

Midwestern Swimming Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2016 / University of Nebraska, Omaha HPER Building
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3 CALL TO ORDER: Midwestern Chair, Dawn Bowen, called the meeting to order at 12:58 PM on
4 April 23, 2016. Roll call was taken via sign-in sheets.

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6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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8 General Chair, Dawn Bowen
9 Adm. Vice Chair, Brian Schaenzer
10 Coach Rep/At Large, Eric Samson
11 Treasurer, Stefanie Martinez
12 Technical Chair, Erik Wiken
13 Finance Chair, Ryan Theil
14 Athlete Rep, Anya Lindholm
15 Officials Chair, Betsy Purcell
16 Safety Chair, Starre Haney
17 At Large, Brinker Harding
18 At Large, Carol Olson
19 Executive Secretary, Betty Kooy

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21 Absent: Jay Thiltgen, Scot Sorensen,
22 Holly Hopson, Dannie Dilsaver,
23 Thomas Graul, Kat Keller
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CLUB DELEGATES

ACE	Leslie Mayo	LSS	Louis Balogh
BARR	absent	LYD	Analisa Peterson
BSC	Peggy Speer	MOST	Lori Benson
BCST	absent	MAC	absent
B-T	Jeff Nelson	NA	absent
HUSK	absent	NYA	absent
CBSC	Chris Pawloski	OSF	absent
FAST	David Struble	OWSC	Lisa Ellis
HG	Brian Jensen	SCSC	JB Barr
GNST	Mike Witt	SCH	absent
GOAL	Tom Beck	SCM	absent
HYAC	Dan Brailita	SLS	absent
HLA	Erik Wiken	SO	absent
ISWM	Thor Larson	NEB	absent
KYT	absent	SWIA	Jenny Holweger
OMA	absent		

27 AGENDA REVIEW: No changes to the published agenda.

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29 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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31 Dawn Bowen read the following statement to the assembled Board of Directors and House of
32 Delegates:

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

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

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42 MINUTES

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44 **MOTION (WITT):** *To approve the minutes of the October 11, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting as*
45 *submitted. Seconded. APPROVED*

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47 CONSENT AGENDA
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100 projections, and filing of tax forms. Tax forms are being prepared, but there may be a need to file an
101 extension. There were no questions.

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103 3. Proposed Policy Update: 8.5.5.2 Entry Fees – Maximum permitted entry fees

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105 **MOTION** (Balogh): *To approved the proposed policy update regarding maximum permitted entry*
106 *fees as recommended by the Board of Directors and amended as described below. Seconded.*

107 **APPROVED**

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109 Discussion: The Board of Directors has recommended an increase to the Maximum Fees Policy. The
110 increase in the maximum allowable meet individual event fees and the charge for programs is needed
111 in order to both assist and provide incentive to clubs in hosting the best meets possible for our
112 athletes. The committee has also recommended an increase to the maximum allowed for a facility fee.
113 In order for a meet host to have a facility fee approved, they must provide the actual facility rental
114 charges. Increasing the upper end of the fee structure, this would allow for hosts to help offset the
115 ever increasing rental costs along with looking to the future to hold meets in larger venues that have
116 much higher costs. It was noted more than once in discussion that this proposal raises the maximum
117 allowable fees. Clubs are free to charge less.

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119 The proposal as submitted was amended three times and the final version approved the proposal
120 recommended by the Board with two changes: Qualifier Meet maximum individual event entry fees
121 of \$5.25, and Championship Meet maximum individual event entry fees of \$6.25.

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123 **MOTION** (Theil): *To amend the proposed policy update regarding maximum permitted*
124 *entry fees by reducing 8.5.5.2 (e) Midwestern Qualifier Meet from the \$6.00/max individual*
125 *event fee recommended by the Board down to a \$4.50/max; and by reducing 8.5.5.2 (f)*
126 *Midwestern Championship Meet from the \$7.00/max individual event fee recommended by*
127 *the Board down to \$5.50/max. Seconded. **APPROVED***

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129 **MOTION** (Wiken): *To amend the amended proposed policy update regarding maximum*
130 *permitted entry fees by raising 8.5.5.2 (e) Midwestern Qualifier Meet from \$4.50/max*
131 *individual event fee up to a \$5.25/max. Seconded. **APPROVED***

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133 **MOTION** (Wiken): *To amend the amended proposed policy update regarding maximum*
134 *permitted entry fees by raising 8.5.5.2 (f) Midwestern Championship Meet from the*
135 *\$5.50/max individual event fee up to a \$6.25/max. Seconded. **APPROVED***
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Rationale for Maximum Entry Fees

The Sanction Committee has recommended an increase to the Maximum Fees Policy. Most of the meet fees have not been increased since 2011. The increase in meet individual event fees and the program charge is needed in order to assist clubs in hosting the best meets possible for our athletes.

The committee has also recommended an increase to the maximum allowed for a facility fee. In order for a meet host to have a facility fee approved, they must provide the actual facility rental charges. By increasing the upper end of the fee structure, this would allow for hosts to help offset the ever increasing rental costs along with looking to the future to hold meets in larger venues that have much higher costs. The proposed policy would be effective September 1, 2016. The Board of Directors approved the following proposed policy on March 15, 2016.

PROPOSAL 8.5.5.2. Entry Fees – Maximum permitted entry fees

~~Timed Final Meet—\$2.50/individual event—\$5.00/relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$5.00/maximum program charge~~

(a) Timed Final Meet - \$3.50/max individual event \$6.00/max relay event \$8.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge

(b) Inter-squad/Dual Meet - \$2.50/max individual event \$3.00/MW surcharge

~~(b) Prelim/Final meet—no awards and/or meets less than 2 ½ days and/or qualifying times less than NAG BB; at least 2 days prelim/finals; if separate timed finals events for age group(s), those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~\$4.00/individual event (10/06/13—effective 01/01/14)~~

~~\$7.00/relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$5.00/maximum program charge~~

(c) Prelim/Final Meet- \$5.25/max individual event \$12.00/max relay event \$3.00/per session or \$12.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.

~~(c) Prelim/Final Championship format, minimum NAG BB; medals (for minimum of top 6 places); ribbons for at least 7-12; trophies for individual high points and optional team trophies; at least 2 ½ day long; type meet expected to be run on a championship format and rules with minimum qualifying times of at least BB for prelim/final events. If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~\$4.00/individual event—\$10.00/relay event—\$6.00/MW surcharge~~

~~\$12.00/maximum program charge*~~

~~* An exception to the maximum program charge may be allowed for meets longer than three (3) days upon review of the host club's request to the Sanction Committee Chair.~~

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\$5.25/max individual event \$12.00/max relay event \$3.00/per session or \$16.00 complete weekend max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge

~~(d) Midwestern LSC Qualifier meet—Host will purchase awards and retain entry fees, program revenues and merchandise commissions; MW will receive MW surcharge.~~

~~\$3.50/individual event \$7.00/relay event—\$6.00/MW surcharge—\$6.00/maximum program charge~~

(e) Midwestern LSC Qualifier meet- \$6.00/max individual event \$3.00/per session or \$12.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge. If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.

~~(e) Midwestern Championship meet—Midwestern will approve and purchase awards and will receipt all entry fees for the meet. MW will retain the MW surcharge, any fines, and cost of awards. MW will forward remaining funds to host. Host club may choose vendors and meet apparel designs for merchandise. Host will pay all other associated expenses and will retain program revenues, concessions revenues, advertising revenues and commissions from sale of meet apparel. (09/09/14) \$4.50/individual event \$12.00/maximum charge per relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$12.00/maximum program charge~~

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\$7.00/individual event \$18.00/maximum charge per relay event \$3.00/per session or \$16.00 complete weekend max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge

(g) Other Meet Formats – Event fees, MWS surcharge and program charge for 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. (11/11/14)

~~(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. Request will be considered only if facility charge for meet exceeds \$1,500 and at least 300 swimmers are expected.~~

(h) Facility Fees – Requests for higher fees (based on facility costs) must be submitted to the MW Office using the facility fee request form. The request must be submitted with meet flyer. Minimum facility surcharge - \$2.00/swimmer; Maximum facility surcharge - \$10.00/swimmer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN (Pawloski) This meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM. Seconded.
APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

- MWS Hall of Fame nominees due by July 1

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeanie Neal, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.***