

**Midwestern Swimming  
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2011 at 1:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Mary Losee, Adm. Vice-Chair. The meeting was held at Noll Resources. A sign-in sheet was used in place of a roll call. Those present:

Mary Losee, Adm. Vice-Chair	Betty Kooy, Executive Secretary	Tom Beck
Lynn Weaver, Senior Vice-Chair	Gretchen Lindner, Delegate at Large	Susan Holland
Dawn Bowen, Secretary	Jeanie Neal	Tom Holland
Al Johnson, Registration Assistant	Lisa Ellis	Brenda Baker
Linda Renner, Treasurer	Brian Jensen	
Erik Wiken, Age Group Vice-Chair	Leanne McCullough	
Ryan Theil, Finance Chair	Brennan Balogh, Athlete Rep.	
Louis Balogh, Technical Chair	Dave Nelson, Delegate at Large	
Aimee Fischer, Athlete Rep.	Olivia Malloy	
Bruce Schomburg, Coaches' Rep.	Carol Glover	

**Minutes from May 15, 2011 Meeting**

Mary asked for a motion to approve the Spring House of Delegates meeting minutes. Motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

**Executive Secretary Report**

Betty reported that the meets through December have been posted. The 2012 meets will not be posted until the club is registered as well as the meet director and meet referee. The Awards Banquet will be held October 9 at Field Club and swimmer awards will be presented. The tentative 2012 long course meet schedule has been posted and meet flyers/sanctions will be available soon. MWS is migrating to the Team Unify platform and will be live soon. All of the historical data will not be available right away, but will be added soon. If any of the teams have pictures from All-Stars, Zones, Sectionals etc. please send to Betty for the website.

**New Business**

*Presentation and approval of the annual budget*

Ryan presented the budget. The key point of the budget is LSC support and giving back to the swimmers. In the past, the LSC supported All Stars with \$50 per swimmer and now the support will also include Zones at \$50 per swimmer. The committee reviewed historical data provided by Betty to estimate the splash fees and now break out the splashes by regular season and championship meets. There is a line item for the championship meet awards that will be paid for by MWS. The host clubs for the championship meets are responsible for all other costs and will keep the entry fees income.

In keeping with the theme of giving back to the swimmers, the line item for athlete reimbursement was increased. This reimbursement fund needs to be promoted to the clubs and swimmers so all know it is available. It was noted that between 65-80 swimmers request the reimbursement for the Speedo Meets and Jr. Nationals. Question was asked if the title of the form used to request reimbursement could be changed. As it shows now, it seems that this is a financial need based fund and most parents automatically think they do not qualify and do not request the reimbursement. Motion was made and seconded to change the name to Athlete Reimbursement Form. Betty will check with USA Swimming to make sure the name change is allowed.

There is also additional funding for diversity which is something MWS has discussed in the past, but not really funded. The group will need to determine how to spend the \$3,000 allocated. Some of this funding will be used to send athletes, a coach and Diversity Coordinator to the Diversity Camp in Oklahoma City. The group will also need to determine how to spend the funding allocated to athlete training and clinics.

Mary asked for a motion to accept the 2012 Budget. Motion was made and seconded. The House members approved the budget.

#### *All Stars Meet*

Erik reviewed his report which detailed the costs having team travel via Windstar since this company has smaller buses available if the number of swimmers drops from last year. The apparel costs are slightly higher due to a change at the company from last year. The swimmers would receive a t-shirt, shorts and caps. Lodging and meals would be at the Holiday Inn Holidome which is the same hotel as last year. The athlete price is up \$10 from last year and will be \$210. The chaperone price is \$100 and 16 chaperones are needed if there are 86 swimmers. Question was asked as to how the coaches' stipend is determined. It is budgeted for \$100 per coach. Mary said the Redbook Policy is a per diem and the Head All Star coach is paid. The previous All Star coach noted that he has not been paid in the past. Questions were asked if the \$210 covered all the expenses for the swimmers and if there would be scholarship forms available. The cost does cover the expenses and there will be a scholarship form posted on the MWS website. Question was asked for clarification for the \$50 swimmer support that is allocated in the budget. Betty said the LSC support is above the \$210 paid by the swimmers. The swimmers do not receive a check. Inquiry was made about a room block for the meet and Erik said he just signed off on the block. The travel schedule would be the same as last year leaving Lincoln about 9-10am on Friday with a stop in Omaha to pick-up and arriving back to Lincoln about 5-6pm on Sunday. The dates are January 13-15, 2012. Mary asked for a motion to accept Erik's All Stars proposal. Motion was made and seconded. The House members approved the proposal.

#### *Discuss suggestion to increase the Board of Directors*

Brian Jensen would like MWS to consider allocating Delegate At Large positions by region/areas to make sure there is representation from all areas of MWS. He said he feels like the sections outside of Omaha and Lincoln are ignored and do not have a voice on the board. Mary said the House could discuss this, but it would require a by-laws change, Redbook change and USA Swimming approval. A proposal would need to go to the MWS Board of Directors first. The discussion included members inquiring how to determine the region and if it should be based upon population and if 2 positions should be for the western section and 3 for eastern section. It was noted that anyone from any part of MWS can run for an open position and that on the current board out of the 5 delegates 1 is from Sioux City and 1 from Norfolk. Brian said he just wants to make sure all areas in MWS have a voice and vote on the Board. Mary suggested that Brian send a proposal to her and she would have it added to the next Board of Directors meeting agenda.

#### *Elections in Spring 2012*

At the Spring House of Delegates Meeting, the members will vote for two year terms for General Chair, Adm. Vice-Chair, Senior Vice-Chair, Secretary, Finance Chair, and 2 Delegates at Large for two year positions. There was discussion regarding the term length (one or two years) for Ryan Theil as Finance Chair since he was recently appointed the position to complete a term for Robb Pantano. Appointments also need to be made to the Board of Review Committee. If any of the members currently in these positions would like to run again, please send Mary an email. The nomination ballot will be on the MWS website by Thanksgiving. Question was asked if the positions and names of members currently holding those positions could be listed on the website. There was discussion last year about adding the names and it was decided to not add the names. Mary said information would be put on the website about the positions available and names not listed. Question was asked if a link to the page with current board members could be added to the information. (After the meeting, an error was noted in the May minutes. Ryan was elected for one year to fill the term for Robb Pantano and not two years as the minutes indicated. The May minutes have been corrected and reposted on the MWS website.)

#### **Adjournment**

Mary asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Bowen  
MWS Secretary