

**Midwestern Swimming
House of Delegates Meeting
October 21, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at the UNO HYPER building.

Present were: Mary Losee, Peggy Speer, Brian Jensen, Lynn Weaver, Mary Kocsis, Gretchen Lindner, Betty Kooy, Kelly Kunkel, Scot Sorensen, Bruce Schomburg, Jeanie Neal, Tom Beck, Holly Beeman, Al Johnson, Brad Trojanowski, Tyler Sheer, Lori Benson, Anne Twedt, Doug Krecklow, Gordon Svoboda and Docker Hartfield.

The minutes of the April 2007 HOD meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Kocsis reported that the Age Group expense was higher than usual, but this did include the Trials tickets. Administration fees includes a \$500 tax prep fee and also the sports dinners. In the Age Group #424 income, banquet profit includes a \$500 donation from an official's company. Extra Zone suits were returned to Action Accents. The budget will be delayed since the Convention was later this year. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Officials' Chair: Scot Sorensen reported that here is a dedicated officials' web page with the assistance of the MW office. Two big goals for the officials this year will be professionalism and consistency. There will be clinics for all levels of officials on November 4th. Going forward the goal is to set Officials' Clinics six months to a year in advance. The Officials' committee has met several times since September and will continue with regular meetings.

Registration Chair/MW Office: Betty Kooy reported that sanction applications for next summer will be sent out in November and will be due January 15th. Coaches Safety Training certification requirements/process will be changing within the next year regarding the use of Life Guard credentials in lieu of Coaches Safety Training. On-line testing will be part of the process when using Life Guard cards for Safety Training. Betty requests that clubs not send club registrations in without all the supporting documents including birth certificates. Just a reminder: There will be more meets to work around for next summer.

Senior Vice-Chair: Brian Jensen reported that the NSAA has approved all the meets requested for HS waivers.

Coaches Representative: Lynn Weaver said that Andy Cunningham will be the All Star coach. Lori will go along and the Age Group and Technical chairs will advise.

General Chair: Mary Losee would like every club to send at least one representative to Mahoney State Park for the five hour leadership workshop November 18th. Every club will receive a \$50 rebate towards club registration. It's an excellent program that USAS is trying to get in all LSCs. We have a room for 250 people. If clubs attend both House meetings and the workshop the club will get a \$125 rebate on the club dues. This summer's Div. I meet had good numbers and was enjoyable to work. We were just notified what the changes to our bylaws need to be so they are not being distributed. Betty will put on the web site. We need 20% athlete representation on both the Board and the House. That means four on the Board. The term will be two years. The

two juniors will become seniors and two new juniors will be elected. (16 years old or and a junior in high school) Mary will appoint with elections to be held in the spring. These changes in the bylaws were accepted by vote of the group. MW will try to get a Swimposium for April 12, 2008. Board members need to submit written reports before the meetings.

Trials Ticket Committee: The Committee of Bruce, Tom, Mary K. and Jack Jackson recommended the following: Each team may put in an application for twenty-one single session tickets with payment of \$650. Checks won't be cashed or sent back until after the drawing. Teams may also put in for smaller requests. After the January 15th deadline, a drawing will be held. Any tickets left over can be auctioned in March. The applications will be mailed and e-mailed to the clubs, along with being posted on the web site.

Elections: Two vacancies on the board were filled: Age Group Chair will be Lisa Ellis and Technical Chair will be Docker Hartfield.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary