

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes 27 November 2007

Approved 01-15-08

Executive Board: Paul Lundsten, General Chair
Present: Dennis Dale, Sr Vice Chair
David Goble, Admin. Vice Chair
Absent: Eric Severson, Sr Coach Rep

Billy Howard, Age Group Vice Chair
Terri Meeks, Finance Vice Chair

Matt Chida, Senior Athlete Rep.

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

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

Standing Committees Michael Bougie, NTV Chair
Present: Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership
Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Cmte
Absent: Sarah Stallkamp, Equipment Chair
Paul Windrath, Webmaster
Susan McNeely, State Records Chair
Marlene Fure, Disability Swimming Chair

Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator
John Witzel, Board of Review Chair

Public Relations Chair (vacant)
Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair
Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte
Jim Andersen, Outreach Cmte Chair

Others Present: Paul Stearns, M3F; Ellen Youngers, ROC; Mike Rogers, FOXJ;
Steve Wilson, Kris Rouleau, NHCP;

1. Call to Order: 7:32 pm by GC Lundsten (quorum present) Additions to Agenda: none

2. Review of Minutes Draft for Approval 2007-10-16

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes as Submitted: by Goble; Second: Howard Motion carried none opposed

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proposed Legislation "State Meet 800 Freestyle Relays")

Action: Motion to hear legislation: Larsen, Second: Goble

- "1. Limit clubs to one relay per age group/gender (subject to participant formula) for 13/14, 15/16, Senior (Open).
- 2. Require qualifying aggregate time equal to four times the 'A' standard for the 200 Freestyle for each age group/gender.
- 3. Aggregate provable times of actual relay participants must meet the qualifying aggregate time."

Discussion: Larsen noted that his survey received 30 of 31 affirmatives from coaches for this concept.

Legislation adopted; none opposed

b. 2008 Calendar

Action: Motion to Approve 2008 MSI calendar: Goble, Second: Biggs Submitted by Cassy Shapley;

2008 Calendar adopted; none opposed

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Submitted by Paul Lundsten

Discussion: Postponed to January meeting pending new draft to be prepared by Legislative Chair.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

a. General Chair _____ (Lundsten)

i.) New Pool Proposal is progressing slowly.

b. Administrative Vice Chair _____ (Gobel)

i.) "Redbook" Policy Manual committee has found that Arizona Swimming electronic manual can be modified to accommodate MSI items. CD is coming from AZ. Manual will be available online at MSI website.

c. Senior Vice Chair _____ (Dale)

i.) Grand Prix meet was very successful. 480 athletes attended, including 21 members of the national Team. USAS and Head Coach Mark Schubert were very pleased with the meet and wish the UofM Aquatic Center to hold it again in Short Course format November 14-16, 2008. Dale also noted that the meet financials were roughly break-even.

d. Age Group Vice Chair (Howard)

- i.) Meet Scheduling Cmte submitted a draft Meet Schedule for 2007 - 08 for review. Discussion at January BoD meeting.
- ii.) Resubmitted request by Northern Lights Association to host B/C weekend in Feb with STMA/ STC bid meets

Action: Motion to Approve Additional meet: Howard; Second: Goble.

Motion passed; one opposed

e. Finance Report (Meeks)

- i.) Balance Sheet closing 31 October 2007 for Fiscal Year 9/07-8/08 was distributed. Meeks noted that small adjustments will be made when audit is completed. Zone Championships travel is over budget by \$1100.
- i.) Budget development is in process for presentation at February Board Meeting. Treasurer is soliciting input and funding requests from all committees as soon as possible.

f. Senior Coach Representative (by Lundsten for Severson)

- i.) Meet Information for BAC December A meet: Seeking clarification of Meet Referee's 2006 interpretation that Open Lane Swims may only be granted for swimmers with A times in the event. Officials Chair Biggs noted that this is not the intent of the legislation nor can the Meet Referee override MSI legislation. The Open Lane Swim policy will be applied as intended at the BAC meet this year.

g. Senior Athlete Representative no report

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

a. Technical Planning Chair (Larsen)

- i.) USA Swimming has changed the "Top 16" recognition policy. Forward they will recognize top ten in each single year age. Relays will be recognized as 11/12, 13/14, 15/16. There will be no recognition for 10 and unders.
- ii.) GC Lundsten opened a general discussion on "the four-hour rule". Officials Chair Biggs noted that the rule indicates that sessions "shall be planned" to be accomplished within four hours. MSI has a history of flexibility within reason regarding application of this rule. Consensus of the Board that discretionary flexibility should remain the policy.

b. Officials Chair (Biggs)

- ii.) Current Officials roster includes: 39 Referees, 21 Starters, 71 Judges, 27 in training. He noted that 29 of these still need to recertify and are no longer in good standing as of October.

c. Safety Coordinator no report e. Ex Officio no report

d. Junior Athlete Representative no report f. Junior Coach Representative no report

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Registration/Membership Cmte (Shapley)

- i.) Fifty-nine clubs have submitted their charters through 11/27/07 for 2008: Athletes: 3306 ; Non-athlete: 350

b. Sanction Coordinator (McGuire)

- i.) Request from MCA to use the same State Meet awards medal design. Consensus of the Board is approval.

c. Outreach Committee (Dale for Andersen)

- i.) Looking for a way to track minority athletes and seeking to connect with USAS "Make-a-Splash" inner city project.

d. Central Zone Meet Committee (Howard)

- i.) Clarification of Coach reimbursement policy requested. Policy indicates one mileage reimbursement per coach carpool up to \$200. No mention is made outlining coach reimbursement for mileage incurred by a coach in a parent carpool .

Action: Motion to Approve Coach reimbursement for parent carpooling: Howard; Second: Goble.

Friendly amendment by Sr VP Dale to limit to \$100 (half). Motion passed; one abstain: Larsen

e. Disability Swimming Committee no report j. National Times Verification no report

f. Equipment Committee no report k. Nominating Committee no report

g. State Records Committee no report l. Board of Review no report

h. Webmaster no report m. Public Relations Committee no report

i. Legislative Chair no report

7. Adjournment

Action: Motion to Adjourn: Howard; Second Goble 9:03 pm
Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,
Gail S. Andersen, Secretary