

## Minnesota Swimming, Incorporated Board of Directors

## Minutes of the Meeting of April 15, 2003 (Quorum equals 7 people)

**Present: Executive Board Members:** David Braun (General Chair), Joel Shinofeld (Admin), Paul Lundsten (Sr Coach Rep), Jack Boder (Finance)

**Other Board Members:** Tim Mann (Secretary), Rocky O'Neil (Technical), Kathy Czuprynski (Safety), Michael Bougie (Officials), Dennis Dale (Junior Coach Rep)

**Appointed Committee Members:** Paul Windrath (Top 16 / Records)

**MSI Staff:** Cassy Shapley, Sheryl McGuire

**Non-Board Members:** Ellen Youngers (ROC), Natalie Kuramoto (MCA), Bob Pearson (MAC), Tim Stepp (STRM), Brent James (STRM), Quinton Anderson (STRM), Olga Splichacova (SCSC), Jim Hanton (MVSC), Dave Cameron (MYWO), Matt Brown (EDI), Chip Fechter (NLA), Dave Bentz (NLA)

Meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 7:38 p.m.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the meeting for February 18, 2003 Seconded; Passed with corrections  
(Add Matt Brown (FOXJ) to attendance).

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the special meeting for March 12, 2003 Seconded; Passed with no corrections

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| <b>Officer Reports</b> |
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**General Chair:** Dave Braun

- Ron Van Pool (USAS President) & Wells O'Brien (USAS General Counsel) will attend a dinner in their honor at the Minnetonka Country Club with the MSI Board members on May 16, 2003.
- Established a Club Management Program that will go to outstate sites as well as metro sites. Cassy will have more information later in the meeting.
- Change in Agenda from now on. There will be no more closed door sessions unless personnel or Board of Review issues.

**Administrative Vice Chair:** Joel Shinofeld

- Policy and Procedure Manual will be finished by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Senior Vice Chair:** Jean Freeman

- There were six Minnesota swimmers entered in the Spring Nationals Championship meet
  - Michael Zee of Burnsville had an even swim for the 200 Back
  - Katie Braun of Foxjets
  - Roxanne Akradi (Unattached)
  - Alicia Jensen of Northern Lights Aquatics
  - Terry Silkaitis of U of MN named Rookie of the Meet with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 100 Free
  - Mike Brown of U of MN competed in 100 Breast (5<sup>th</sup>), 200 Breast (3<sup>rd</sup>), and 200 IM (11<sup>th</sup>)
- Reimbursement Forms are due to Cassy by May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Age Group Chair:** Drew Walden **Not Present – Written Report**

After talking with a variety of coaches at the Senior State meet, I would like to present the following ideas that were expressed. The main concern of most coaches is the length of the sessions and how little excitement there is during finals. If we go with the concept that the State meet is the "crown jewel" of our season, we need to create a meet that is not just a marathon of heat after heat of swimmers. There is also a concern that quality of swimming is being hindered by the present format.

Factoids:

- 247 individual women qualifiers with 1,167 splashes for an average of 4.7 swims per female.
- 192 male qualifiers with 827 splashes for an average of 4.3 swims per male.
- There were 46% improved times for Women
- There were 54% improved times for the Men
- There were 22% of both Women and Men's times that did not achieve the Meet qualifying standards.

I) Issue: There were too many bonus races. This viewpoint was almost unanimously voiced at the Senior State meet.

II) Issue: 400 IM and 500 Free Prelims/Finals issue. This viewpoint is mine. If these are to be swum as prelim/final, then all 16 swimmers should be allowed to compete in finals. It is unfair not to allow the 9-16<sup>th</sup> place swimmers a chance to improve their time or place while the 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> swimmers may lose their place and points due to disqualification.

III) Proof of Times: Perhaps a committee of people could look at the results after the State meet and any time that did not make the cut (and was not identified as a bonus swim) that had no "proof of time" meet location could then be required to provide proof to the committee, or pay.

IV) Change the meet to either just a Senior meet by putting the 13-14's with the 12 & Unders State meet or have the 13-14 and 15 & overs as the only age groups. This allows for a smaller finals and would allow for more "pomp and circumstance" to jazz up the meet.

V) Have the event limit less, more in line with Zones (6).

VI) Have the meet schedule end earlier in the season.

I would like to see a committee be formed to discuss these and other ideas that would be in the best interest of Minnesota Swimming at the State Meet level and then present them to the LSC, especially any ideas that could upgrade the upcoming summer meet.

Notes from Joel Shinofeld & David Braun :

- Kim Olson is assuming position as Head Coach for Zone team
- There will be a proposal at the May meeting to end MSI running TeaMinnesota primarily for liability reasons.

Finance Vice-Chair: Jack Boder

- YTD Budget
- Accounting Manual available at May BOD meeting.

Senior Coach Representative: Dennis Dale

- Dual in the Pool: U.S. vs Australia was an exciting meet with the U.S. very dominant.

Junior Coach Representative: Paul Lundsten

- Will propose legislation for May meeting regarding. Make One / Swim One at the May meeting.

Senior Athlete Representative: Chad Krastins Not Present / No Report

Junior Athlete Representative: Sarah Sofelt Not Present / No Report

**Voting Committee Chair / Coordinator Reports**

Technical Planning Chair: Rocky O'Neill

- Order of Events Committee is "alive and kicking".

Safety Coordinator: Kathy Czuprynski

No Report

**Official's Committee Chair:** Michael Bougie

- There are 130 Officials. 37 have obtained Referee certification, 20 are certified as Starters, and 73 are certified as Stroke-and-Turn Officials
- Clubs are reminded that for dual meets and inter-squad meets, one referee and one starter are required. A referee cannot be the starter. For all other meets, a referee, a starter, and a minimum of two stroke-and-turn officials are required. (See Rule 102.12.3 for details)

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| <b>Non-Voting Standing Committee Chair Reports</b> |
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**Legislative Chair:** Jim Goetz

- Bylaw changes have been completed and reviewed. Some clarifications from the Administrative Vice-Chair are still needed before the final copy will be ready.
- Will have some suggestions to clarify powers / procedures / policies to bring before the House of Delegates.
- General Chair wanted it noted in the minutes that the deadline for finalizing the Bylaws was met.

**Adapted Swimming Chair:** Marlene Goblisch    **Not Present / No Report**

**NTV Chair:** David Shapley    **Not Present / No Report**

**Equipment Chair:** Ron Murphy    **Not Present / No Report**

**Public Relations Chair:** Molly Loomis    **Not Present / No Report**

**Registration – Membership Chair / Office:** Cassy Shapley

- 4731 Athletes in Apr 2003 (4713 Apr, 2002, 4678 Apr 2001)
  - 4718 Regular (4697, 4606)
  - 13 Seasonal (16, 72)
- Non-athlete members: 547 (510, 532)
- Clubs: 65 (63, 63)
- Organizations 1 (2, 1)
- Club Management Course will be June 6 – 6 hour course. Recommend that Head Coach, Club President and more members attend. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the course.

**Records Chair:** Paul Windrath

- Many MN open records have been broken this past year.

**Top 16 Coordinator:** Paul Windrath

- All times have been sent to National for Top 16.

**Swim Meet Sanction Coordinator:** Sheryl McGuire    **No Report**

**Outreach Coordinator:** Joel SHinofeld    **No Report**

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| New Business |
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## State Meet Evaluations (Michael Bougie)

- The Age Group State Meet went well. There were some record setting swims.
- The Senior State meet also went well.
- Reminder to everyone not to expect a break during the meet if it is not in the meet information. Competing in back-to-back events is done at your own risk – there is no guaranteed time between swims.
- Thanks to all of the officials that worked the two meets. It was a job well done.

## New Legislation: 15m Lane Line Markers

**Motion: (Michael Bougie, seconded by Dennis Dale) To require host clubs to follow Rule 103.13 regarding marking lane lines for competition. All lane lines shall be so marked for competition. Any club holding a meet in a pool where the lane lines do not conform will be subject to a \$50 per session fine. Defeated, not unanimous.**

## New Legislation: Fly-over starts.

**Motion: (Michael Bougie, seconded by Dennis Dale) To require fly-over starts at all meets except for the finals session of a prelim-final meet; or at the meet referee's discretion. Passed, unanimous.**

**Motion: (Tim Mann, seconded by Paul Lundsten). End open session and move into closed session.  
Passed, unanimous.**

**Motion to adjourn at: 9:35pm Passed, Unanimous.**

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| Closed Session of the Board |
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Motion: In reference to matter of alleged falsified times during AB / ABC Finals by host club: to accept letter of explanation and apology from Storm Swim Club dated March 19, 2003, impose a \$400 fine on club and a \$100 fine on head coach. Passed, unanimous.

Motion: To hire an attorney for consultation. Passed, unanimous.

Motion: To suspend the club charter of the Rochester Swim Club until they comply with requests for information by Bougie, Windrath, and Braun in regard to the investigation of the complaint filed by Teter. Suspension to begin on Thursday, April 17, 2003 when Orcas will be notified via certified mail. Passed, unanimous.

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| Note this action was amended during a conference telephone call of the voting members of the MSI Board of Directors on Monday, April 21 when it was realized that the action would not allow the Orcas to hold practices because liability insurance coverage would be affected. |
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| Motion changed to read: To prohibit the Rochester Swim Club Orcas from competing as a team during sanctioned meets. Swimmers may compete as unattached swimmers, but may not enter relays or score team points. This action will remain in effect until the Orcas comply with requests for information by Bougie, Windrath, and Braun in regard to the investigation of the complaint filed by Teter. Suspension to begin when Orcas are notified via certified mail. Passed, unanimous. |
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Motion to adjourn at: 9:35pm Passed, Unanimous.