**Minutes of Mississippi Swimming House of Delegates Meeting**

The MSI House of Delegates Meeting was called to order at 1:15 P.M., Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Courthouse in Jackson, MS. Present were Present were Barbara Aguirre, general chair; Lois Colson, treasurer; Candace Loper, registration chair; Ann Marie Pate, age group chair; Karen Mayers, acting secretary; Doug Welch, officials chair; Lucas Smith, administrative vice-chair; Marcy Rushing, senior vice-chair; Alan Branson, safety and disability chair; Kelli Jacobs, finance chair; Holly Myers, senior athlete rep; Nico Giamalvo, junior athlete rep, Patrick Lane, incoming junior athlete rep, Dan’l Murray, technical planning; Brian Ware, coach rep; Eddie Ware, sanctions; Warren Holladay, legislation; Kevin Cox, marketing/fundraising; and Wade Kojima, diversity.

Not present were Kru Fairey, records/top 5; Chris Deaton, board of review; and Hannah Wilson, delegate-at-large. Team representatives were present from Biloxi (Jamie Lee), Delta Aquatic (William Lane), Hub Fins (Kerry Stewart), Laurel (Kim Orman), Makos (Mrs. Thomas), Meridian (Wade Heggie), Shockwave (Robert Gonzalez, Jr.), Sunkist (David Orr), and Vicksburg (Mathew Mixon). Teams not represented were Columbus, Ocean Springs, and SMAC. Lucas Smith gave the invocation.

The following corrections were made to the minutes: add Doug Welch to the nominating committee on page two under technical planning, the 800 medley relay should have been the 800 free relay. Doug Welch made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected; it was seconded by Lucas Smith and approved.

There was a discussion on the issue of mandatory attendance by team representatives at the LSC meetings. Kevin Cox made a motion to form a committee to draft language for the consequences of not sending a team representative to the LSC meetings to present at the spring meeting. Eddie Ware seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee will be comprised of Steve Panzram, Kerry Stewart, and Alan Branson.

Kevin Cox presented a proposal on the Swim Mississippi Initiative (see handout). After some discussion, Kevin proposed that a committee be set up to study its feasibility. It was seconded by Alan Branson. Motion carried.

Kevin Cox motioned that teams who host state meets be allowed to charge up to $5.00 per swimmer for a facility fee. This was seconded by Warren Holladay. Motion carried. This will be added to the application to host state meet.

Doug made a motion that the officials be able to send interested officials to national qualifying meets in order to get national certification and reimburse their expenses up to $300.00 (further details on handout). The motion was seconded by Kevin Cox. The motion carried.

Registration Chair Candace Loper suggested that MSI should require provisional officials to be registered members of USA Swimming. Kerry Stewart made a motion to defer this to the officials committee to study. Lucas Smith made the second and the motion carried.

Technical Planning Chair Dan’l Murray gave his report from the coaches’ meeting earlier in the day. Kevin made a motion to accept his report. It was seconded by Robert Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Finance Chair Kelli Jacobs gave the budget report (see handout). A motion to accept her report was made by Wade Heggie to accept the report. It was seconded by Alan Branson.

Motion carried. Kelli made a motion to have Earl King serve as our internal auditor and to authorize him to look at all banking documents. Kevin Cox seconded this and the motion carried.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers:

General Chair Doug Welch (MMST)

Administrative Chair Barbara Aguirre (SWAT)

Senior Chair Lucas Smith

Age Group Chair Marcy Rushing (UNAT)

Secretary Misty Little (LSAM)

Treasurer Lois Colson (UNAT)

Registration Candace Loper (UNAT)

Officials Alan Branson (MMST)

Safety Jamie Lee (BEST)

Finance Kevin Cox (DAC)

Technical Planning Mathew Mixon (VSAI)

David Orr was nominated from the floor for Age Group Chair. A motion was made by Brian Ware to accept the nominating committee’s slate for the rest of the offices. Marcy Rushing won the election. Eddie Ware moved that the ballots be destroyed. It was seconded by Candace Loper and approved.

General Chair Barbara Aguirre asked for nominations for the Board of Review. The following were nominated: Ty Stewart (athlete), Chris Deaton, Kelli Jacobs, Mathew Mixon, Kim Orman, and Patrick Lane (athlete). Doug Welch made a motion to accept these nominees by acclamation; it was seconded by Jamie Lee. Motion carried. Three alternates were also nominated: Robert Gonzalez, Jr.; Dan’l Murray, and Jamie Lee. Doug moved to accept these by acclamation; seconded by Eddie Ware. Motion carried.

Discussion:

All-star meet will be March 19, 1011 (hand-out attached).

In board of directors the zone meet was sent to a committee of athletes for study.

Candace went over information that she currently had on background checks and will be sending out registration forms as soon as possible.

Announcements:

Mathew Mixon discussed open water and the recent tragedy of Fran Crippen.

Zone Coaches/Managers for 2011 will be announced at the spring meeting.

By-laws, policies, procedures are on the website along with the minutes from 1985-2010.

Barbara Aguirre encouraged members to nominate volunteers for the Maxwell Award.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Mayers

Acting Secretary