



**MINNESOTA
SWIMMING**

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Minutes 19 January 2010
Call to Order - 7:32pm

Draft

Minutes Nov. 2009 minutes read and corrected (Oct meeting cancelled)
Motion to approve minutes Hanton, Second- P. Lundsten
Minutes - Approved

Executive Board Members

Present

Natalie Kuramoto-General Chair
Jim Hanton-Admin. Vice Chair
John Bradley-SR. Vice Chair
Eric Seversen-Age Group Vice Chair
Dave Bents-SR Coach Rep.

Absent

Matt Chida- SR Athlete Rep
Terri Meeks-Finance Chair

Appointed Executive Board Members non-voting

Absent

Michael Gibbons-Legislative Chair

Other Elected Board Members (voting)

Present

Georgia Eck-Secretary
Dennis Dale-JR Coach Rep.
Paul Lundsten-Ex-Officio Member
Van Donkersgoed-JR Athlete Rep.
Phil Smith- Technical Chair
Rick Biggs-Officials Committee Chair
Stephanie Fix- Safety Chair

Appointed Standing Committee Chairs (non-voting)

Present

Sheryl McGuire-Sanction	Jim Hanton- Policy Manual
Dennis Dale-Camps Coord	Michael Bougie-Times/NTV/T-16
Kate Lundsten-Records Chair	Cassy Shapley-Registration Chair

Absent

Chris Whipple-Equipment Chair	B. Robrock,, P. Anderson-Central Zone
John Witzel- Nominating Chair	Jim Andersen-Diversity Chair
Catherine Grant- Board of Review	Paul Windrath-Web Master
Denise Carlson-Disability Chair	Kim Bettcher-Public Relations

Others Present:

Tom Kuzmich- NHCP
Olga Espinosa-SCSC
Eleus Ebert-NHCP

New Business

A) Preliminary 2010-2011 Meet Schedule Presentation (Meet Scheduling Committee)

<u>Weekend Date</u>	<u>Meet Type</u>	
October	2-3	Invite Weekend
	9-10	Invite Weekend
	16-17	Quad or Smaller
	23-24	ABC OPEN (5 Zones)
	30-31	
November	6-7	ABC OPEN (4 Zones)
	13-14	Invite Weekend
	20-21	Invite Weekend
	27-28	
December	4-5	BC Open (3 Zone)
	10-12	A (All Zone)
	18-19	Invite Weekend
	25-26	
January	1-2	
	8-9	ABC OPEN (3 Zone)
	14-16	B+ (All Zone)
	22-23	Invite Weekend
	29-30	ABC OPEN (5 Zone)
February	5-6	Invite Weekend
	11-13	A (All Zone)
	19-20	Invite Weekend
	26-27	12-U C Finals
March	4-6	AB/C Finals (3 Zones)
	11-13	12-U State Championships
	17-20	13-O State Championships

Weekend Date		Meet Type
May	30-1	Invite Weekend
	7-8	Invite Weekend
	14-15	ABC Open (5 Zone)
	21-22	Invite Weekend
	28-29	
June	3-5	A (All Zone, LC)
	11-12	BC Open (3 Zone)
	18-19	Invite Weekend
	24-26	A (All Zone)
July	2-3	
	9-10	BC Open (3 Zone)
	16-17	Invite Weekend
	22-24	ABC Finals (3 Zone)
	28-31	State Championships
August	5-7	Central Zone Championships (AG & Senior?)

B) PhillipsConoco Award Recipient Vote by Board Director
GC Kuramoto request nomination by emailed to her. She will present names at Feb. meeting for a vote.

C) Name of Legislation: State Record Event Legislation Dave Bentz

Date Submitted: 11/24/09 Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: January 2010

Description of Issue:

Currently Minnesota Swimming Inc. only keeps records for select events in each age group. USA Swimming keeps records for a wider range of events. Our age group swimmers can only set a record in many events if they set the national record which sometimes is difficult.

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

Minnesota Swimming Inc age group records should mirror USA Swimming's age group records in regards to the events offered.

Effective Date: Immediate

Method of Implementation

Swimmers or Coaches will submit proven times for the new events offered. MSI should accept times submitted from the SWIMS database to capture any times set in previous years.

Board Member Submitting: _David Bentz Title: Coach Rep

Motion: Bents, Second – Hanton

Discussion

Action: (Adopted)

D) Name of Legislation: Age Group Swim Up allowance

Date Submitted: 11/24/09 **Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: January 2010**

Description of Issue:

- 1) Swimmers are not able to swim events in order to achieve qualifying times for the Championship meets at the end of the season when they are in a younger age group during a season then age up before the Championship meets.
- 2) Some swimmers have no competition in their age group and need to race older faster swimmers.

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

Allow swimmers to swim up an age group as exhibition swimmers where their times will count in the SWIMS database but they will not be eligible for awards.

Effective Date: Immediate and Post swims

Method of Implementation

Allow swimmers to enter up and age group.

Proposed by: Dave Bentz ***Club: Great Wolf***

Board Member Submitting: Dave Bents ***Title: SR Coach Rep.***

Motion: Bentz, Second: Bradley

Discussion

Action: (Withdrawn)

Unfinished Business –None

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

General Chair- Natalie Kuramoto

- 1) Hanton, McGuire and Shapley meet with team that has outstanding fines. The team has a new board and is willing to work with MSI to bring the matter to a resolution.
- 2) All meet information is required to be turned in by the date on the sanction form.
- 3) Requests that all recons be dealt with as soon as possible.
- 4) Order of Events Committee needs members appointed

Position needed: Coach, Athlete, and Official

Van Donkersgoed volunteered to be the Athlete Rep and Hanton volunteered to be the Officials rep.

Coach Rep is needed GC will solicit a Coach to fill the position.

Administrative Vice Chair (Hanton) - No Report

Senior Vice-Chair (Bradley)

Bradley and Shapley are working on sorting out some problems. This will be resolved shortly.

MN swimmers had a good showing at winter SR Nationals and JR National.

MN Swimmers are making break throughs on National level.

USA Club Excellence Program – 2 addition MN clubs have been awarded Club of Excellence.

Silver and Gold level contain a monetary grant. The program requires some paper work but is worth the time. Bradley encourages clubs to investigate this worthwhile program.

Age Group Vice-Chair – Seversen

Order of Events Committee Revisions to 2009-2010 meet schedule

The Oct ABC Open meets were very large. The committee looked into ways to make meets smaller. Hanton approached Hudson Swim Team and asked that team to host a meet over the Jan. 30-31, 2010 weekend. That would make 5 zones. Seversen approached teams and asked the change to Hudson zone.

Both Hanton and Seversen want to thank the Hudson Team for agreeing to host the meet and getting all items needed complete in such a short time.

Seversen would like a discussion of ABC and BC Opens Spring/Summer 2010 added to the February agenda.

Finance Vice-Chair (Meeks) ~ Nov. and Dec. 09 pre audit financial report may be viewed on the web site.

Senior Coach Rep (Bentz) ~ Notes that Order of Events posted on the web site for meet Jan 30-31 doesn't agree with the TM set up file. Smith (meet host) has made corrections. Bentz asked that all teams attending this meet receive an email with the order of events that matches the TM set up file.

Senior Athlete Rep (Chida) ~ No Report

Appointed Executive Board Member Report (non-voting)

Legislative Chair ~

I have conducted an extensive review of Board meeting Minutes from the past 8 years (since that date on the Bylaws-9/2001 in order to verify the accuracy of the organizational Bylaws that are available on the website. Based on this review, there are a number of changes that have been noted in the Minutes as "approved" that are not reflected on what is published.

It is my intent to prepare a list of the changes that I have uncovered ahead of the February board meeting for presentation and review by the board, and at that time to request that the Board ratify the Bylaws with these changes put into place.

Other Board Members/Committee Chair/Coordinators Reports: (voting)

Ex-Officio (Paul Lundsten) ~ No Report

JR Coach Rep. (Dale) ~ No Report

JR Athlete Rep. (Donkersgoed) ~ No Report

Safety Coordinator (Fix) ~ report from USA Swimming from Jan-June 09, 6 non meet incident reports were submitted. Request that clubs please complete and mail incident forms when an incident occurs. Hanton notes there is no penalty to clubs for submitting the forms.

Technical Planning (Smith) ~ Asks if MSI has ever consider using ACH for payments. Move to New Business for the February Meeting.

Officials Committee Chair (Biggs)

Number of Officials

Referees ~ 29

Starters ~ 24

Judges ~ 104

Total ~ 157

Non-Voting Standing Committee Chair Reports

TIMES Coord./AG Recognition Tabulator (Bougie) - Many meet host team have been getting results on Sunday evening after the completion of meet.

Public Relations (Bettcher) ~ No Report

Disabilities Swimming Coord. (Carlson) ~ Bougie for Carlson

Foxjets Meet ~ Mallory Wageman broke the 200 Free record.

Webmaster (Windrath) ~ No Report

Nominating Committee Witzel

Several Positions will be on the Ballot at the 2010 MSI House of Delegates.

-Administrative Vice-Chair

-Age Group Chair

-Secretary

-One Coach Representative

-One Athlete Representative

-Members of the Board of Review

(4 Regular Members to be elected)

(2 Alternate Members to be elected)

-Members of the Nominating Committee

(at least 4 to be elected)

A Notice of these positions has been sent to the Webmaster for posting on the MSI Website. Inquiry has also been sent to Incumbents to see if they wish to seek re-election or serve in any other positions.

Persons interested in serving MSI in any of these Positions are encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee. A contact can be made to me as Chair at:

witzwim@mac.com

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to assemble a Ballot with a goal to complete the Ballot in the next month.

Equipment (Whipple) ~ No Report

Nominating Committee (Witzel)~No Report

Records Corrd. Lundsten –No Report

Registration –Membership Coord/Office ~ C Shapley

2010 Membership/Registration Statistics

November Statistics

2010 Membership/Registration Statistics- January Statistics

	Jan 19,2010	Jan. 20,2009	Jan. ,2008	Jan. 2007
Athletes				
Total Athletes	5666	5521	4829	4774
Regular	5628	5485	4811	4760
Seasonal	0		0	??
Outreach	38	36	18	14
Clubs	61	60	50	62

Notes:

- √ Seasonal Registrations will begin March 10th and will expire the 5th of August. Remember that these registrations are NOT valid for any meet at a level above our state meet (Speedo Championships, Central Zones, Junior Nationals, National Championships, etc.), and cannot be upgraded. This registration period covers both the spring and Summer State Meets.
- √ Please check the expiration dates on your coach card and be proactive when renewing your certifications. Many coaches forget that the background screen must be redone every 2 years. Additionally, there is still confusion about the new STSC requirement. Unless you take the full course, you will need to take the on-line STSC test on the USA Swimming website. Then you either send that dated email to the office with your current Lifeguarding card or you take the test letter to a WSI or LGTI who can test you on your water skills. They will issue you a STSC Card which you send to the MSI office.
- √ As always, remember that if you take a Red Cross card and don't receive your card at the class, ask the instructor for a copy of the course record. You can send that to me for verification until you get your card. I cannot accept just a letter stating you took the course.

Swim Meet Sanction Coord. (McGuire) ~No Report.

Outreach Coord. (Anderson) ~ Hanton for Anderson- Boy and Girls Club Director contacted Hanton and will go forward in contacting USA Swimming Make a Splash Program. They will take a strong position with Jesse Thomas' learn to swim program.

Board of Review (Grant) ~ No Report

Central Zone Meet Update (B Robrock, P Anderson) ~ No Report

Policy Manual Committee "Red Book" (J Hanton) ~ No Report

Unfinished Business (Discussion Only) ~ NONE

New Business (Discussion Only) ~

Bradley ~ MSI seems to have a large surplus. Can that money be used to reduce some fees for member clubs?
Get info to Meeks and she will address at a future meeting.

Adjourn: motion to adjourn

Motion: P Lundsten, Second: Hanton

Motion approved

9:12pm

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Eck, Secretary