

**Midwestern Swimming  
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
Ayars and Ayars, Lincoln NE  
May 5, 2012 – 10 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Brian Schaenzer, General Chair. The meeting was held at Ayars and Ayars in Lincoln NE. Roll call was taken by sign-in sheet. Those present:

Brian Schaenzer, General Chair	Betty Kooy, Executive Secretary	Al Johnson
Mary Losee, Adm. Vice-Chair	Carly Wahlmeier, Athlete Rep	Leanne McCullough
Lynn Weaver, Senior Vice-Chair	Tony Storer, Delegate at Large	Cindy Wigness
Erik Wiken, Age Group Vice-Chair	Carol Glover, Delegate at Large	Brenda Baker
Linda Renner, Treasurer	Jay Thiltgen	
Ryan Theil, Finance Chair	Stefanie Martinez	
Louis Balogh, Technical Chair	Chris Pawloski, Safety Chair	
Scot Sorensen, Registration Chair	Tom Beck	
Aimee Fischer, Athlete Rep.	Cliff Kreizel	
Amy Wahlmeier, Athlete Rep.	Brian Jensen	

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the October 9, 2011 House of Delegates Meeting

Executive Secretary Report

Motion was made by Mary Losee and seconded by Carol Glover to approve the items on the consent agenda. Approved.

**New Business**

**Elections**

Ballots were distributed by Mary Losee. One withdrawal was made and one additional nomination was made from the floor. Ballots were tallied.

Elected to two year terms were the following: General Chair, Brian Schaenzer; Administrative Vice Chair, Mary Losee; Senior Chair, Lynn Weaver; Secretary, Dawn Bowen; Finance Chair, Ryan Theil; Board of Review Member, Lori Benson; Delegates at Large, Betsy Purcell and Kyle Hunt. Betsy subsequently declined election. Tonya Hopson will be the other elected Delegate at Large.

**Financials**

The financial report was given by Ryan Theil. All Star costs came within budget. Athlete reimbursement is up compared to the same period last year. Officials' expenses are also up. The BOD approved a policy that will not require the 'splash fee' for approved and observed meets. That will have some financial impact but other areas will make up for that loss.

**General Discussion of Proposed Items**

**Policies and Procedures Manual** was approved by the BOD. It is a rewrite of the current policies and procedures with additions of policies that have been voted on and were in minutes (from the last 10 years) and were not actually incorporated into the written policies.

**Championship meet financial responsibilities** will be revisited by the BOD with the recommendation that the host club be responsible for the cost of the awards (with MW ordering the awards and the cost being deducted from the proceeds to the host club). All event entry fees are now reimbursed to the host club with this year's short course meet almost doubling the host's income from last year.

**Outreach and Safe Sport:** Scot Sorensen has proposed that free/reduced lunch guidelines be the only criteria for eligibility for an Outreach Athlete. Policies for reduced meet entry fees for Outreach Athletes will also be proposed. Details of implementation will need to be worked out because of privacy guidelines. Scot is also recommending that all clubs upon registering for the new registration year be required to sign a Safe Sport Guideline Policy which mirrors Articles 304 and 305 in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. This is to make clubs more aware of the policies and also encourage each club to have its own policy regarding Safe Sport. Clubs would be encouraged to review the points at a club parent meeting.

**Policy for Approved and Observed Meets** was clarified with the Financial Report (no fees for use of times for approved or observed meets provided requirements for MW registration at the time of the swim and legality of performance are met).

### **Zone Meet**

The BOD has recommended that 2012 be an 'individual' travel meet for the 14 & U Zone meet in Columbus IN, and that the charge for each swimmer be \$85.00 to defray entry, coach and gear expenses. Erik Wiken presented a tentative budget to give the HOD a visual picture of the cost if a bus trip. It was noted that two years ago it was decided that a backpack was to be part of the 'gear' every other year. Minutes will be checked. That item would put an additional \$55.00 on the \$85.00 cost.

The Senior Zone meet will be in Lawrence, KS. This year swimmers 15-18 with Junior National cuts will be allowed to swim in this meet. The meet name has been changed to Central States Championship Meet.

### **Awards**

Mary Losee has secured the Field Club for September 30, 2012 from 4:30 pm to 9 pm for the MW annual awards banquet. Menu and cost will be finalized in the next several weeks. Balloting for the Coach of the Year awards may have to take place earlier than previously determined because of the earlier than usual date for the Awards Banquet.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Losee and seconded by Chris Pawloski. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Kooy  
MWS Executive Secretary