Mississippi Swimming Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting

August 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Aguirre at 1:43pm in Flowood, MS at the Lakeland Presbyterian Church located at 5212 Lakeland Drive.

Present were Barbara Aguirre, Rachel Dees, Cris Roberts, Candace Loper, Kevin Cox, Doug Welch, Todd Patterson, Mathew Mixon, Eddie Ware, Wade Heggie, Sarah Berry, Maylan McEllroy, Pam Passarelli, David Orr, Chris Chain, Kevin Kimbrough, Kru Fairey, Allison Conn, Lucas Smith, Dan’l Murray, Chad Garrick, Corey Persons, Alissa Kojima, Brian Ware, Sam Stewart, Ray Lossett, Alfredo Aleman

Kevin Cox opened with a prayer.

The minutes from the last House of Delegates meeting on 4/13/13 were reviewed and Barbara Aguirre mention a change on the first page for the people that attend convention are the general chair, admin chair, senior chair, age group chair, coaches rep, registration chair, Jr. athlete, and Sr. athlete. Kevin Cox motioned to accept the minutes with the amendment. Brian Ware seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kevin Cox reported that the finance committee requested a continuing resolution which would allow the continuance of checks to be written through September 2013. Until Kevin Cox can finalize the September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014 budget. The new budget will be emailed out. Kevin Cox motioned for the continuing resolution to carry last year’s budget to the extended date. The motion was seconded by Eddie Ware. The motion passed.

Todd Patterson gave the treasurers report and stated that MSI currently has around $62,000 in the bank account with some outstanding banquet expenses to come. Todd Patterson went over our current CD investments that total $62,700.00 which are in seven different CD’s that range from one to two year terms. He suggested two different types of CDS’s: 1) is a seven year CD with a rate of 3.7%. He is not sure on the withdrawal options on this CD. 2) Or a five year CD with a 2.25% rate and we can take a $10,000.00 withdrawal without penalty. A recommendation was made to move all the current CD’s to the seven year term with the contention that we can make a no penalty withdrawal from it. If no withdrawal can be made penalty free then move the current CD’s to the five year term option. A motion by Patrick Lane to accept the treasurer’s recommendations. This was seconded by Candace Lopper. The motion carried.

Barbara Aguirre gave the Board of Directors meeting overview. Barbara Aguirre mentioned we need two people to attend the Mighty 2500 LSC workshop in Colorado Springs on November 2, 2013. This is a workshop focused on demographics and what your LSC needs. Doug Welch volunteered to attend the meeting. She is requesting one more interested individual to send her an email. The upcoming convention has a safety poster contest and Wade Heggie’s daughter’s poster was selected as one of the top ten posters to be voted on for the convention. Jan Golf will be attending the Official Workshop, and Todd Patterson will attend the treasury workshop in June 2014.

Doug Welch reported on a safe sport standpoint that all teams are required to have a travel policy and a communications policy and they must be approved by the team board. If a team does not have an individual policy then the team will operate under the USA Swimming policy. A safe sport contact from every team is needed so teams can be aware of these changes. Doug Welch would like to receive these policies from the teams by October 2013. Safe sport flyers need to be included in heat sheets and posted on bulletin boards.

Chris Chain reported about zones. He reported it was a real good trip, with good swimming, and 45% best times and two state records set. No accidents and all went well. Zones was under budget by about $3,000.00 - $4,000.00. This year the zone team had two sponsors who helped the team stay under budget.

Eddie Ware reported for Southern Senior zone meet. It is the biggest meet they have had so far in Plantation, Florida. This meet has more options for second swims due to A, B, C, and D finals. If a swimmer can’t make Age Group zones then maybe the swimmer can make Southern Senior zones. Reimbursement for swimmers at this meet is under old business.

Chris Chain reported for technical planning committee. Change in the invitation to older swimmers, out of high school. The high point award would not go to an older swimmer, but they can swim and score the same for their team. This proposed change will go to new business.

Barbara Aguirre reported for zones. Zones coaches and staff are to be selected in the fall meeting. This can allow for hotels and planning to start early for next zone meetings. You need more time to plan and get sponsors. The recommendation is by November first to have a management team in place.

Doug Welch reported in place of Kerry Stewart for the officials committee. USA swimming made changes for invitational meets. A certified administrative official will oversee the results and accuracy of them. A handout was passed around with the requirements and duties. Grandfather can occur before Jan 1, 2014 for those who meet the criteria. The handouts also lay out the outline for grandfathering. Kerry Stewart will be the contact for any questions and he will notify anyone of their grandfather status. A handout for certification standards for officials was passed out. Doug Welch mentioned to make sure all recons are done and you are sending the results to Candace Loper. Clinics for officials will start being available, and note that any official can conduct an officials clinic for their team.

Rachel Dees gave the athlete report. Rachel is the senior athlete representative and Cris Roberts was elected for Jr. Athlete representative. She will come into office January 1, 2014.

Wade Heggie passed out information from the safety chair meeting in Chicago this past June. Reports of occurrences even it is small, at a meet or a team sponsored event. Everyone is to be certified to dive at any meet even in a shallow pool. If an unattached simmer attends he/she must have the diving certification with them. Understand your role if in the case of an emergency. When renting vans please have extra insurance and take out the last seat. First aid and CPR courses are on line, the Red Cross now certifies this. A meet marshall check list is in the packet that was passed out. Also, water knowledge, chemicals, and when to shut it down is in the packet.

Candace Loper reported on registration. The athlete cards are coming from USA Swimming this year, not her. A luggage tag will be sent out with the athlete card. She will still do the non-athletes. We currently have 1,648 athletes year round, 121 seasonal athletes, and 8 out of reach athletes. MSI has two new clubs Tallahatchie and Storm.

Allison Conn for the banquet has no report.

Kru Fairey reported for records/times that 125 new records were set and the top 10 list will be ready after September 1, 2013.

Alissa Kojima reported for sanctions and she referenced a handout she provided. The close out form has been consolidated and update. When someone closes out a meet you must have the report and money in 14 days and the times go to Candace Loper or the times are not valid. All of this will be available on the website.

David Orr reported on the website. Just let him know if changes are needed. Only 17 out of 300 car tags were sold. An update on Laura booth is she has been approved for bone marrow transplant.

Old business:

Wade Heggie made a recommendation and Doug Welch motioned to have a certified life guard, not a coach, working at all swim meets. The motion was seconded by Chris Chain. The motion carried. This needs to be added in sanctions.

Barbara Aguirre brought up the old business of teams that never attend the LSC meetings. A recommendation to raise the team registration fee to $300.00 effective the 2014 – 2015 season. If you have a representative from the team that attends one House of Delegates meeting during the year then you get a $150.00 credit to the team registration fee. A motion by Kevin Cox to adopt the Board of Directors recommendation on team registration fees. The motion was seconded by Candace Loper. The motion carried. It will go in to the 2014 registration packets.

A motion by Brian Ware to accept the official’s committee recommendations. The motion was seconded by Lucas Smith. The motion passed.

Kevin Cox made a motion that a senior southern zones reimbursement for swimmers with AAA times, and not a relay only swimmer, at senior southern zones that we as an LCS would reimburse $100.0 for travel. We did not want NCAA to have a conflict with travel reimbursement. The motion is contingent on NCAA compliance officer clarification that there is not a problem with a travel reimbursement. Brian Ware seconded the motion pending approval of NCAA. This travel reimbursement would be retroactive for this past senior southern zones meet. The motion carried.

A motion by Chris Chain to approve the technical planning report to allow someone 19 and over and out of high school to swim the same and score the same for their team, but to be separated out and not be allowed to receive the high point awards. Kevin Cox seconded the motion. The motion had one opposed vote. The motion carried.

Barbara Aguirre brought up the hand out from Corey Coon-Cassily on section 11 and section 4 proposal of changes. A motion by Brian Ware to table these proposals to diversity until the next meeting. Chris Chain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Ware had a complaint that an 8 and under swimmer was given an invitation to the top five banquet and then the invitation was withdrawn. Brian Ware proposed taking the 8 and under swimmer award out. A committee was formed to investigate the age group awards, the Chair is Brian Ware. Members will be Kru Fairey, David Orr, Mathew Mixon, Allison Conn, Patrick Lane, and Cris Roberts. Barbara Aguirre ask to be carbon copied on all discussions.

A motion by Kevin Cox to adjourn the House of Delegate Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lucas Smith. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.