**Mississippi Swimming, Inc.**

**House of Delegates Meeting**

**April 10, 2010**

The Mississippi Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates meeting was called to order by General Chair Barbara Aguirre at 3:10 P.M. on Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Brandon, Mississippi. Lucas Smith said the opening prayer.

Present for the meeting were the following team representatives: Jamie Lee, Biloxi; Keri Stewart, Hattiesburg; Kim Orman, Laurel; Robert Gonzalez, Shockwave; Sherra Shearer, Sunkist; and Matthew Mixon, Vicksburg. Board members present were Barbara Aguirre , general chair; Lucas Smith, administrative vice chair; Marcy Rushing, senior chair; Ann Marie Mayers Pate, age group chair; Lois Colson, treasurer; Candace Loper, registration chair; Doug Welch, officials chair; Alan Branson, adapted and safety chair; Kelli Jacobs, finance chair; Dan'l Murray, technical planning; Eddie Ware, sanctions; Brian Ware, coach rep.; Kru Fairley, records/top times; Warren Holladay, legislation ; Karen Mayers, awards; Holly Myers, senior athlete rep.; Nicola Giamalva, junior athlete rep.; and Kevin Cox, marketing/publicity.

The minutes were presented for approval. There was one correction on page four. Top five removed and changed to top ten. Kevin Cox moved to approve minutes as corrected; Ann Marie Pate seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports**

General chair – Barbara Aguirre introduced Sue Pitt Anderson from USA Swimming. Sue discussed the consent agenda providing a hand-out which outlined the procedure. Lucas Smith made a motion to implement the consent agenda. It was seconded by Kevin Cox. Motion carried.

Administrative vice-chair – no report.

Senior vice-chair – Marcy Rushing suggested that the voting for junior athlete rep needed to be better regulated.

Age Group – Ann Marie reported that the banquet and clinic will be November 13 at the Embassy Suites in Madison. A clinic will be conducted that afternoon for swimmers by Ronnie Mayers, former head coach of Delta State. He will also speak at the banquet.

Treasurer – Lois Colson presented her report. Candace made a motion to accept the treasurer 's report. Lucas Smith seconded. Motion carried. Lois also reminded delegates to submit nomination s for the Phillips Award and reminded coaches to send in forms for those swimmers attending nationals, juniors, sectionals, and senior sectionals.

Finance – Kevin Cox suggested that the new budget be voted on by email at the end of

July beginning of August. Kevin made a motion to do so. Doug Welch seconded. Motion carried.

Registration – Report was handed by Candace Loper. Candace noted that our numbers were down this past season. She reminded teams that she needed results by five days after a meet. Pre-report for state meet should be submitted the Monday before the meet. Swimmers should be registered before entries to a meet are due. All coaches need to make sure their registrations are up-to-date. Candace will be gone two weeks in May.

Officials – Doug Welch reported that there are 76 registered officials; 50 are active. Many have advanced to the referee level. Each official needs to encourage and recruit new officials. Some teams have no officials. David Reeves will attend the USAS officials’ clinic in May. Proof of time went smoothly at short course with preapproved times. Doug encouraged delegates to nominate someone for the Maxwell Award on the USAS website.

Disability – no report.

Technical Planning – Dan’l Murray reported that for the short course championships the 800 free relay and the 1650 will be moved to Thursday evening. There will be positive check-in at 5:30 P.M. and a five-minute break between events with no time trials. The 400 and 500 frees and the 400 I.M. would require positive check-ins. The top eight of each will be swum in finals. Nonconforming times: 400m for 500yds, 800m for 1000 yds., and 1500m for 1650 yds.

The nominations for zone team coaches were Jamie Lee as head coach and Robert Gonzalez and Eddie Ware as assistants. For managers the nominees were Nina Roberts and Melinda Dees.

Dan'l made a motion to accept the nominations. Kevin Cox seconded. Motion carried.

Coaches' Rep/Website – Brian Ware reminded teams to get meet results in as soon as possible. He needs it in PDF format so that it can be used as proof of time. Last chance meet results need to be turned around quickly.

Senior Athlete Rep – Holly Myers would like for all teams to send more team athlete reps (13- 18 year olds) to the MSI meetings. Forms for new junior athlete election will be sent to coaches and are due in June.

Junior athlete rep – Nico Giamalva was introduced as the new junior athlete rep.

Sanctions – Eddie Ware asked that all applications for sanctions for summer meets be turned in asap, there is no longer a ten percent charge for entries; the surcharge has been increased to $5.00 per swimmer. Remember to get forms signed quickly for close-out.

Ann Marie Pate requested that meet results be reported by email.

Records/Top Times – Kru Fairey reported that all records and top times are up-to-date.

Awards – Karen Mayers reported that all medals and ribbons will be sent to the host team in plastic storage boxes. The left-over medals in the storage boxes need to be returned to her as soon as possible so that inventory can be updated.

Diversity – Wade Kojima wants each team to appoint a diversity chair.

Delegate-at-large – Hannah sent a code of conduct to be reviewed. A committee was appointed to study the code: Ann Marie Pate, Holly Myers, and Nico Giamalva.

**New Business**

A nominating committee was proposed: Barbara Aguirre (SWAT), Kim Orman (LSA), Jamie Lee (BEST), Eddie Ware (MAKOS), Kevin Cox (DAC), Holly Myers (HSAS), and Nico Giamalva (MAKOS). Ann Marie Pate motioned to accept the nominations by acclamation. It was seconded by Holly Myers. Motion carried.

Warren Holladay asked about charging a facility use fee for meets. This will be addressed in November.

There was discussion about fees for on-line heat sheets. Kevin stated that there will be not fee at this year's long course championships.

The following dates were proposed for 2011 state meets: February 12 for winter 8 & Under Developmental Meet, February 17-20 for short course championships, and July 21- 24 for summer 8 & Under and long course championships. A motion to accept these dates was made by Ann Marie Pate and seconded by Holly Myers. Motion carried.

**2010-2011 Meet Dates**

 July 3, 2010 Laurel Last Chance Meet LC

Sept. 10-11, 2010 Sunkist SC

Oct. 8-10, 2010 MAKOS SC

Nov. 13, 2010 LSC Meeting/Clinic/Banquet

Nov. 19-26, 2010 IMX Laurel SC

Dec. 3-5, 2010 Santa's BEST Biloxi SC

Dec. 11-12, 2010 Shockwave-Starkville SC

Dec. 12, 2010 Sunkist 12 & Under SC

Jan. 14-16, 2011 Laurel SC

Jan. 28-30, 2011 DAC SC

Feb. 12, 2011 8 & Under Developmental SC (Sunkist)

Feb. 17-20, 2011 SC Championships (Laurel)

April 2, 2011 BEST LC

April 9, 2011 LSC Meeting

April 15-17, 2011 Laurel LC

April 29-30, May 1 MAKOS LC

June 3-5, 2011 VYSA LC

June 17-19, 2011 Shockwave-Tupelo LC

June 24-26, 2011 BEST Prelim/Final LC

July 2, 2011 Last Chance-Laurel LC

July 21, 2011 8 & Under Developmental (DAC)

July 21-24, 2011 LC Championships (DAC)

Announcement—DAC in Tunica needs a coach.

Lucas Smith made a motion to adjourn; Karen Mayers seconded. Motion carried.