

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
November 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. at 12905 W Dodge Rd, Omaha, NE. Present were Mary Losee, Brian Jensen, Peggy Speer, Erik Wiken, Lynn Weaver, Brian Schaenzer, Gretchen Lindner, Betty Kooy, Docker Hartfield, Ryan Bubb, Peggy Roberts, David Nelson, Holly Beeman, Bruce Schomburg, Tom Beck, Tony Storer, Greg Guelcher, Tony Storer, Matt Rye, Terri Svoboda, Louis Balogh, Dawn Bowen, Chris Jensen, Leanne McCullough, Lisa Ellis, Cindy Wigness.

Reports:

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair Report: (Submitted report attached) The final athlete count for 2009 was huge by comparison. Betty encouraged clubs to try to retain those athletes. A personal thank-you to Midwestern for the Lifetime Membership in USA Swimming was expressed. Regarding pool certification, this is still something that has to be done. The pools being used for competition must be measured and they must be over 50 meters to accommodate pads. If a record is set in a pool with a bulkhead, the pool must be measured at the time of the swim. Questions were raised as to who is responsible for measuring and who would cover the costs (meet host). A steel tape is not sufficient for USAS certification. A referee should measure before every meet.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Zones: One 14 & U Zone meet will be held in Lincoln in 2010. (See BOD minutes). Host is expecting about 700 swimmers and the meet will be an OQM meet for officials. Regarding housing MW swimmers, the UNL dorms are possible. That is what the MW team did in 1994. Erik will investigate the possibility. The Senior Zone meet which is a TEAM meet, will be in Bismarck, ND. Clubs are encouraged to take qualified swimmers.

Budget Proposal for 2010: Brian S presented the 2010 budget which is being recommended by the BOD. (See BOD minutes). Discussion followed. Motion was made to accept the budget as proposed. Seconded. Passed.

Elections: The spring HOD meeting will include election of officers. Positions to be filled include General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair Coach Representative (voted on by coaches), Secretary, Finance Chair, and two At-Large positions. Nominating committee will be Scot Sorensen, Jeanie Neal, Terri Svoboda, and Gretchen Lindner.

Notes from the Board Meeting of General Interest:

Right to Participate: Peggy and Bruce will get the Iowa HS and Nebraska HS rules on the MW website.

All Stars: Erik and Louis have done a great job. (See BOD minutes) The December 1 deadline was to let MW know who would go if selected, but swimmers can still qualify until December 21. Suits have not been finalized as of meeting date. Erik will send suit/cap/shirt update. Questions were asked about chaperones. The

chaperones will be in a room adjoining the 10 & Under swimmers. If parents are not in agreement with the policy, swimmers will not go on the trip.

Zones: BOD members recapped the MW 14 & Under meet to be held in Lincoln, August 6-9, 2010 (see BOD minutes). The Senior Zone meet was clarified – 15 and O, AAA qualifying standard, club participation (not LSC), at Bismarck (Mandan) ND in a new facility. MW swimmers are encouraged to attend. USAS does provide financial assistance to Zone meet hosts - \$10,000 per meet (CZ splits between two 14 & U meets).

Athlete Representative: Peggy commented that we have increased the BOD athlete representation because USAS dictates that we have a certain percentage, but these is less and less participation. The BOD has asked Peggy to go forward with formulating a proposal to increase athlete participation and perhaps change the way the athlete representatives are nominated and selected. The term of office may also need to change with athletes being elected each year (staggered representation). And this should be a leadership position.

Upcoming USAS Seminars: Board of Review in January – Dawn Bowen may go. Times in March – Betty will go. National Events in January – Mary will go.

Awards Policy: (See updated rules policy in BOR minutes). The current awards policy was fine-tuned, taking out the National Times criteria (not ready when awards are calculated) and going with 15-16 and 17-18 age group awards.

Motion was made to adjourn at 3:29 p.m. **Seconded**. Next meeting to be announced.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary