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Minutes of the

Michigan Swimming House of Delegates Meeting

September 26, 2010

MSU Campus, 208 IM Sports West

East Lansing, MI 48824

Voting board members in attendance: Scott Appleyard (Officials Chair), Michael Cutler (ROCK, Sr. Coach Rep), Dave Goble (UN, Secretary), Margaret Green (DRD, Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair), Andy Jensen (CW, Jr. Athlete Rep), Steve Potter (EGRA, Treasurer), Damon Robertson (S, Program Development Vice-Chair), Michael Rogers, (SST, Administrative Vice-Chair), Bailey Weathers (CW, Safety Coordinator), Jeff Wilkins (DRD, Finance Vice-Chair), Julie Youngquist (LAC, General Chair), Erica Zuercher (USSC, Jr Coach Rep.).

Voting board members absent: Courtney Bartholomew (MLA, Jr. Athlete Rep.), Clay Youngquist (LAC, Sr. Athlete Rep.), Heidi Miklos (CW, Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair).

Voting delegates in attendance: Bill Copland (DEL), Brandon Converse (EGRA), Bryant Steele (SAC), Caroline Clement (JAWS), Charisse Nilles (BAC), Don Kimble (MLA), Jeff Cooper (OLY), Joe McBratnie (KAW), John Drain (PSC), John Loria (LCSC), John Mihalik (DRD), Josh Morgan (PCC), JP Merchant (SC), Laurie Davenport (L), Mark Mattox (GLA), Mary Jensen (CW), Mike O'Connor (PA), Mike Torrey (WMS) and Patrick Saucedo (S).

Others in attendance: Jan Cartmill (MS Office), Kirk Nissley (NTV) Gail Dummer (UN – Disability).

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by General Chair Julie Youngquist.

Gail Dummer addressed the HoD, presenting the 2010 Disability Swimming LSC Service Award to **John Loria**. The purpose of this award is to recognize significant contributions by an individual or group to the inclusion of swimmers with a disability in USA Swimming programs or in the sport of swimming. Cindy Millen Roberts summarized John's qualifications, saying "he is the perfect representative for everything good about our meet, about Paralympic swimming in the US, and about what an official should be!!!" Gail also spoke about our other award winners.

Shawn Kornoeije was co-recipient of the 2010 James Raymond "Jimi" flowers Coach of the Year Award. **Robert Laughna** is a recipient of a 2010 Disability Swimming LSC Service Award. **Cheryl Angelelli** received honorable mention for the 2010 Disability Swimmer of the Year Award. **Gail Dummer** failed to inform the House that she received the 2010 Women in Swimming Award. This award is presented to a woman who has contributed years of outstanding service to swimming.

Old Business: None reported.

New Business:

Proposed Rule Changes –

1. Long Course State Meet changed to 4 day meet. Withdrawn by Damon Robertson

2. State Championship Entry, Part V.

The meet hosts of the 12 and Under SCY State Meet, the 13/14 and Open SCY State Meet and the LCM State Meets must use the USA Swimming On-Line Meet entry system to accept entries for these meets. Note: Custom times will be accepted.

Motion: Jeff Wilkins second Mike Cutler. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10.

3. State Championship Proof of Individual Entry Times. Part V.

State Meet qualifying proof of times for events not contained in the “SWIMS” database. MS will accept all times from any USA Swimming Sanctioned, Observed or Approved Meet. MS will also accept all times from meets Sanctioned by National Governing Bodies to include College, High School, Masters, YMCA and foreign meets approved by FINA, that are run on approved meet management software and within the qualifying period.

Motion: Gail Dummer second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10.

4. Distance Events at State Meets

That all 800/1000’s and 1500/1650’s at the State Meet will be run together fastest to slowest alternation heats by gender, with the computer sorting out the 13-14 and open age groups for awards and scoring after the completion of the event. Carefully consult the Heat Sheet posted on deck for your heat and lane assignment.

Motion: Scott Appleyard second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

5. Long course State Meet changed to 2 Meets

That the Long Course State Championship be split into 2 meets. One would be an age group championship (14 and under) with the following age groups 10 and Under (TF) 11-12 (P/F) and 13-14 (P/F). The other would be an Open Senior meet (P/F). Each would be run as a three day meet with the order of events to be determined by the technical committee.

It is recommended having the Age Group meet on the same weekend as our current state championship and the senior meet prior to Sections, Jr Nationals and Sr. Nationals. Each meet would receive \$6000.00 from MI swim to help offset pool rental along with awards and the admin official being paid.

Friendly amendment to allow Technical Committee to determine if 11-12 and 13-14 age group swim (P/F) or (TF).

Motion: Jeff Cooper second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

6. Proof of Times procedure for State Meets. Merged with item #3 above.

7. Late State Meet entry.

A Coach or an Entry Chair who has made an honest mistake and inadvertently failed to enter a swimmer and /or swimmers in an event by the entry deadline may then do so by: a) entering the athlete(s) and /or event(s) by the start of the general meeting which occurs prior to the beginning of the meet. b) paying a fee of \$50 per swimmer or \$100 per relay and double the entry fee for the event, and c) providing a paper proof of time (meet results) to the Meet Referee at the time of the entry. If the swimmer is allowed to compete under this subsection, the heats will not be reseeded and the swimmer will be seeded in an open lane in the slowest heat. These fees will go to the meet host for the administrative burden resulting for late entry. If there is a question as to whether the omission was actually "Inadvertent", the Meet Referee shall use his or her discretion in determining the matter. The Meet Referee's decision is final and non appealable.

Motion: Julie Youngquist second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

8. Increase State Meet entry fees for individual events.

Individual entry fee to be raised to \$7.50. Will bring cost of State Meet into line with our Senior Meets and Sectionals. Relay fees to remain at \$12.00 per relay. Relay fees are often paid from clubs general funds so raising those fees are arguably more difficult.

Motion: Caroline Clement second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

9. Require timers for State Meet distance events.

Host club will provide 1 timer per lane for preliminaries on freestyle distance events of 800meters and/or yards and longer. The swimmer will provide the second timer for their individual swim.

Motion: Dave Goble second Margaret Green. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

10. Meet Surcharges/Additional Fees

Any surcharge (or additional costs) for meet entry such as an athlete surcharge, facility surcharge, team surcharge, administrative surcharge, etc. are in the discretion of the LSC and cannot be included in entry fees by the meet host.

Motion: Dave Goble second Margaret Green

11. New Sanction and Approval Forms/Clarifies and Summarizes LSC Fees

SANCTIONS:

a) Open Invitational's, Districts, and Junior Olympics on MS Published Meet Schedule
5% of total Entry Fees (including scratches) and \$1.00 Athlete surcharge.
Paid after meet.

b) State Championships SCY and LCM
10% of total entry fees (including scratches) and \$3.00 Athlete surcharge.
Paid after meet.

c) Off the Published Meet Schedule (all USA Clubs)
Dual (two USA Clubs) - \$200
Tri (three USA Clubs) - \$300
Quads (four USA Clubs) \$400
Small Invitational's (5-7 USA Clubs)

Host Club will pay the lesser of Published Dual, Tri, Quad or Small Invitational meet fee or 5% of total entry fee (Example: 100 swimmers X 3 events X \$4.00 per event = \$1200.00. 5% of \$1200.00 is \$60.00). MS assumes standard event entry fee of \$4.00.

Paid after meet.

APPROVALS:

- a) USA clubs – No charge for Open Water, Black Heritage, and Disability meets.
- b) YMCA Clubs – Closed YMCA Invitational's, Clusters, State or Zone - \$250 paid prior to meet.
- c) Non USA Clubs – State Games, Park and Rec., AAU, etc. - \$250 paid prior to meet.
- d) USA Clubs – Approval thru USA Program Operations Form F - \$100 paid prior to meet.

OBSERVATIONS:

- a) No charge for application, review, possible authorization and administrative tasks.

Motion: Dave Goble second Caroline Clement. **Passed** effective 10/1/10

As part of this Kirk created forms for bids Sanctioned Open Invitational meets on the schedule, Appendix 2-A. Request for “off the published meet schedule” closed sanctioned meet, appendix 2-B. Request for approved meet, appendix 2-C. YMCA request for approved meet, appendix 2-D. Meet approval request to MS and USA Program Operations, Form F

12. Mark Mattox (GLA) Request for “Swim for Success” Funding

MS will provide \$5000 funding for 15/16 children to participate in the GLA “Swim for Success” program running for 12 weeks this fall. MS will need a full accounting of how funds were used and how children progressed during that 12 week program. MS will address how we may be able to help in the future.

Motion: Jeff Cooper second Dave Goble. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

13. Four hour Rule penalty Change

Any backup file submitted in which any session violates this rule (is over 4 hours) and the actual elapsed time of the meet is less than 4 hours will not incur a penalty. Any backup file submitted in which the time line is less than 4 hours and the actual time of the meet is longer than 4 hour will not be penalized. Friendly amendment: Program Ops will accept MM backup with a 10% cushion over 4 hours (to a maximum of 4:24). MS will reevaluate after the SC season.

Motion: Dave Goble/Margaret Green **Passed**, effective 10/1/10.

14. Four Hour rule Change to National Rule.

The application of the 4 hour rule in Michigan Swimming will only apply to those age groups that are 12 and under.

Motion: Damon Roberson second Jeff Cooper. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10.

15. All requests for sanctions of time trials, dual meets, tri meets and closed invitationals shall be automatically granted provided they meet the requirements as stated in the National Rule Book

Motion: Julie Youngquist second Jeff Cooper. **Passed**, effective 10/1/10

16. Eliminate LCM State Meet. Withdrawn by Mike O'Connor

Damon Robertson: Convention Report

1. Age Group zone meet will be at IUPUI next summer. Senior meet will be in Indiana about 20 miles south of Indianapolis.

2. New background checks program is in development with effective start of Jan. 1, 2011. If your check expires between now and then you do not have to renew until new program comes on line.

3. New Education program passed and will take effect on Jan. 1, 2011. All non – athlete members will have to complete every 3 years.

4. All non-athlete members will have to pass background check.

5. New code of Conduct provision put into place for athlete protection.

6. New guidelines for coaches put into place for athlete protection.

7. Next year convention is in Jacksonville, FL.

8. All swimmers at practice must be registered with USA Swimming.

9. Coaches must be 18 years of age. Helpers can be under 18 if under coach supervision.

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Motion Robertson, second Scott Appleyard. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Goble

Secretary