

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
House of Delegates Meeting
November 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. at 12905 W Dodge Rd, Omaha, NE. Present were: Mary Losee, Peggy Speer, Brian Jensen, Lisa Ellis, Lynn Weaver, Gretchen Lindner, Holly Beeman, Tome Beck, Betty Kooy, Dawn Bowen, Cal Bentz, Matt Rye, Terri Svoboda, Louis Balogh, Al Johnson, Tony Storer, Marsha Ketcham, David Phelps, Docker Hartfield, Greg Guelcher, Mary Kocsis, Robb Pantano, Shannon Guy, Ryan Bubbs, Bianca Christensen, Bruce Schomburg, Jeanie Neal, Erik Wiken, Jim Gobell, Anne Twedt, Scot Sorensen, Candy Hemmer, and Kyle Hunt.

Reports:

Secretary: There were no questions concerning the posted/distributed April minutes. Mary Losee stated that from now on HOD reports would be done like the BOD Reports using the consent agenda format and must be submitted two weeks prior to the HOD meeting in order to be included in the agenda.

Treasurer: Mary Kocsis reported that all checks for program sales at Trials have been sent out. Seven or eight clubs received checks totaling over \$21,000.

Coach Representative: Lynn Weaver reported that Randy Julian and USA Swimming are bringing Coach Clinics to LSCs for those coaches who cannot get to some of the bigger clinics. USA Swimming will pay the bill. MW will try to set something up for April 2009 and will try to include HS coaches too. The possibility of a three-day event in Lincoln was discussed. Lynn took votes by email for the All Star head coach. Louis Balogh will be Head Coach. Other coaches going will be Andy Cunningham, Drew Butler, Cassie Meyer, Erik Wiken with Kyle Hunt acting as team manager.

Officials Chair: No report.

Senior Vice Chair: Peggy Speer announced that the following meets were to be approved by the NSAA as 'Olympic Development' meets allowing for HS swimmers to get a release from their HS: US Short Course Nationals, Dec 4-7; US Short Course Juniors, Dec 11-14; Chesapeake Pro-Am, Dec 18-21; Grand Prix Meets, Jan 9-11 and Feb 13-16; All Stars, Jan 17-18, and the NA Winter Champs, Dec 12-14.

Age Group Vice Chair: Kyle Hunt reported that the All Star applications are online and due by December 21. Louis is planning on more group activities for the team at the Hampton.

Registration Chair – Betty Kooy: Registrations are coming at about 300-500 per week, with most clubs up 15-20% from this time last year. To date for 2009 there are 10 clubs, 1395 athletes, 42 coaches, 42 officials, and 53 other non-athletes. Betty will have a transmittal form that can be submitted electronically. Scanned birth certificates can be submitted. The only thing that cannot come electronically is the check. At the beginning of the season coaches are sent individual non-athlete registration forms with a list of their expiring certification dates on the form. New background checks will be required for those who are expiring and confirmation of this comes up automatically in SWIMS. Any coach using the Lifeguard Training as a substitute for Coach Safety

Training will be required to take a free online test available on the USA Swimming website. The lifeguard training does not cover what is needed for swim coach safety. Also American Heart Heartsaver CPR is not a qualifying course. Coaches need to check the Coach section of USA Swimming website if they have any certification questions.

General Chair: Mary Losee reported that Bob Steele has asked for the MW coach database for a book offer. We do not give out that information. There was a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting the information on the book – Games, Gimmicks and Challenges. Webcasts for swimming events in 2009-2012 will be on swimnetwork.com. The Olympic Trials probably will not be coming back to Omaha in 2012 because of scheduling conflicts with the College World Series. USA Swimming will go forward with a search for a new site and a task force charged with making the site decision.

Motion to accept all reports. **Seconded. Approved.**

Old Business:

Finance Chair: Robb Pantano presented the 2009 Budget proposal which included the recommendation to raise the Splash Fee by \$1.00 (to \$5.00), Zone fee to \$125, All Star fee to \$50, a 3% raise for employees and a reduction of officials' apparel fund to \$500. **Motion** was made to accept the proposed budget. **Seconded. Approved.**

Team Travel: Mary Losee stated that Matt Rye and Sara Juster were going to come up with a recommendation for team travel for Zone and All Star meets. At this point nothing has been recommended. A committee of Matt Rye, Kyle Hunt, Lynn Weaver and Peggy Speer will come up with a report for the January BOD meeting.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: The following were named to the 2009 nominating committee: Scot Sorensen, Jim Gobell, Jeanie Neal, Gretchen Lindner, and Matt Rye.

Division I Bid: Mary Losee reported that Matt Rye would like to address the Division I Meet bid process. He asked if the bid for summer 2009 had been signed. Mary L reported that it had. Discussion concerning current policy ensued including getting community volunteers, teams working together and the possibility of teams making a bid presentation to the sanctioning committee.

Central Zone Meet Bid: Mary Losee stated that Central Zone is soliciting bids for 2010 and 2011. Topeka may bid for 2010. If MW were to place a bid help would be needed from the Sports Council and someone would need to make a trip to Chicago in September 2009 to present the bid. Betty listed some things that were part of the package: host team bid, duties, local coordinator, site visit from Zone coordinator, hotels, coach social, etc. The CZ has usually wanted bids from indoor facilities but will consider an outdoor facility. In 2010 there will be 3 meets – a Senior meet and two 14 & Under meets. The stipend per 14 & U meet is \$5000 from USA Swimming. Mary L mentioned that one of the Trials pools had been purchased by an anonymous donor who wants the city of Omaha to donate land. As there is nothing concrete for Omaha, Woods would have to be the submission site

at this point. A task force of Candy Hemmer (chair), Kyle Hunt, Mary Losee, Matt Rye, Docker Hartfield and Betty Kooy will explore the possibilities.

Disability and Diversity Task Force: Shana Frodyma has been asked to head a task force to get more exposure for disability and diversity in MW.

Recognition: Tom Beck mentioned that Afton Roberson achieved a Junior time in the 100 breaststroke and would be signing a letter of intent with Indiana. An athlete corner on the MW website will be created to post swimmers' achievements.

Suit Ban: Louis asked questions re USA Swimming barring the high-tech suits for 12 & Under beginning May 1. Betty will post the legislation on the MW website.

Motion to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. **Seconded.** (Next meeting April 18, 2009)

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Lindner, Secretary