

**Midwestern Swimming
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2011 at 1:00pm**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Brian Schaezner, General Chair. The meeting was held at Noll Human Resources, Omaha, NE.

Those present: Brian Schaezner, Mary Losee, Betty Kooy, Lynn Weaver, Tony Storer, Erik Wiken, Scot Sorensen, Aimee Fischer, Mitch Matis, Al Johnson, Ryan Fisher, Cathy Thayer, Linda Renner, Jeanie Neal, Becky Yungbluth, Ryan Theil, Brian Jensen, Louis Balogh, Leanne McCullough, Brenda Baker, Karen Fischer, Tanya Hopson, Carol Glover.

Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were not emailed to the members. Copies of the web-posted minutes were distributed. Several corrections (typos) were noted. They will be corrected. **Motion** was made to accept as posted (to be corrected). **Seconded. Approved.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Renner reported budget variances are related to USA Swimming Athlete Registrations (income in December; expenditures in January) and the All-Star Meet. Overall MW is right where it is expected to be with revenue and expenditures. Currently \$2400.00 has been spent on spring athlete reimbursement.

Executive Secretary/Registration Report:

Report was sent but not emailed. Numbers are as follows: Year-round athletes – 2094; Seasonal athletes – 21; Officials – 64; Coaches – 118; other non-athletes – 64; Clubs – 21. Fees for 2012 are as follows: \$56 athletes and non-athletes; \$100 Family; \$35 seasonal athletes; \$10 transfers – fees structure to start September 1. Meets for Summer 2011 are being posted as the sanctioning process is completed. Event files are posted when received. Top 8 for short course is posted. Current data will be used to run Top 8 certificates. Winter schedule will be posted when sanction committee has completed their work. Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL. Those going to Jacksonville need to let Betty know as she is watching fares. Question was asked regarding athlete attendance. Brian S stated that the number of athletes attending will be determined later.

Age Group Report:

Erik Wiken reported on a successful team travel trip to Lawrence in January. Chaperones, team meal, t-shirts for chaperones were all positives. No one seemed to have problems with the background check. It will be recommended to stay in the same hotel next year to try to keep costs down, but also to solicit competitive bids.

Erik also reported on the recently completed coach survey. Fifty two coaches completed the survey. Several highlights include positives on one weekend for the short course meet, extending the season to use the Devaney, inclusion of 8 & U in the meet format, making cuts faster in order

to stay on one weekend, looking at changes to meet format every 1, 2 or 4 years, and a coach brainstorming meeting (83% would attend such a meeting). Current meet format was based on a lot of thought by the committee, surveys, and other LSCs, and Randy Julian as resources. Randy felt current format was very good.

Discussion regarding the short course meets continued. Points made include the following: Negative comments were received; they are not helpful. USA Swimming does not recognize 8 & U's other than as a developmental age group. Having 8 & U cuts was confusing. The communication was last minute. Coaching goal is to teach healthy competition at all age groups and 8 & U's understand placing 1, 2, 3. They need attainable goals; the 10 & U times are unattainable for most 8 & U swimmers.

Old Business:

Elections: The slate of officers was distributed. Nominations were requested from the floor. None were received. On the ballot two write-ins were received for Technical Chair. Both accepted the nomination. Vote was then taken on Technical Chair. The following were elected to two-year terms beginning September 1, 2011: Age Group Chair-Erik Wiken; Finance Chair-Ryan Theil (1-yr term); Registration Chair-Scot Sorensen; Officials' Chair-Gary Kuhn; Safety Chair-Chris Palowski; Technical Chair-Louis Balogh; Treasurer-Linda Renner; At Large Delegates-Tony Storer, Carol Glover, David Nelson; Board of Review Members-Leanne McCullough, Stephanie Martinez, and Mark Evans. **Motion** was made to destroy the ballots. **Seconded. Approved.**

New Business:

Update and Zone Recommendations:

Summer Zone meet will be in Topeka. Meet information has been posted on the Central Zone website. Because of the higher costs that would be incurred with an extra travel day (Open water is scheduled for Thursday) the BOD is recommending that this meet be an on-your-own travel with a cost of \$125.00 per swimmer to cover the cost of apparel, entries, coaches, etc. **Motion** was made to accept the recommendations of the BOD. **Seconded. Approved.** Apparel designs should be finalized. Applications (hopefully posted by June 1) are requested from pre-qualified swimmers early so we know approximately how many shirts to order. Erik will book a block of rooms for MW. It was noted that many parents would be traveling anyway so if MW does team travel they would be double-paying.

New Fees recommended by the BOD:

Brian S. discussed the background of the recommended changes. The concern is that clubs be able to run a profitable meet. Brian explained contribution margin, uncontrollable costs vs. controllable costs. There are more clubs making less money than anticipated and requesting additional fees. Even with the recommendations, MW will still be below the averages of other LSCs. Hopefully the increased fees will offer incentives to clubs to host meets. The maximum program charge is included to develop uniformity. Out of the ordinary facility costs will still be a possibility with requests to the General Chair.

Motion was made and **seconded** to accept the following proposal:

	Individual	Relays	LSC Charges	Max Program
Timed final meet:	\$2.50	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$4.00 -\$5.00
P/F meet-no awards	\$3.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
P/F meet-Champ format	\$4.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$12.00
LSC Qualifier Meet	\$3.50	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00
LSC Champ meet	\$4.50	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00

LSC Qualifier – Host club purchases awards, retains entry fees, program fees, merchandise commissions; LSC receives only surcharge

LSC Champ meet – Host club keeps entry fees, program revenues; LSC purchases awards, keeps surcharge and merchandise commissions.

Motion was made for friendly amendment to change maximum program on Timed final meet to \$5.00. **Seconded. Approved.**

Amended motion was passed.

Complete fee policy recommendations will be added as addendum to minutes.

Discussion also included recommendations for medals, ribbons, etc. for specific age groups which will be forwarded to the sanction committee.

Meet and meet schedule direction:

Brian S. discussed the development of the meet schedule as a method of addressing opportunities. Current issues include too many entries for hosts to comply with 4-hour rule, clubs traveling outside the LSC for both different competition and different levels of competition. The committee is looking for a logical progression of meets. Several coaches have been looking at the Section 1 meet vs. the Region VIII meet for season-ending sectional meet. Coach input regarding this direction is needed. Region VIII needs to finalize their winter 2012 meet before MW sets its Championship date.

Additional concerns regarding the meet schedule and DI Long Course meet should be brought to Brian S to bring to the sanction committee for discussion. Point was made that if LC meet is to be 10 & U, the opportunity for 8 & U swimmers to swim the 100s of stroke should be given during the Long Course season.

Announcements:

Mary L announced that Randy Julian will be in Omaha June 16-30 and will be available to meet with clubs, Boards of Directors, etc. Note will be placed on the MW website to inform clubs of this opportunity.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:55 pm. **Seconded. Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy

MWS Secretary pro-tem

HOD Report

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair

May 15, 2011

Registration:

2011 to date:

Year-round Athletes	2094
Seasonal Athletes	21
Officials	64
Coaches	118
Other Non-athletes	64
Clubs	21

- **Seasonal Registrations:** Seasonal registration packets have been sent out. Seasonal swimmer registration is good for April 15 through August 31. Seasonal athletes cannot compete at Zones, Sectionals, or any higher level meet. If they wish to compete at that level and have registered as a seasonal athlete, they will have to re-register as a year round athlete and pay the entire \$53.00 fee.
- **Reminder:** Fees for 2012 are as follows: Year round athlete and all non-athletes - \$56.00; Family (2 non-athletes) \$100; Seasonal athlete - \$35.00; Transfers - \$10.00

Executive Secretary:

- **Meets for Summer 2011** – Meets are being posted as the sanctioning process is completed. Event files are posted when received from the host club.
- **Top 8** – The winter short course Top 8 has been posted to the MW website. Please let the MW Office know of any corrections. Current data will be used for printing of Top 8 Certificates for short course.
- **Winter 2011-12** – Schedule will be posted as soon as possible pending outcomes of this meeting.
- **Fall 2011-Winter 2012 Meets:** Forms were not sent out by May 1 pending outcome of actions at this HOD meeting. All forms etc will be sent to hosts and others for flyers/ sanction forms/payments/bids/meets for Fall/Winter 2011-12 and Summer 2012 (bids) and Fall/Winter 2012-2013 (bids) as soon as possible after this meeting. Those will be due in the MW Office by June 15 (an extension pending decisions). The sanction committee will then process the meet flyers and the bids for the following year.
- **Convention:** The USAS Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL. Schedules for meetings have been posted on the USA Swimming website. Those officers attending convention need to let Betty know so arrangements for flights and lodging can be made. Airfares are not cheap at the present. I have been keeping Brian apprised of current fares.

Meet Fees Policy – adopted 05/15/11

	Individual	Relays	LSC Surcharge	Max Program Charge	
Timed Final Meet	\$ 2.50	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	
Prelim/Final 0 No Awards and/or meets less than 2 2/s days and/or qualifying time less than BB	\$ 3.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	At least 2 days pre.im/finals. If separate timed finals events for age group/s, those events will follow timed final meet fee schedule.
Prelim/Final Championship format, minimum BB qual time; medals (Medals for minimum of top 6 places, ribbons at least 7-12 and Trophies for high points and optionally top teams; at least 2 ½ days long	\$ 4.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	This type of meet is expected to be run with championship format and rules with minimum qualifying times of at least BB for prelim/finals events. If separate times finals events for age group/s are run, those events will follow the T/F entry fee schedule.
LSC Qualifier Meet	\$ 3.50	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	Host club keeps entry fees , program revenues, merchandise revenues and purchases own awards: LSC receives splash fee only
LSC Championship Meet – Competitive bids requested	\$ 4.50	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	Host club keeps entry fees and program revenues: LSC receives splash fee and merchandise commissions LSC purchases awards

Guidelines for Facility Surcharge fees:

Policy requires advanced written request and approval of the General Chair

Minimum facility surcharge - \$2.00 minimum; \$5.00 maximum per swimmer

Only eligible if facility charge for meet exceeds \$1500 and at least 300 swimmers expected