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SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



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### **Minutes of the**

Michigan Swimming Board of Directors Meeting  
September 7, 2008  
MSU Campus, 208 IM Sports West, East Lansing, MI 48824

**Voting board members in attendance:** Mick Cruce (NS, Secretary), Margaret Green (DRD – Program Operations Co-Vice Chair), Mike Lane (BAC – Jr. Athlete Rep.), John Loria (LCSC – Finance Vice-Chair), Dan Meconis (UN – Officials Chair), Robert L Merchant (UN – General Chair), Mike O'Connor (PA – Sr. Coach Rep), Steve Potter (EGRA – Treasurer), Damon Robertson (CAST, Program Dev. - Vice-Chair), Michael Rogers (SST – Administrative Vice Chair), Bailey Weathers (Safety Coordinator) and Julie Youngquist (LAC – Jr. Coach Representative).

**Voting board members absent:** David Brace (UN – Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair), Madeline Gillen (CW–Sr. Athlete Rep.).

**Others in attendance:** Jan Cartmill (MS Office), Kirk Nissley (NTV)

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by General Chair Bob Merchant.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the June 8, 2008 minutes with the following corrections: (1) under voting members in attendance, corrected titles of David Brace and Margaret Green to Program Operations Co Vice Chair (not Program Dev.) and Damon Robertson to Program Development Vice-Chair (deleted "Co"); (2) Program Operations report should include: "Although the four hour rule currently published in February 2008 does not match legislation passed at the 2007 HOD meeting, both PCC and CW violations are in accordance with the February 2008 published rule because that is the rule currently in effect;" (3) Finance report should indicate that 6 meets this year(not last year) qualified for travel fund reimbursement and late reimbursement request was for \$400 (not \$350). **Motion passed.**

**Old Business:** Regarding NT (no time) entries, Clubs may indicate in their meet packets that NT entries are not allowed. Since Meet Manager has the capability to assign times, this will hopefully result in coaches entering times.

**New Business:** None

## **Report of Officers:**

### **General Chairman – Bob Merchant**

There are many new open officer positions and important legislative items slated for the USAS Convention (September 23–28, 2008) in Atlanta. Those attending should review these items on the USA Swimming website. Bob requested notification ASAP if any athlete representatives are planning on attending. Kurt Nissley commented there are approximately 40 rule proposals on the slate at the convention and cited concerns regarding restrictions on topics including officiating, pool measurements, meet approvals, athlete recruiting, coaches on deck, etc. (R5, R13, R23, R31, R37).

**Secretary – Mick Cruce** – No report.

**Treasurer – Steve Potter** – The second quarter asset reports were reviewed. The net checking account total was \$34,822.77 with total assets of \$234,929.73. Meet income was \$12,992 in the third quarter and brokerage accounts increased 5%. The budget is very stable and on track. Although funds are guaranteed by the FDIC, Bank CDs will be reviewed to ensure we are investing funds with large and well capitalized banks. Future budget consideration was requested for pool certifications and a limited Official's expense reimbursement for national level championships. Award prices are increasing and Margaret Green would like the numbers/costs for last year's awards. Damon Robertson has an inventory of ribbons and will determine and advise his inventory.

## **Reports of Division Chairmen:**

**Administrative Vice-Chair – Michael Rogers** – The latest By-Law and Rules & Regulations revisions were difficult to complete and some revisions require approval by USA Swimming. We need to be precise in drafting language going forward to ensure the revisions are accurate and implemented on a timely basis. The next Board of Directors meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2009 at MSU. Michael hopes to hold meetings centrally at MSU at least quarterly. The HOD meeting will be held early in 2009.

**Athlete Division – Madeline Gillen/Mike Lane** – No report.

**Board of Review – Damon Robertson** – There is only one item under investigation which will be forwarded to Bob Merchant.

**Coach Division – Mike O'Connor** – (1) The Officials did a great job at the Long Course State meet which went very well. Time standards were not in the event file (400/500/800/1650) due to a glitch in the software program and had to be entered manually. This will be reviewed with Hy-Tek at the convention. (2) The 2008/2009 meet schedule has a gap (especially for the 13/14 age group) between the last regular meet and the State meet. (3) All Oakland University pool contracts must be reviewed by their Risk Management Board to ensure they are protected. This could result in some insurance issues. (4) The process for approval and sanctioning of Club meets outside of Michigan Swimming previously raised by Jeff Cooper was discussed. At a minimum, Clubs would have to obtain their own insurance and there are financial implications to Michigan swimming. To pursue further, Jeff Cooper needs to

submit a proposal outlining the request to Bob Merchant for review and consideration.

**Coach Division – Julie Youngquist** – (1) The faster qualification times worked very well for the LC-State meet, especially the relays. (2) Julie is representing MS on the committee for The IM Xtreme National Games that will be reviewed at the USAS Convention. The program is designed to promote age group swimming at the national level. Athlete ages 11-16 qualify.

**Finance – John Loria** – John reviewed the MS 2008 budget versus actual with the Board. The new Athlete Outreach Verification and Travel Fund Reimbursement forms are on the MS website. These forms will be sent separately to Clubs to ensure their awareness. There are 19 Clubs and 55 participants scheduled for the September 13, 2008 Hy-Tek seminar at Okemos High School. Thanks to Michigan Swimming for supporting this training.

**Program Development – Damon Robertson** – Damon reported that the 2009 time standards have been issued and are significantly faster than present standards. The JO standards should be issued by the end of the week and will also be faster. A significant number of relays did not make the cuts at the LC-State meet. It was suggested MS consider SC meters time standards. The Disability Swim Meet is May 15-17, 2009 and should be included on the next schedule.

**Adapted Swimming – Shawn Kornoelje** – No report

**Program Operations – Margaret Green** – The Club Wolverine (CW) Four Hour Rule violation (Rule) was reviewed including CW's letter from Maggie Stevens challenging the violation and David Brace's email response to CW (there was no representative in attendance representing CW regarding this violation at this BOD meeting). The fine is \$500 per session for two sessions in violation of the Rule in accordance with Michigan Swimming Rules and Procedures IV.H. After discussion, the MS Board concurred with David Brace's interpretation and recommendation regarding the Rule fine amounts previously provided by him to CW. These violations are based on the Rule as published in February 2008 and therefore no vote was deemed required.

A Four Hour Rule (Rule) revision was presented for Board discussion and approval. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the Rule revision with the following corrections: (1) ABC Festivals was deleted as an exception to the Rule (H. initial paragraph, line 2); (2) the heat interval was revised to 30 seconds (from 20 seconds) for sessions with 10 & U events (H. paragraph 5.b.); and, (3) Add "Program Operations will be responsible for notifying all parties involved" regarding penalties (H. paragraph 7. a. 4<sup>th</sup> sub-paragraph). **Motion passed.**

## **Report of Committees / Coordinators**

### **Officials—Dan Meconis**

Dan reported that Junior Nationals had 1378 athletes entered representing 432 teams and that an Olympic trial cut was necessary to make top 8. The morning session went over 5 hours.

**Safety – Bailey Weathers** – No report.

**Open Water – Steve Potter** – Steve attended the National 10K meet and this event is now an Olympic sport.

**Recognition & Michigan Swim Office – Jan Cartmill / Kirk Nissley**

(1) Jan reported and provided an attachment on Registration Statistics 2004-2008 for Michigan LSC. As of today, there are 7,612 athletes, 536 non-athletes and 77 clubs (Brighton Eels have been added as a new club). Final 2007— 7,598 athletes, 505 non-athletes and 79 clubs; (2) Jan is updating the Official's Listing and is awaiting responses from Officials (should be on the website by 9/12); (3) Coaches background screens coming due in the next 6 months should be submitting them now; (4) Jan is having difficulty obtaining timely Championship Meet results (waiting on State). Damon will provide meet backups for Olympic Trials and Junior Nationals; and, (5) Top 16 records will convert to Top 10 next year.

Kirk advised that Observed Meets are under control and working well. Mike Rogers indicated rules should be completed by the end of the week. Further clarification is needed regarding requirements (non-MS meets) for State Meet entries.

**MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

The next MS Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2009 at MSU. The meeting information will be distributed once the date, time and location is confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Cruce  
Secretary, Michigan Swimming