

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
May 1, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. at the HYPER Building on the UNO Campus. Present were Mary Losee, Betty Kooy, Peggy Speer, Gretchen Lindner, Lynn Weaver, Erik Wiken, Jeanie Neal, Peggy Roberts, Leanne McCullough, Brian Jensen, Chris Pawloski, Dawn Bowen, Scot Sorensen, David Nelson, Tom Beck, Holly Beeman, Tony Storer, Chris Jensen, Cathy Thayer, Louis Balogh, Lori Benson, Gary Kuhn, CJ Bray, Jake Cooper, Lisa Ellis, Jim Gobell, and Ken Kerby.

The minutes of the November 15, 2009 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Officers Reports:

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair Report:

- Registration reminder: Clubs' procrastination should not become a crisis for Midwestern staff. Athletes must be registered to be in the water!
- Times for MW: All fall/winter meets have been uploaded to SWIMS. The HS meets are in SWIMS and in the MW database (if requested). All put in all USAS ID numbers. Thanks! Preliminary Top 8 times for SC are posted.
- Summer Meets: Meets are posted as they are sanctioned. There are fewer summer meets this year. Cornhusker Games (approved meet) is in June because of the Special Olympics. MW will attend the CZ 14 & U meet in Lincoln, NE. The Senior Zone meet is in Bismarck ND with open water in the pool (lack of entries – canceled).
- Winter Meets: Tentative schedule is posted. June 1 is due date for sanction information and requests for meets for 2011-2012. Forms, previous meets, etc will all be sent electronically to all clubs.
- Austin Trip: T & R Committee worked on streamlining procedures and helping LSCs with Times and Sanction processes. Pool certification was discussed. Scholastic All America applications are now available on the USA Swimming website.
- Records Project: All MW records are in the MW LSC Portal on the USA Swimming website. A project for records dating back to 1988 has also been done and will be posted on the MW website. Updates on names, etc will be appreciated. (Submitted report attached.) **Motion** to accept report. **Seconded. Approved.**

Age Group Vice-Chair: Erik is excited about the Zone meets. Team equipment will be determined early. Room availability in Lincoln was reported to be limited. A block of dorm rooms is not feasible.

Coach Representative: The coach representative will be elected at the long course meet. Lynn has mailed out ballots. Coach emails need to be up-to-date in SWIMS as ballots etc are being done via email. Athlete representatives also need to be selected – coaches need to nominate athletes to serve. Lynn reminded coaches to check their own certifications. Expiration dates are printed on the cards. Betty can also let coaches know expiration dates if necessary. When using Lifeguard Training for Coach Safety Training, the online coach safety training test MUST be taken.

No additional reports.

General Chair: Mary Losee reported on the LEAP program (LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program). MW has achieved Level 1. MW will work toward Level 2. Items included in Level 1 are by-laws, election of officers, mission statement, etc. MW is ahead of most LSCs in getting this level done. Level 2 entails how the workings of the BOD and HOD serve the LSC. We are glad Level 1 is done!

Old Business:

Elections: Nominations from the floor were requested. There were none. **Motion** was made to close

nominations. **Seconded. Approved.** Thanks was expressed to the nominating committee. Ballots were distributed to voting members. Run-off was held for one Delegate at Large position. **Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

Results of Election:

General Chair: Brian Schaenzer

Administrative Vice-Chair: Mary Losee

Secretary: Dawn Bowen

Finance Chair: Robb Pantano

Delegates at Large: Greg Rorris, Gretchen Lindner

Athlete members on the Board of Review: Miles Hector, Kari Mettenbrink

New Business:

Zones Update: Jeanie Neal reported that planning for open water is progressing. The Nebraska Sports Council is allowing MW to use their server for the meet website with links to hotels, meet information, officials' information, etc. Mary requested additional volunteers as the Lincoln clubs are going to be highly used in other areas. We are expecting 600-800 athletes. The logo has been approved. The pasta feed will be Thursday August 5 at the UNL stadium; it will be catered, and athletes will get a tour of the facility. Coaches' social is also Thursday at the Champions' Club across from the stadium. The meet is a lot of work, but also fun, and Central Zone is pleased with our planning.

Indianapolis Diversity Camp: Midwestern will partner with Illinois and Indiana in the planning of the camp. MW will select two swimmers and one coach to attend. All coaches should have received an email regarding the nomination process. Request was made that the nominated athlete be one who can 'give back'.

Audit: The 2008 audit has been returned and was satisfactory. The 2009 audit is now being done. There is a cost involved in the audit process, but an audit is mandated by USA Swimming.

Announcements:

Face Up First awards - Jeanie Neal has the backstroke awards. Also if anyone is missing awards from the **12 & U meet**, Mary Losee has them in her office. Please let her know that you need them.

Trials: Mary stated that planning will begin for 2012 in October.

USA Sexual Misconduct Policy: Items have been posted on the MW website regarding sexual misconduct. It is being taken very seriously by both MW and USA Swimming. There are seven points to address including policies included in a code of conduct, reporting abuse or misconduct, and taking a look at existing policies. Coaches and their assistants must be very circumspect regarding their demeanor when around athletes. Jeanie mentioned that on the Special Olympics volunteer sheet there is an extensive part regarding sexual harassment, how to recognize and how to report. Jeanie volunteered to circulate to all clubs.

Special thanks was extended to Mary Losee for her years of service to Midwestern, most recently in the General Chair capacity.

Motion was made to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. **Seconded.** Next meeting to be announced.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary

HOD Report

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair

May 1, 2010

Registration:

2010 to date:

Year-round Athletes	2050
Officials	80
Coaches	113
Other Non-athletes	58
Clubs	21 (one year-round, and one summer-only will still register)

- **Registration Request:** Please ask clubs NOT to hold their registrations until the very last minute prior to a meet. A club's procrastination should not become a crisis for the MW staff! It is imperative that all swimmers who are in the water working out with a club be registered at ALL TIMES! Anything else severely jeopardizes a club's insurance.

Executive Secretary:

- **Times** – Times for all meets are uploaded. Times for four HS conference meets and State HS meet have been uploaded to SWIMS for swimmers who were registered at the time of the swim (thanks to Al putting in all the ID numbers). Requested times (those sent by request and MW Splash fee paid) have been put in the MW database. Only those 'requested' times will be used for Top 8 purposes and MW records purposes. Preliminary Top 8 has been posted. If you see any errors, please advise.
- **Summer meets** (flyer etc) – Are being posted as all criteria are met. Meet schedule this summer has fewer meets than usual. Cornhusker Games will be an 'approved' meet and will be in June this year because of the Special Olympics in Lincoln in July. Central Zone 14 & U will be in Lincoln in August. The senior meet will be in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Open Water portion of that meet will be swum indoors at the pool because of the lack of an adequate open water venue with facilities.
- **Winter meets** – The tentative winter schedule has been posted. June 1 is the due date for Winter flyers, sanction applications, and fees along with meet requests for summer 2011 and winter 2011-2012. The forms, previous meet, and instructions will be emailed to all clubs this weekend. The forms are in a PDF format and can be completed electronically and either printed and mailed or saved and emailed depending on your computer's version of Acrobat.
- **Austin Trip:** The group worked on streamlining procedures and helping LSCs with Times and Sanction processes. Also pool certification was discussed – eventually there will be directives for certification. Scholastic All America applications have been posted to the USA Swimming web site. Fun trip, great food!
- **Records Project** – All MW records are now in the MW LSC Portal on the USA Swimming website. Records were pulled from SWIMS and then if MW had faster times we put those faster/older records in. Most

times since 2003 are in SWIMS. We have also done a document for records for each year dating back to 1988 for both long and short course. We are still searching for some first names for swimmers from the past. Those documents will be posted on the MW website by May 15.