

Executive Board: Paul Lundsten, General Chair
Present: Eric Seversen, Sr Coach Rep
Absent: Terri Meeks, Finance Vice Chair
Dennis Dale, Sr Vice Chair

Billy Howard, Age Group Vice Chair
Matt Chida, Senior Athlete Rep.
David Goble, Admin. Vice Chair

Directors: Gail Andersen, Secretary
Lloyd Larsen, Technical Planning Chair
Bob Pearson, Safety Coordinator
Absent: Denise Carlson, Jr Coach Representative

Rick Biggs, Officials Chair Present:
Bridget McCoy, Junior Athlete Rep.
David Braun, Ex-Officio

Standing Committees Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Cmte
Present: Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership
Absent: Sarah Stallkamp, Equipment Chair
Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair
Public Relations Chair (vacant)
Susan McNeely, State Records Chair
Marlene Fure, Disability Swimming Chair

Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator
John Witzel, Board of Review Chair
Michael Bougie, NTV Chair
Paul Windrath, Webmaster
Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte
Sarah Breit, Outreach Committee Chair

Others Present: Rocky O'Neill, BDOG; Ellen Youngers, ROC; Mike Rogers, FOXJ;
Dave Cameron, MYWO; Bob Peterson, HOP; Paul Stearns, M3F;

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

a. General Chair (Lundsten)

- i.) New Pool Proposal: GC has been contacted by Investment Property Services about feasibility of a new pool proposed to be constructed north of 394 near the Glenwood Fields. The proposal envisions 50 meter competition depth pool, 50 meter shallow pool and 25 yd diving well. Information lunch will be held at MSI office on 2 Oct at noon. Developer is seeking input and volunteers to assist the development team.
- ii.) 2009 Zone Championship Meet(s): No bids have been received by Central Zone committee. Clubs interested in putting forth a bid should contact GC Lundsten before Convention.
- iii.) Sarah (Solfelt) Breit has resigned as Outreach Committee Chair. GC Lundsten has appointed Jim Andersen, TWIN, to fill the position.

1. Call to Order: 7:45 pm by GC Lundsten (quorum present) Additions to Agenda: none

2. Review of Minutes

Draft for Approval 2007-06-19

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes as Submitted: by Pearson; Second: Lundsten Motion carried none opposed

Draft for Approval 2007-07-17

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes as Submitted: by Pearson; Second: Biggs Motion carried none opposed

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Legislation "Additional Events" Submitted by Lloyd Larsen

Action: Motion to Adopt: Larsen; Second: Biggs

Discussion:

Andersen inquired why legislation is necessary for this. Technical Chair explained that he would like the support of the Board for this concept in light of the closed meet bid system. Seversen indicated that MnASCA is divided on this idea, noting that meets already have 110-120 events per weekend and not sure how many swimmers would participate in these new events. Would like more specifics on how this concept would be implemented. Larsen pointed out that the legislation provides for an introductory period for 2008 Long Course season to set time standard demographics. Events would be offered at Short Course State in spring 2009.

Biggs noted that the Order of Events is not a legislated item.

Larsen noted that these would be additional events, not intending to cut others from the order.

Suggestion also for meets hosted at 5-lane pools to modify LSC procedures for meeting the 4-hour rule to include deleting these additional events.

Howard inquired how these events would affect timelines. Larsen said his meet mock-ups indicate about 20-25 minutes per session.

O'Neill BDOG indicated he is opposed to making current meets any larger and that specialty meets should be the venue for these events. Motion defeated 6 opposed, 2 in favor.

b. Postponed (July) Proposed Legislation "Requirement of MSI/USA membership (Coaches)"

Submitted by Paul Lundsten

Discussion: July postponed due to Safety and Risk Management meetings for input.

Witzel noted that the Board of Review is independent of the Board of Directors and cannot be directed nor given sanction requirements.

Pearson opined that the national rules are not very strong on this issue and that he believes the LSCs should define penalties. It was noted that the LSCs can sanction clubs for this.

Witzel suggested that the LSC should establish a clear policy based upon the insurance risks and develop a protocol for enforcement.

Cassy pointed out that clubs need to be more aware of the risks of non-members acting as coaches.

GC Lundsten directed that the legislation remain as postponed and that the Legislative Chair (Cutter) should revise the proposed legislation and review her draft with the Board of Review Chair.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS (continued)

b. Finance Report no report

i.) Balance Sheet closing 31 July 2007 for fiscal year 9/06-8/07 was distributed.

c. Age Group Vice Chair (Howard)

i.) Spring/summer 2008 season meet zoning assignments will be posted shortly.

ii.) Meet Scheduling Committee will be gathered at a time and place to be posted on the MSI webpage.

d. Senior Athlete Representative (Chida)

i.) Swimmers felt that the LC State meet was dull and 'not special'. Athlete's perception was that attendance was low. (Rogers FOXJ noted that the attendance was actually increased.)

It was noted that one impact on the excitement of the meet is that many of the State's top swimmers are attending Zones, Nationals and Juniors during the same time of year.

e. Administrative Vice Chair no report

g. Senior Coach Representative no report

f. Senior Vice Chair no report

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

a. Safety Coordinator (Pearson)

i.) Safety Training for Coaches class will be offered Sunday 18 November 10:00 am at Eden Prairie.

b. Officials Chair (Biggs)

i.) Current officials: 165 active officials: 37 referees, 23 starters, 104 Stroke/turn and 36 Trainees.

ii.) Officials Re-Certification calendar closes 1 October. Forty-two officials remain needing to complete 10 sessions within prior 12 months to be recertified

iii.) Minnesota Officials Handbook workshop to gather input at next meeting, 1 October.

iv.) November Grand Prix meet will be observed for national evaluations by Pat Lundsford, USAS VP of Operations and former national officials chair. Officials must submit 'Applications to Officiate' for assigned positions.

v.) Most fall/winter meets have been assigned starters and referees.

vi.) National officials training workshop in St. Louis will be attended by Jack Campbell (STAR).

c. Ex Officio no report

e. Technical Planning Chair no report

d. Junior Athlete Representative no report

f. Junior Coach Representative no report

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. National Times Verification (written report submitted by Bougie)

- i.) 2006/2007 Top 16 lists were distributed by USA Swimming to NTV chairs for verification. Official preview lists will be available October 1, 2007, with final lists posted on November 1, 2007.
- ii.) SWIMS files for unattached swimmers must be UNAT, UNATT, or UN-xx, where xx can be any characters. To be consistent, Bougie proposes that CLUB suffix abbreviations be used. (posted to MSI Webpage) This indicates with which team a swimmer is associated and carries the unattached status into SWIMS database of times.

b. Registration/Membership Cmte (Shapley)

- i.) Six clubs have already submitted their charters prior to the 31 October \$100 fee increment.
 - ii.) Minnesota Swimming 2007 Year end statistics report submitted.
- Totals: Athletes: 7416 (Male: 2674; Female: 4742) Clubs: 65
 Non-athlete: 598 (Coaches: 217; Officials: 149)

c. Board of Review (Witzel)

- i.) Witzel will continue as interim chair into September, at which time the BoR elects a new Chair.
- ii.) USAS national Board of Review workshop will be in Grapevine (DFW) Texas, Oct 26-28. BoR would like to send a representative.

d. Central Zone Meet Committee (Howard)

- i.) Requested approval of Brenda Robrock as 2008 Team Manager. Board affirmed by acclamation.
- ii.) Zone meet financial report is waiting for a few more coaches' expense reports.
- iii.) TeamMinnesota took second place in the meet and was first place in the "Spirit Award."

e. Disability Swimming Committee (written report submitted by Fure)

- i.) 2008 Paralympic Trials for Beijing will be held in Minneapolis on April 3-5. Disabled swimmers can qualify by USAS times and/or at the Can-Am Disability meet in Maryland, Dec 6-8.
- ii.) Disabled swimmers are being encouraged to observe and participate with USAS clubs, Masters and Y-Teams in Minnesota.
- iii.) Fure is actively seeking wounded veterans to participate with Courage Center and with local teams and clubs. Courage Center practice is at UM pool 3:00 – 5:00 pm Sundays.

f. Equipment Committee no report
g. State Records Committee no report
h. Sanction Coordinator no report
i. Legislative Chair no report

j. Nominating Committee no report
k. Outreach Committee no report
l. Webmaster no report
m. Public Relations Committee no report

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i.) 2007 Fall/Winter Season bids clarification: Weekend of 20-21 October was indicated on the host solicitations as "Quad or smaller". No change to that requirement was adopted at the House of Delegates. Concurrence of the Board is that the weekend remains as solicited.
- ii.) 2008 summer meets: Mankato Mantas have been asked by clubs to provide a B/C long course meet at their outdoor pool. Concurrence of the Board is that this meet should be encouraged; MAN will be asked to submit dates and format proposals.
- iii.) 2007 LC State Meet Evaluation:
Discussion: Andersen noted that the earlier start of 8:00 am seemed to help the warm-up schedule between sessions. She also noted that the Referees did feel the need to keep to the timeline. Howard pointed out that the Meet Referee moved up the Friday afternoon start time without timely notification of change from Coaches' meeting announcement. Officials Evaluations meant more Referees and Starters were scheduled through each session. (See also Sr. Athlete Rep comments above)

8. Adjournment

Action: Motion to Adjourn 9:10 pm: Peterson; Second: Larsen
Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,
 Gail S. Andersen, Secretary