

**Midwestern Swimming, Inc**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**  
**April 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. at the York Holiday Inn. Roll call: Lynn Weaver, Bruce Schomburg, Betty Kooy, Mary Losee, Peggy Speer, Sara Juster, Gretchen Lindner, Holly Beeman, Louis Balough, Kyle Hunt, Brian Schaezner, Tony Storer, Greg Guelcher, Scot Sorensen, Dawn Bowen, Al Johnson, Jim Goebel, Erik Wiken, David Nelson (list not complete)

**General Chair** requested additions to the agenda. No additions other than the following announcements.

**General Chair Announcements:** Doug Krecklow's father passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

**Coaches' clinic:** Mary received a call from Randy Julian on Tuesda, which was very complimentary of the coaches' clinic and the turn out – over seventy. Thanks to Kyle and Lynn for the work they did on it. Randy said it was the best one they have had, especially the questions and the rapport. He sees the need to start working with NISCA. Lynn stated that Steve Johnson supplied all the pizza so please thank him. Mary L will send a thank you letter for MW. USAS will pick up the cost of the school. It was a successful clinic and could do another in a couple of years.

**Consent Agenda:** HOD will operate with a consent agenda for the first time. The following reports were submitted: Minutes, Coaches Rep, Registration Chair, Age Group Chair, Mission, Value & Vision Committee. Betty requested pulling her report and the notes from the meeting in San Diego to make a few extra comments.

**Coach Certifications:** Betty had a three-page list of coaches with certifications expiring by the end of May. Anyone may look at it.

**Refunds:** If the athlete wants a registration refund it must be within thirty days of registration and go through the club registration chair. The concern is that some families will be losing jobs. The LSC does not accept registrations and checks from parents so the refund process needs to start with the club registrar.

**For coaches:** Please read what comes from USA Swimming for starts for swimmers. The information is on the USA Swimming website. Regarding facilities, we can no longer register a club without a facility being listed and will list facility as either certified or not certified. There are only four certified facilities in the LSC - Hitchcock, Devaney, Woods and Millard North. More pools need to be 'certified'. A pool does not have to be certified in order obtain a sanction from MW. If a World Record is broken then certification would be required. The necessary information for certification is posted on the USA Swimming Website.

**Motion** was made to accept the reports as submitted. **Seconded.** Motion **carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Update on Bus travel:** Kyle & Mary L. are in the process of looking into insurance and everything we must have signed. We will be covered unless it can be proved that MW was at fault. Waivers, chaperones, buses and charges were discussed. We will try to implement for Zones this year. Questions were asked regarding plans. The necessary information will be posted on the MW Website as soon as it becomes available. Coaches will not be chaperones. Code of conduct is necessary for chaperones. MW needs to have numbers and commitments for those riding the bus. Price for Zone travel will be posted with the information.

## **New Business:**

**Elections:** Slate was presented by Scot Sorensen. Thank you to Jeanie Neal. There was a request for nominations from the floor. There was also room for write-ins on the ballot.

**Election Results:** Treasurer: Brian Schaenzer, Registration Chair: Betty Kooy, Age Group Vice Chair: Kyle Hunt, Technical Chair: Docker Hartfield, Safety Chair: Peggy Roberts, Officials' Chair: Scot Sorensen, Board of Review: Sara Juster, Steve Marchitelli, Jack Jackson and Delegates at Large: Bruce Schomburg, David Nelson and Tony Storer. Those elected and all BOD members were encouraged to print off copies of duties from the Red Book. **Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Second.** Motion **carried.**

**Trials & UNO Updates:** Final public announcement should be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May for the Trials. Discussion regarding the state of negotiations.

**UNO Meet:** For those attending UNO next week, the locker rooms are all changed. The women's locker is where the men's was and the men's is where the faculty was. No room for hospitality. Completion date was originally October 2010, but they got a seven months late start. The MOST meet will probably be at Hitchcock.

**Registration Fee Recommendations for 2010:** Fee recommendation for 2010 is as follows: Athlete: \$52, Family \$97.50, Seasonal athletes: \$32, Clubs: \$200 before January 1 and \$300 after January 1 with \$6 of the fee going to Midwestern and the rest to USA Swimming. Rebates for HOD attendance 2008 will be sent soon. The rationale for the \$300 after January 1 is that it creates extra work to go back and unattach the swimmer when the club has not registered prior to January 1. The BOD has recommended acceptance. **Motion** was made to accept the recommended fee structure beginning in 2010. **Seconded.** Motion **carried.**

**Athlete Reimbursement:** Senior committee is recommending that swimmers try to attend as many upper level meets as possible and therefore recommending adding the Grand Prix meets to the reimbursement schedule to be reimbursed at the \$100.00 level (same as Sectionals). **Motion** was made to accept the recommendation. **Seconded.** **Discussion** ensued regarding the current compensation, who attended Grand Prix meets, and whether the reimbursement for other meets would stay the same. Motion **carried.**

**Notes and Announcements:** Scot will be attending the Officials' chair seminar at the end of May. Brian Jensen will go to the Safety and Risk Management seminar in June. We are trying to get as many Board members to attend the meetings and seminars offered by USA Swimming.

MW sent a donation to the chair of the times committee for USAS, Suzanne Heath, whose 39 year old son passed away from neck cancer. She sent a note thanking MW for its donation.

Betty and Mary are working on a '**policy manual**' and hopeful we'll have that done in the future, but don't have a target date for completion.

**Officials' Committee** will meet next Tuesday night and may set dates for officials' clinics for the year.

Questions were brought up regarding the 15 & older swimmers in the **championship meet progression**. The sanction committee is working on the issue and will address that with the spring schedule. Recommendation was made that there be no cut off times for some of the distance events during the season as some swimmers never get a chance to swim those events because of qualifying time limits. The sanctioning committee will take this under advisement. The age limits for the 200s need to be looked at for all meets – particularly for the 11 & 12 yr old swimmers. Those who are aging up also need to be considered in the meet design process. Long course meets will be looked at before posting.

**Tentative short course meet schedule** will be posted by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The sanctioning committee has looked at the DI meet evaluations and is considering a format that should meet everyone's need.

The **coaches' expiration sheet** was passed around. Betty tries to make sure coaches know of their expiration dates, especially when coaches register for the new year. Four were fined this year. Coaches need to be responsible for their own professionalism. The fine is \$100.

Reminder that coaches need to keep on file sheets for all swimmers on **racing starts** (rule 13.2.2). All clubs and coaches have received notices from USA Swimming on the process; they all need to read them. If they have not been 'taught' they don't swim or else start in the water. It will be a coaching decision.

**Motion** to adjourn. **Seconded**. Motion **carried**. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be October 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Lindner, Secretary

#### **Consent Agenda Reports:**

##### **Registration (Betty Kooy):**

Year-round Athletes	2073
Seasonal Athletes	1
Coaches	93
Officials	83
Other non-athlete	65

**Coach certification currency** has been a problem. A coach who has ANY lapsed certification (CPR, First Aid, Safety Training or Background Screen) is no longer considered a coach. That person should not be functioning in any capacity that is considered 'coaching' until those certifications are updated. Currently there are 30 MW coaches with some type of certification expiring on or before April 30. The MW office has sent reminders to all coaches that it is their obligation to keep their coaching credentials current. Unless things change dramatically in the next few days, these coaches will NOT be allowed on deck at the May 1-3 OWSC meet.

**Packets for seasonal clubs** were sent in early April (currently only 2 seasonal clubs) and seasonal reg forms were sent April 11. Please remember that seasonal athletes cannot compete at any meet higher than the LSC meets (no Zone, Sectional, etc competition).

Meetings in San Diego were informative. We will use SWIMS more productively.

**MW Office (Betty Kooy):**

**Meets for LC 2009** that can be posted are posted. Others are waiting on necessary information. I will post event files if I receive them.

Athletes can vote for the former athlete to be featured on the 2010 registration card. Pablo Morales of the University of Nebraska Lincoln is one of the possible selections. Encourage your athletes to vote.

**June 1** is the deadline for meet requests for 2010-2011 and also for flyers/meet entry letters for the 2009-2010 short course season. The office will be sending pertinent information to all clubs including application forms, sanction request forms, last year's meet (if applicable), etc when the meet schedule is firm.

**Tentative Short Course Top 8** lists are posted to the MW website. If there are any questions please contact the office.

**Financial Aid Applications** for Short Course are due by May 15. Please make sure your swimmers apply if they are eligible. All forms are to go to the MW Treasurer. Eligibility will be verified by the MW Office.

**Proof of times/or fines for MW 14 & U** meet are due by April 30. There were only 12 swims that Al and Betty were unable to prove. Notifications have been sent on those.

**Officials Report (Scot Sorensen):**

- 2009 LC DI Championship Meet:
  - o Will be an OQM (Officials Qualifying Meet), similar to 2007
  - o The Meet Referee will be Candy Hemmer
- DQ pads will no longer be available from MWS. They are available from USA Swimming, consistent with their content and format rather than preprinted from MWS.
- The current Officials Chair will be attending a national Officials Chair meeting in Minneapolis, MN on May 15-17, 2009.

**Age Group Chair Report (Kyle Hunt):**

The swim store out of Illinois has a new owner so the apparel online ordering system will be on delay until I have spoken to the new owner. Not a huge concern-just need to get through the introduction piece.

**March 30th Central Zones 2010 Age group task force Conference call:**

**\*2010 14 and Under Zone meet Format discussions:**

\*11-12 and 13-14 will be prelims finals. Relays will be am only and timed finals.

\*11 and over will run in am session. 10 and unders will be afternoon. 11 and over finals in evening.  
\*200s stroke will be offered for 11 and over in 2010

**Coaches Representative Report (Lynn Weaver):**

The coaching clinic held April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> was very successful we had over 70 coaches show up which was one of there largest clinics so far. Steve Johnson from the Nebraska Coaches Association supplied the Pizza on Friday night. Zone coaching ballots are done and Lynn Weaver is the head zone coach for the summer zone meet. There will be several assistants helping out and I will verify that later as soon as I hear back from every one.

**General Chair Report (Mary Losee):**

Contacted USA Swimming Insurance carrier with regard to busses. The liability for anything would fall on the bus company. Recommended that participants sign waivers prior to travel.

**Coaches Clinic:** Lynn Weaver and Kyle Hunt were instrumental in making the Coaches Clinic happen April 17-18<sup>th</sup>. Steve Johnson from the Nebraska Coaches Association supplied the pizza and drinks on Saturday. A great job by all involved. I will send a note of thanks to Steve Johnson.

Coaches need to make sure they are aware of the new "Start Rule" and Swim suit rule.

**Olympic Trials:** Still doing negotiation with parties involve. Announcement will be made in the next week or so.

MWS has several street banners from the Trials. I would welcome suggestions for dispensing them.