

**MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Minutes 18 October 2005

**DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

Executive Board: David Goble, Admin. Vice Chair  
Present: Paul Lundsten, Age Group Vice Chair  
Absent: Al Ness, Finance Vice Chair  
Olga Espinoza, Senior Coach Rep. pro tem

Sarah Sofelt, Sr Athlete Rep.  
Dennis Dale, Senior Vice Chair  
David Braun, General Chair

Directors: Rocky O'Neill, Technical Planning Chair  
Present: Kathy Czuprynski, Safety Coordinator  
Absent: Gail Andersen, Secretary  
Rick Biggs, Officials Chair

Eric Severson, Jr Coach Representative  
Bob Pearson, Ex-Officio  
Neil Mahoney, Junior Athlete Rep.

Standing Cmte Chairs: Rocky O'Neill, Time Standards Cmte Chair  
Present: Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair  
Absent: Marlene Goblisch, Adaptive Swimming Chair  
Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Cmte Chair  
Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership  
Michael Bougie, NTV Chair  
Outreach Committee Chair- Open

Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coord  
Paul Windrath, webmaster  
John Witzel, Board of Review Chair  
Paul Windrath, webmaster  
Susan McNeely, State Records Chair  
Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte  
Equipment Chair – Open

General Membership: Kate Lundsten, AQJT; Ellen Youngers, ROC; Bob Peterson, HOP; Billy Howard, MCA;  
Diane Kennedy, FOXJ; Lloyd Larsen, FOXJ;

**Call to Order: 7:42 pm**

**1. Additions to Agenda:** none

**2. Review of Minutes 2005-09-27**

Action: Motion to Amend as follows:

Executive Board Roll to indicate attendance of Olga Espinoza as Senior Coach Rep. pro tem.

Approved as amended, unanimous

**3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

a. Administrative Vice Chair (Goble)

- i.) GC Braun, Randy Julian (USAS) and AVC Goble met with Orca parents to discuss the USAS penalties and effects.
- ii.) Work continues on the "Red Book."

b. Junior Coach Representative (Severson)

Participation at Coaches' Meetings held during State Meets has been dwindling but now trying to get more participation.

c. Senior Athlete Representative (Sofelt)

She has authored an article which has been published in "Swimming World" October issue in "The Official Word" department regarding relationship of athletes and officials.

d. General Chair no report e. Finance Vice Chair no report

f. Senior Coach Representative no report g. Senior Vice Chair no report

h. Age Group Vice Chair no report

**4. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

a. Ex Officio (Pearson)

- i.) August 22 was declared "Tina Neil Day" to honor her backstroke swim across the English Channel.
- ii.) USAS Convention re-instituted the Safety Committee. Committee Membership will be appointed by USAS president.

b. Safety Coordinator (Czuprynski)

i.) Safety Training for Swim Coaches registration of classes policy has been in place for seven years. Classes must register 30 days in advance to give all coaches equal access. A similar policy has been adopted by USAS. Classes go through MSI for disbursement of funds to each local American Red Cross, the Instructor and to the MSI general fund. She has held classes in Duluth, Rochester and Alexandria using these registration guidelines. Courses are made available every 2 months. It is the coaches' responsibility to keep current certification in place.

ii.) Safety Training for Swim Coaches class has been added on 22 January at Centennial at 10 am. Abby Carlson will be the instructor.

c. Technical Planning Chair no report

d. Officials Chair no report

**5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Time Standards Committee (O'Neill)

(i.) Time Standards have been lowered (faster) for Summer Long Course.

b. Webmaster (Windrath)

Submitted report regarding Website usage indicating 54,000 hits per week; average user session 11 minutes. Detailed report is on file.

c. National Times Verification (Bougie)

Fines levied last month have not been paid. (email report read by Goble)

- MYWO was fined \$150 for 6 swims. (2-3 athletes)
- MONC was fined \$100 for 4 swims. (2 athletes)
- BDOG was fined \$1050 for 42 swims. 12-15 athletes

Discussion: Goble: The fines for meets last summer were levied last month (above). MSI has contacted these clubs to determine if they wanted to charter as Seasonal due to the outstanding fines. Clubs declined this option however payment has not been received.

Action: Motion : "to require payment of full amounts of fines." Lundsten; second: Dale.

Discussion: Noted that clubs were invoiced for 1/2 that monthly fine amount and some have been paid.

Lundsten called the question

Motion carried.

<u>d. Registration/Membership Cmte</u>	no report	<u>j. Adaptive Swimming Committee</u>	no report
<u>e. State Records Committee</u>	no report	<u>k. Sanction Coordinator</u>	no report
<u>f. Nominating Committee</u>	no report	<u>l. Central Zone Committee</u>	no report
<u>g. Legislative Committee</u>	no report	<u>m. Public Relations Committee</u>	no report
<u>h. Equipment Committee</u>	no report	<u>n. Outreach Committee</u>	no report
<u>i. Board of Review</u>	no report		

**6. Unfinished Business** LC State Meet Evaluation (discussion only)

General agreement that the meet is too long overall and also does not provide adequate time between Prelims and Timed Finals and Finals sessions.

**7. New Business**

(i.) Proposed Legislation: Convention Attendee Policy Change (Lundsten)

"Any current or active member of Minnesota Swimming who is placed on an National Committee should be sent to USAS Convention (whether or not they have a vote at the House of Delegates) and be fully funded by MSI using the same formula as other funded delegates."

Action: Motion to Adopt: by \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Motion carried

(ii.) LC State Meet Timed Finals Format Legislation Proposal (discussion only)

"Change the State Meet formats in the summer of 2006 and 2007 to a timed finals meet for all age groups. (12 and under athletes swim mid to late morning and 13 & over athletes swim mid to late afternoon)"

Discussion: (O'Neill, Lundsten, Larsen)

- Cost will be less for Host Club
- Should we change the number of swimmers/entries or change the meet format or the order of events?
- There are no other LC prelim/finals meets available to most swimmers in the state
- Some swimmers are best at prelims, some swimmers are best at finals
- Sr Athlete Rep Sofelt will solicit input from swimmers
- Setting time standards to a provide 32 entrants minimum per event will lengthen meet
- Change individual event limits
- limit number of relays

Action: Motion: "to post discussion on MSI Website this week to solicit input": Goble; Paul Lundsten, second.

Approved, unanimous

**8. Adjournment**

Action: Motion to Adjourn 9:21 pm: Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted, Gail S. Andersen, Secretary  
(thank you!) Kathy Czuprynski, Secretary pro tem