian Schaenzer, General Chair	Steve Marchitelli, Delegate at Large	Laura Cvrk
Mary Losee, Admin. Vice-Chair	Tanya Hopson, Delegate at Large	Melissa Chapman
Betty Kooy, Executive Secretary	Tom Beck	Bob Henschal
Ryan Theil, Finance Chair	Peggy Speer	Thor Larsen
Dawn Bowen, Secretary	Jeanie Neal	Jay Thiltgen
Louie Balogh, Technical Chair	Aaron Henry	
Chris Pawloski, Safety Chair	Lori Benson	
Brianne McCullough, Athlete Rep.	Alva Butler	
Cindy Wigness, Delegate at Large	Lisa Ellis	
Dan Novinski, Delegate at Large	Carol Olson	

Old Business

Brian asked for a motion to approve the Fall 2013 House of Delegates meeting minutes. Chris made the motion. Peggy seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

Newly Approved Athlete and Team Awards and Recognition Program

Eric explained that this proposal was originally presented at the April 29 BOD meeting and then sent back to committee for some re-working. The BOD approved this proposal on June 5. Mary, Bruce and Louie assisted Eric with the revisions. The Awards/Recognition program includes IMX Awards designed to increase participation in the IMX Challenge, Senior Student Athlete Awards designed to recognize those athletes for their pursuit of academic and athletic success, Senior Student Athlete of the Year to award the swimmer with the highest athletic and academic accomplishments and a Team Spirit Award to encourage team support and make the championship a more exciting and fun place to be for swimmers and parents. The Team Spirit Award will be judged by a committee chosen at the time of the championship meet and will include the Meet Director, Meet Referee and three at large positions.” Mary made a motion to accept the Awards and Recognition Proposal. Cindy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MWS Support of Central Zones Open Water Meet

The Central Zones Open Water Meet will be held on June 13-14 in Pleasant Prairie, WI. MWS will pay for each athlete’s entry fee of \$26.00 and reimburse up to \$100.00 travel expenses per athlete along with providing a stipend of \$200.00 for one coach to provide coaching for the event. The deadline to enter is Tuesday, June 10 at noon. Betty currently has 7 athletes registered.

2014 Elections

Mary explained the elections voting process and asked for any floor nominations. No nominations were made. Brian asked for a motion to close the nominations. Lisa made the motion and Elba seconded. The motion passed. Each candidate gave a short introduction of themselves, why they would like to serve in the position and how they view success at the end of their term. The ballots were distributed to those eligible to vote. The completed ballots were tallied by Betty and Mary. Mary read the election results and then asked for a motion to destroy ballots. Betty made the motion. Dan seconded. The motion passed. Brian asked for a motion to accept the election results. Peggy made the motion. Cindy seconded. The newly elected members will begin their term on September 1, 2014.

General Chair	Dawn Bowen
Admin. Vice-Chair	Brian Schaenzer
Finance Chair	Ryan Theil
Secretary	Jeanie Neal
Senior Chair	Jay Thiltgen
Delegate at Large	Carol Olson
	Eric Samson
Board of Review	Lorraine Borys

Review and Approve Year to Date Financials

Ryan provided a summary report based off the Annual Financial Statements prepared by Massman Nelson Reining PC. The review is performed by an outside agency to make sure all the financial records are accurate. A separate firm prepares the annual tax return which was just approved by the BOD to be filed with the IRS. From 2012 to 2013, MWS saw an increase of about \$39,000. The goal is to put the money back into programs for the athletes and the issue has been getting enough volunteers to do this. Ryan also reviewed the January-April 2014 Profit and Loss Statement. To date, there is \$92,070.32 in income and \$113,415.17 in expenditures. This is due to timing of membership dues and the loss is completely expected at this time of the year. Bob asked why there was a decrease in Splash Fee revenue from 2012 to 2013 on the Financial Statement. Ryan said he would check into the reason for the decrease and follow-up with Bob.

MWS Strategic Framework Update

MWS held a Strategic Planning Workshop in April and as a result the attendees prioritized four focus groups. Each group has a lead person who will facilitate the group in working on the goals and implementing. The leads are: Volunteers-Dawn, Partnerships-Brian, Education-Mary and Performance-Jay. The Volunteers Group is currently working on a position description for a volunteer coordinator and a plan to help with recruiting more officials, the Performance Group is working on establishing a MWS Coaches Assn, the Education Group is working on setting up a coach's education clinic and the Partnership Group is currently working to provide updates regarding the Multi-Sport Complex. Betty said the newly written Vision, Mission, Core Values and Focus Areas require a vote. Mary made a motion to accept the newly written Vision, Mission, Core Values and Focus Areas for MWS. Ryan seconded. The motion passed. The information will be posted on the website.

Adjournment

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Bowen
MWS Secretary