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MEETING MINUTES

Michigan Swimming Inc.
Sunday, August 18, 2013

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Geneen Bradley (TSSD – Diversity), Vince Gallant (BBA – Jr. Coach Rep), Adam Hopkins (MLA – Safe Sport), Joe McBratnie (KAW – Program Development); Dan Meconis (UN – Finance Vice-Chair), Dakota Noble (ROCK – At-Large Athlete), Mary Perczak (SLA – Treasurer), Damon Robertson (S – Program Operations), Jeff Wilkins (UN - General Chair), Erica Zuercher (USSC – Sr. Coach Rep).

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nick Arakelian (KAW – Jr. Athlete Rep.), Dawn Gurley (KAW – Officials Chair), Steve Potter (EGRA – Admin Vice-Chair), Kate Rogers (PCC – Sr. Athlete Rep).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jan Cartmill (MS Office), Brandon Converse, (EGRA Head Coach), Laurie Davenport (Lakers), Troy Emmons (MLA Head Coach), Chris Ferrara (LCSC), John Loria (MS Office), Ahern Naylis (OLY), Josh Wood (LATS, Head Coach).

CALL TO ORDER: Jeff Wilkins, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Due to the Pat Lilley's recent resignation from the position of Board Secretary, minutes from the July 27, 2013 meeting were not available at the time of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. DISTRICT & JO MEETS:** Information regarding these will be presented at upcoming HoD meeting.
- 2. Delegation to USAS Convention:** MS is sending 12 members (including 2 athletes) to these meetings in Garden Grove, CA, September 11-14, 2013.
- 3. Time Standards:** Tabled until HoD meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The following proposals for HoD (full versions of all proposals are in attached zip file) were reviewed. Changes suggested by the BoD are in red and underlined below.

- 1.** Hopkins 1—Credential Update (p 26-27 R&P): Last sentence of paragraph 1 will be changed to read as follows: Personal assistants / helpers of disability athletes **shall** (change should to shall) be permitted when requested by a disability athlete or coach of disability athletes.
- 2.** Hopkins 2—EAP Template at time of meet sanction.
- 3.** Hopkins 3—Standardized template for EAPs (p 70 R&P).
- 4.** Hopkins 4—Submitting EAPs at time of annual registration: If this passes, it will need to be added to the 2014 club registration materials—Jan will hold up sending out club applications until after HoD meeting.
- 5.** Hopkins 5—Remove responsibility for Safe Sport Coordinator to collect EAPs and add to meet sanctioning process (p 77 R&P)
- 6.** Hopkins 6—Remove paragraph re EAPs from Safety at Swim Meets (p 68 R&P)
- 7.** Loria 1—Addition of commercial logos to website (p 56 R&P)
- 8.** McBratnie 1—District & JO Championships (p 14 & 15 R&P)—insert "may" in part E. so that it reads as follows: MS **may** conducts **conduct** multiple "Junior Olympic" (JO) Championship Meets.
- 9.** McBratnie 2—Availability period for time standards (p 16 & 17 R&P): change to read as follows: Time standards ~~are~~ **will be** available on the MS website after the HOD Meeting.
- 10.** McBratnie 3—District Meet Quantity (p 38 R&P)

11. McBratnie 4—JO Meet Quantity (p 40 R&P)—change to read as follows:
"Multiple ~~(more than one)~~ Junior Olympic (JO) Championship Meets will may be held on the same weekend at different venues within the state.
12. McBratnie 5—JO Meet Awards Ceremonies (p 41 R&P)—change proposal to: The JO Championship Meets ~~shall not~~ may have awards ceremonies—see meet packet.
13. McBratnie 6—Financial Statement for Outreach (p 67 R&P)
14. McBratnie 6a—Sample financial statement
15. McBratnie 7—Leave titles, remove names (p 110 R&P)—**this does not need to be voted on—the change will just be made.**
16. Meconis 1—Scratch rule elimination (p 23 & 98 R&P)
17. Robertson 1 – Spectator fee (p 26 R&P)
18. Wilkins 1 –Handling of proposed amendments to R&P at HoD (p 10-12 R&P)
19. Zuercher 1—Strike statement that NT entries are not eligible for awards (p 19 R&P)
20. Zuercher 2—Addition of Coach Reps to approve changes to time standards (p 17 R&P). **After discussion, this proposal was withdrawn by Erica Z.**

Motion made by Damon Robertson and seconded by Dan Meconis that today's proposals be sent to HoD for approval. Motion passed. These will require 50% approval for passage at HoD.

Authors of above proposals are responsible for making suggested changes and returning them to the MS Office so they may be sent with the information regarding the HoD Meeting.

In addition, Ahern Naylis presented a listing from Paul Jones "proposed to be written and prepared for the September HoD...to clarify the responsibilities of the LSC Board of Review." These are not in the form of proposals. Items on this list would require changes to the Bylaws which must then be approved by USA Swimming. Furthermore, proposed bylaw changes require 30-day prior submission—they may not be made from the floor at the HoD meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chair – Jeff Wilkins: Randy Julian and two others from USA Swimming will attend the HoD Meeting. They will present a review our LSC over time. They will be in Michigan on Thursday prior to the

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meeting on Sunday and will be available for other meetings on Friday and Saturday. MS will host a dinner meeting with them and the Board of Directors on Saturday evening.

Secretary – No report.

Treasurer – Mary Perczak: will have end of year report available at HoD.

REPORT OF DIVISION CHAIRS:

Administrative Vice-Chair – No report.

Athlete Division – Dakota Noble (ROCK) is our new at-large athlete rep.

Board of Review – No report.

Coach Division – Vince Gallant: Vince is interested in obtaining a camp with national level athletes from Michigan at the Olympic Training Center. He will investigate.

Finance Vice-Chair – Dan Meconis: Dan noted that he received two athlete reimbursement requests from one club several weeks after the deadline. He needs approval to pay. **Motion** by Dan Meconis, seconded by Damon Robertson that these be paid. **Motion passed.**

Program Development – Joe McBratnie: No report.

Disability Swimming – John Loria: World dwarf games were held in early August. Competition for most sports was held at MSU but the swimming competition was conducted at Mason High School. 17 countries were represented. Meet referees Ron Reinke, John Loria, Casey Kern, Chuck Krochmal and Dave Goble volunteered their time to work at the swimming venue.

Program Operations – Damon Robertson:

- CUDA missed the meet bid process – apparently they never received the email. They would like to host a meet on February 15-16, 2014 at SVSU. **Motion** by Damon, seconded by Dan Meconis to add this meet to the existing schedule. **Motion passed.**
- 151 Michigan athletes attended the 14 U Central Zone Meet at the Spire Institute and came away with 2nd place overall, several Zone Records and a few State Records. Coaches were Joe McBratnie, Erin Tramper, Dave Carson, Alex Brinks, Derek Schmitt and Damon Robertson.
- Damon is ordering ribbons for 9th-16th place relays for state meets (same as for individual events).
- The Speedo rep has proposed that the LSC sign a contract with them. They would provide various items in exchange for being the preferred vendor at meets hosted by the LSC (e.g. State Championships) and a

Speedo logo on the MS website. It was pointed out that some of the facilities where these meets are hosted already have arrangements with Speedo competitors (e.g. Arena). Damon will get additional information and present it to the Board at a later date.

- A travel camp for Zone-level swimmers at the Spire Institute may be in the works. It would involve several LSCs and be held sometime prior to the 2014 14U Zone Meet.

Diversity – Geneen Bradley:

- Committee wants to host a Diversity Camp somewhere in west Michigan – they are working with GRNS. Will finalize plans after summer vacation.
- As part of their Outreach efforts, GRNS has worked with 33 swimmers from their Latino population. A couple of them have graduated into the regular GRNS team.
- Michigan sent 13 athletes to the June Diversity Meet in Illinois. 12 of these athletes made it to the podium at least twice.
- One goal of this committee is to have the MS LSC host a multi-cultural meet.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES / COORDINATORS:

Officials – Mary Perczak in Dawn Gurley's absence:

- Administrative Official training is scheduled to be held at Okemos. Clubs hosting meets must either send folks to be trained as AOs or hire one to work their meets. For this year only, since we only have one AO at this time, an individual can work sessions at the meet they are hosting; however, they must first attend the AO training on the 21st.
- Since MS now pays for Officials at District and JO Meets Dawn would like to be able to assign officials to work those meets so that they could be used as a training ground for other officials.
- There will be an Official's Clinic the Saturday morning of the Pentathlon.

Safe Sport – Adam Hopkins: No report.

Open Water – Steve Potter: No report.

NTV – Damon Robertson: No report.

MS Office - Jan Cartmill:

- 10,192 athletes, 603 non-athletes and 87 clubs were registered in 2014.
- A hyperlinked "Club Information" report has been prepared which can be added to the MS website. It is in Club Code order and contains a link to the club website, the name, email and phone number for the club delegate as well as the name, email and phone number of the

find-a-club contact. The 2014 non-athlete and club applications will be modified to allow individuals to opt out if they do not want to have their information published in this or other listings.

- The Top Times listing is probably no longer necessary since SWIMS produces a more accurate version which includes all the USA meets in which an individual has participated (in Michigan and elsewhere). Keeping the club codes up to date for athletes who transfer from one club to another has proved to be nearly impossible and would require hours of work since the MS Office has been split into two separate locations. This is because Hy-Tek retains the first club code the athlete had when they swam in their first meet unless these are manually updated at the time transfers occur. Jan processes the transfers but the Top Times database is with John. Parents send us many emails each month to report that their children's results are reported under the wrong club. It was agreed that the link between TSO (top times) and the Michigan Swimming website would be discontinued as of September 1st. Folks who search the MS website for top times will be directed to the USA Swimming website's Individual Times Search.

John Loria:

John noted that Hy-Tek clinics may be offered at other locations at a later date but that the Touch Pad clinic will be offered at the September 21st meeting only.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Vince Gallant, seconded by Damon Robertson to adjourn at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Cartmill
MS Office Administrator