**Mississippi Swimming, Inc.**

**House of Delegates Meeting**

**April 11, 2011**

The Mississippi Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates meeting was called to order by General Chair Doug Welch at 1:45 P.M. on Saturday, April 11, 2011, at The Courthouse in Jackson, MS. Lucas Smith said the opening prayer.

Present for the meeting were the following team representatives: Rachel Pickich, Biloxi; William Lane, DAC; Steve Panzram, Hattiesburg; Warren Holladay, Laurel; Wade Heggie, MSAS; Eddie Ware, MMST; Chris Chain, SCSO; Robert Gonzalez, Shockwave; Ray Lossett, SMAC; David Orr, Sunkist; and Matthew Mixon, Vicksburg. Board members present were Doug Welch, General Chair; Barbara Aguirre, Administrative Vice Chair; Lucas Smith Senior Chair; Marcy Rushing, Age Group Chair; Kevin Cox, Finance Chair; Lois Colson, Treasurer; Alan Branson, Officials Chair; Jamie Lee, Safety Chair; Matthew Mixon, Technical Planning; Brian Ware, Coach Rep.; Karen Mayers, Awards; Ann Marie Pate, Board of Review; Wade Kojima, Diversity Chair; Kru Fairley, Records/Top Times; Warren Holladay, Legislation; Karen Mayers, Awards; Nico Giamalva, Senior Athlete Rep.; Patrick Lane, Junior Athlete Rep.; Tynan Stewart, Athlete At-Large; Sharon Waddingham, At-Large Board Member; and Kevin Cox, Marketing/Publicity.

He minutes were presented for approval. Kevin Cox moved to approve minutes as read. Dan’l Murray seconded. Motion carried.

Finance report presented by Kevin Cox. See attached report.

Doug reminded everyone of the consent agenda. Items should be sent for agenda should be sent to Doug 60 days prior to meeting. He will get it out at least 15 days prior to the meeting. Brian will put information on the website.

Doug gave an update on MSI’s Leap status. A copy of the report from USA Swimming is attached. A committee was formed to review policies and procedures: Barbara Aguirre, Karen Mayers, Alan Branson, and David Orr.

In order to have twenty-percent representation of athletes on the board, it was recommended that each team have an athlete representative with voting privileges. Ann Marie said that the rep should be the same as the junior athlete rep and that the rep should have the ability to attend the meetings. Warren suggested a one-year term. Alan Branson moved that this should be referred to the Athlete committee. Barbara Aguirre seconded. Motion carried.

Alan Branson made a motion to add all committee chairs to rule 4.3.1 which deals with voting privileges. Motion carried.

A committee was formed to review section 2 of the athlete travel policies: Marcy Rushing, Age Group Chair; Lucas Smith, Senior Chair; Allison Conn, and Patrick Lane, Junior Athlete Rep. Kevin Cox moved that the Swim Mississippi program begin effective August 1 (handout attached). It was seconded by Alan Branson. Motion carried.

Chris Chain reported on the MS/LA all-star meet. It is tentatively planned for next March or April.

Zone coaches will be head coach Jamie Lee and assistant Eddie Ware, Rachel Pickich, and Robert Gonzalez.

Technical planning chair Matthew Mixon reported that the top heats of the 10-and under events will be swum at night.

Officials Chair reported that all states meet entries will be sent to official’s committee. They will turn file over to home team.

Matthew Mixon made a motion that a template for meet invites to be placed on the websites. Robert Gonzales seconded. Motion carried.

There was discussion of how to get better participation at the HOD meetings.

Committee: Marcy Rushing, Sharon Waddingham, Warren Holladay, and Eddie Ware.

Robert Gonzalez moved that the 2012 8-and-under spring development meet be Feb. 11, 2012. Alan Branson seconded. Motion carried. Matthew Mixon moved that the 2012 Short Course championship be held Feb. 16-22. Warren seconded. Motion carried.

There were two bids for short course championships: Biloxi and Laurel. Biloxi was selected by ballot voting (17-5). Eddie Ware made a motion to destroy the ballots. Lois Colson seconded. Motion carried. DAC will host the 2012 long course championships. Sunkist will host the 2012 spring development meet.

2011-202 Meet Schedule

Sept. 16-18 Sunkist

Oct. 7-9 Makos

Nov. 18-20 Laurel

Dec. 2-4 Biloxi

Dec. 10 Sunkist (12 & U)

Dec. 10-11 DAC-Tunica

Jan. 6-8 Starkville

Jan. 13-15 Laurel

Jan. 27-29 DAC

Feb. 3-5 Tupelo

Feb. 4 MAKOS

Feb. 11 8 and Under Developmental

Feb. 16-19 SC State

Mar.? All-Star Meeting

Mar. 31 Biloxi

April 14 LSC Meeting

May 4-6 MAKOS

May 19-20 Tupelo

May 11-13 Vicksburg

June 15-17 Laurel (State Games)

June 29-July 1 Biloxi

July 8-10 DAC-Tunica-prelim/final

July 7 ?

State Games-

July 19-22 8 and under dev. And long course championships

Aug. 25 Open Water- Vicksburg

Safety Chair, Jamie Lee reminded teams to file incident reports when there is an accident and reported that the meet marshal does not need to registered with USA Swimming.

Alan Branson said there would be an officials meeting in Colorado Springs.

Under new business David Orr discussed the possibility of a license tag that would support MS Swimming and presented a design. He made a motion that he be able to pursue information on the tag. Kevin seconded. Kru seconded. Kru Fairley moved that we accepted the design for the logo pending the approval of USA Swimming. Lois seconded and motion carried.

Barbara Aguirre motioned that MS Swimming draft a proclamation in support of the development and building of a new aquatic center in Tupelo. Steve Panzram seconded and motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Mayers