

Minnesota Swimming, Incorporated Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2003 (Quorum equals 7 people)

Present: Executive Board Members: David Braun (General Chair), Joel Shinofeld (Admin), Drew Walden (Age Group), Jack Boder (Finance)

Other Board Members: Tim Mann (Secretary), Rocky O'Neil (Technical), Kathy Czuprynski (Safety), Michael Bougie (Officials), Paul Lundsten (Junior Coach Rep), Sarah Solfeldt (Junior Athlete Rep)

Appointed Committee Members: James Goetz (Legislative), Marlene Goblisch (Adaptive), John Witzel (Board of Review)

MSI Staff: Cassy Shapley, Sheryl McGuire

Non-Board Members: Jeff Chida (UNA), Ellen Youngers (ROC), Quinton Anderson (STRM), Brenda Anderson (STRM), Jim Stewart (ROC), Jeff Pauley (NHCP) Steve Knight (MCA), Bill Shaughnessy (MCA), Jeff Rodriguez (EDI), Tom Gorman (RWSC), Dave Arnold (RWSC), Jim Teter (EDI), Olga Splichalova (SCSC), Jeff Lee (BAC), Matt Brown (EDI), Al Ness (TWIN), Jerry Simpson (SEMS), Dave Knodel (ROC), John Reilly (MGC)

Meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 7:39 p.m.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting for April 15, 2003 Seconded; Passed with No corrections

Officer Reports

General Chair: Dave Braun

- Jeff Pauley of the MSI Operations Taskforce will be making a presentation as part of the finance report.
- Appointment of Time Standard Committee: Technical Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Age Group Vice-Chair, Amy Killpatrick, Olga Splichalova
Motion: (Paul Lundsten, Seconded by Joel Shinofeld) To approve Time Standard Committee. Passed, Unanimous.
- Storm Swim Club submitted a letter of explanation and apology to the BOD at the closed session of the April 15th meeting in regard to their entry into the ABC/AB Finals. The club was assessed a \$400 fine + other stipulations. (See attachment)
- The General Chair and Legislative Chair met with representatives of the Rochester Swim Club Orcas in regard to the Teter complaint which alleged falsified entries into the 2002 Long Course State Championships. The Orcas agreed to pay a \$700 fine, inform their membership, and submit letter to MSI. (See attachments)

Motion: (Joel Shinofeld, seconded by Paul Lundsten): To re-award the 2002 Minnesota State Long Course Championships without the Orca athletes involved in the falsified entries. No Orcas athletes will have to return medals; however, all athletes who should have received medals will be awarded them. Passed, Not Unanimous

- Orcas have dropped the appeal of their lawsuit against MSI and USA-Swimming which had been dismissed.
- A MSI Board member violated the confidentiality of the April 15 closed door session by releasing a copy of the letter that was sent to the Orcas and eventually found its way to a member of the media. The General Chair feels this action was unacceptable and a violation of the fiduciary responsibility as a board member. He apologized to both the Rochester Swim Club Orcas and the Rochester community at large. He has requested the member identify him or herself and resign from the Board of Directors. The member has not yet come forward.
- Joel Shinofeld has been named as the Head Coach at Washington and Lee University and will be leaving on August 9th.

Administrative Vice Chair: Joel Shinofeld

- Policy and Procedure Manual will be finished by August 9th Still waiting for information from two people.

Senior Vice Chair: Jean Freeman Not Present / No Report

Age Group Chair: Drew Walden

- Zone Team Assistant Coaches are still in the process of being named.

Finance Vice-Chair: Jack Boder

- Jeff Pauley: Presentation of results of the financial analysis of MSI operations.
- YTD Budget / Balance Sheet

Senior Coach Representative: Dennis Dale Not Present / No Report

Junior Coach Representative: Paul Lundsten No Report

Senior Athlete Representative: Chad Krastins Not Present / No Report

Junior Athlete Representative: Sarah Sofelt

- Some upcoming meets of interest: Thunder Bay Canada meet is next weekend; Mission Viejo; U of MN meet on 6/20-22
- Enjoyed meeting with Ron Van Pool. She discussed with him the upcoming Olympic trials that will be held in Long Beach, CA: will have 2 temporary 50m pools on site with spectator seating for 12,000 (including some Box seats). The conversation reminded her of the 2000 Trials and how much she looks forward to returning to them next year. Would like everyone to take some information back to their clubs about the Trials and hopefully motivate some more MN athletes to qualify and participate.

Voting Committee Chair / Coordinator Reports

Technical Planning Chair: Rocky O'Neill No Report

Safety Coordinator: Kathy Czuprynski

- Reminder that the next Safety Training for Swimming Coaching class is at the Eisenhower Community Center on June 8 at 10am and to please Pre-Register!

Official's Committee Chair: Michael Bougie

- There are 133 Officials. 37 have obtained Referee certification, 22 are certified as Starters, and 74 are certified as Stroke & Turn Officials
- Offering officials training at the May 31 – June 1 meet hosted by Edina.
- The Disability Championships will be held June 12 – 14 at the U of MN. Any officials wanting to work should contact Michael. Officials are reminded to work as often as possible since most meets are covered by the bare minimum number of officials.

Non-Voting Standing Committee Chair Reports
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Legislative Chair: Jim Goetz

No official report presented, but was noted that representatives from both sides of the Rochester issue were present and he invited people to discuss any issues. No one chose to take the opportunity.

Adapted Swimming Chair: Marlene Goblisch

- Disability Championships are June 12-14 at the U of MN. Entry deadline is May 26. Meet information is available on the USA-Swimming website at usswim.org under Events. Volunteers can contact Phil Julson at (612) 625-5339.
- Team Minnesota is looking for swimmers with a disability who are interested in competing at the Zone Meet in Indianapolis. Coaches of athletes who may be interested, please contact the Adapted Chair as soon as possible.

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

- 5486 Athletes in May 2003 (5629 May, 2002, 5329 May 2001)
 - 5073 Regular (5132, 4924)
 - 413 Seasonal (497, 405)
- Non-athlete members: 575 (564, 574)
- Clubs: 68 (66, 62)
- Organizations 4 (2, 4)

- Club Management Courses Recommend that Head Coach, Club President and more members attend. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the course. Offered on:
 - June 3 / 4 6-9pm at Hamline University in St Paul
 - June 7 10am - 1pm and 2 – 5pm at Discovery Middle School in Alexandria
 - June 9 & 11 6-9pm at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hopkins

- Parking is limited near the Eisenhower Community Center due to remodeling.

Records Chair: Paul Windrath Not Present / No Report

Top 16 Coordinator: Paul Windrath Not Present / No Report

Swim Meet Sanction Coordinator: Sheryl McGuire No Report

Outreach Coordinator: Joel Shinofeld No Report

Board of Review: John Witzel No Report

Unfinished Business

Zone Report: Presentation of Budget.

Motion by Paul Lundsten (seconded by Joel Shinofeld): To accept the Zone team budget as presented. Passed, unanimous.

MSI Webmaster: A candidate has been recommended by the committee.

Motion by Michael Bougie (seconded by Tim Mann): To empower the General Chair to offer the position of webmaster to the committee’s recommended candidate and hire if accepted by candidate. Passed, unanimous.

****Note the Technical Chair would like it noted in the minutes that the Burnsville Swim Club returned the banner belonging to Team Foxjets that was left behind at their meet. ****

Conoco Phillips Award (Rocky O’Neill): The Technical Chair assumed responsibility for the award which has not been presented for the past three years. He compiled a list of nominees for the award and recommended catching up on the missing years. Therefore, the BOD will vote for three recipients. Nominees: Tom Franke, Sue Griffin, Bob Pearson, Michael Bougie, Joel Shinofeld. Rocky O’Neil was added to the list by a floor nomination. After brief discussion of the candidates, a vote was taken by secret ballot. The General Chair announced the recipients later in the meeting: **2001: Tom Franke; 2002: Michael Bougie; 2003: Joel Shinofeld.**

New Business

Summer Season Concerns: NHCP lost use of its facility for the ABC Finals. The teams will be split among the two remaining sites. A concern was raised about the length of the meet. However, the addition of "C" Finals this summer should keep the length of the meets about the same as last year.

Zone Team Sponsorship:

Motion by Dave Braun (seconded by Tim Mann): To end responsibility of transportation and housing for Team Minnesota athletes. Also, to provide only one team meal, a team meeting room, Zone Team package, entries, rooms and meals for Team Managers and coaches. (Tabled)

Motion by Kathy Czuprynski (seconded by Tim Mann) To extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Passed, unanimous.

The General Chair appointed a committee to study the above proposal and report back. The members include: Al Ness, Sarah Solfeldt, Olga Splichalova, and Jeff Rodriguez

Motion by Rocky O'Neil (seconded by Paul Lundsten) To table the "A" Time Verification and Finals Meet Proof of Entry Procedure proposed legislation until next month. Note: A Friendly Amendment to the Proof of Entry Proposal was accepted that would add the 100 IM to the list of approved make one/get one events.

Motion by David Braun (seconded by Tim Mann) To extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Passed, not unanimous.

Motion by Joel Shinofeld (seconded by Michael Bougie). To allow an additional surcharge of \$3.00 per swimmer at meets hosted in the Bloomington Outdoor Pool and the Richfield Municipal Pool for the next five (5) years. The fees to be collected by the host clubs for the purpose of reimbursing the cost of starting platforms. The amount of reimbursement is approximately \$9,000.00. Passed, not unanimous.

Motion to adjourn at: 10:00pm Passed, Unanimous

Attachments:

- A: Letter from Storm Swim Club to MSI.
- B: Letter to Rochester Swim Club Orcas from MSI
- C: Letter from Rochester Swim Club Orcas to MSI.
- D: MSI Operations Task Force Report Summary.