



MINNESOTA
SWIMMING

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Minutes 20 May 2008

Draft for Approval

Executive Board:

Present: Paul Lundsten, General Chair
Jim Hanton, Admin. Vice Chair
Eric Seversen, JR Coach Rep
Bridget McCoy,, Senior Athlete Rep.
Denise Carlson, SR Coach Representative

Absent:

*Dennis Dale, Senior Vice Chair
Terri Meeks, Finance Vice Chair
Billy Howard, Age Group Vice Chair*

Directors:

Present: Georgia Eck, Secretary
Eric Seversen, JR Coach Rep
Rick Biggs, Officials Chair Pres
Lloyd Larsen, Technical Planning Chair

Absent:

*Bob Pearson, Safety Coordinator
David Braun, Ex-Officio
Matt Chida, JR Coaches Rep*

Standing Committees

Present: Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator
Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership
Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Committee Chair
Eric Seversen, Camps Coordinator
Michael Bougie, NTV Chair
Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair

Absent:

*Stephanie Fix, Equipment Chair
KimBettcher, Public Relations Chair
Paul Windrath, Webmaster
John Witzel, Board of Review Chair
Susan McNeely, State Records Chair
Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte
Marlene Fure, Disability Swimming Chair
Jim Andersen, Outreach Cmte Chair*

Others Present:

Todd McIntyre, The IAC;
David Goble,
John Bradley, Roc;
Jeff Brown, Elsmore Aquatics;
Bob Peterson, HOP;
Rocky O'Neill, BDOG

I. Call to Order:

7:32 pm by GC Lundsten (quorum present)

Additions to Agenda: none

II. Review of Minutes

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Action: Motion to Approve corrected minutes: by ?; second: Severson Motion carried none opposed

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Allowing USMS sanctions with MSI Age Group Meets

A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of allowing USMS swimmers to participate in US Age Group Sanctioned meets. The conversation was tabled until a board member brings the issue forth as proposed legislation/policy.

B. 2008 Summer State Championship proposed legislation

"For the 2008 Summer State Championship to be held at the Rochester-Olmsted County Recreation Center, there will be only one pool available (the 50 meter competition pool itself). No separate warm-up pool will be available. Summer State has grown considerably; resulting in overlapping of morning preliminary sessions with afternoon 12/Unders timed final sessions. When held at the University of Minnesota, this overlap was handled by allotting warm-up time in the diving well for the 12 /Unders. Additionally, warm-up & cool-down during competition sessions was available in the diving well. Without a separate pool for the 2008 Summer State, more time in the competition pool will be necessary to allow for adequate warm-up and cool-down, and prevent daily timelines running extraordinarily late."

The Order of events Committee proposes several solutions for the 2008 summer State Championship ONLY. This legislation will not be applicable for future years.

Reduce the timeline of the afternoon 12/Under session timed final sessions. The Board of Directors, by unanimous vote on April 26, 2008, already approved adding an 11-12 timed final sessions to Thursday afternoon. The proposed events to move into that session are 11-12 Medley Relay, 11-12 400 free and the 11-12 200 IM. This session is estimated to run approximately 2.25 hours, saving this amount of time throughout the weekend. The Committee also recommends moving the 11-12 200 Free relay to the beginning of the Friday afternoon timed final session, thus continuing to hold three days of 11-12 relays (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). In Order to accomplish this particular relay move the 9-10 200 Free and 11-12 200 Free will swap positions in the Order of Events with the 9-10 50 free and 11-12 50 free.

Limited session warm-ups to 1 hour will also be necessary; the traditional 1.5 hour warm-up is impractical in a single pool scenario.

Subject to the approval of the Technical chair, after receiving entries and assessing the timeline, the host club may propose combining morning preliminaries heats by gender/stroke/distance of like events, separating by age group for finals/scores/.awards (similar to Spring Senior State format) in order to save future time. If desired by the host club, this measure must be proposed to the Technical Chair on or before July 29, 2008,. Regardless of the prelim format, evening finals will continue to be Top 8 qualifiers, with places 9-16 scored during preliminaries.

The following changes to the order of events were made to the proposed legislation:

Move the 9-10 50 Fly (events 131 & 132) to before the 9-10 100 back(events 127 & 128)

Move the 11-12 50 Fly (events 133 & 134) to before the 11-12 back (events 129 & 130)

Remove the 10 minute between events 130 and 131

Move the 11-12 Free Relay (events 159 & 160) from the last events on Saturday to the events on Sun.

Evening Final: In water breaks to permit warming up and cooling down will be possible

Motion to adopt changes to 2008 Summer State Championship Meet; ? Second; Severson

C. Permissible 12 & Under Competitive Apparel

"The sport of swimming is already expensive for families (year-round training dues, fundraisers, weekend meets, hotels, meals, etc). The introduction of hi-tech suits is driving this cost up even higher. In addition, athletes are becoming dependent on "fast" suits for their meets. This downplays the formation of attitudes that are so valuable to young people (hard work & attention to detail vs. technology). It also becomes a "keeping up with the Jones family" situation where families feel pressured to buy the suit because everyone is doing it."

Opinions were offered stating that only one other LSC has this type of legislation. This would put MN swimmers at a disadvantage as they attend out of state/national meets. It was suggested that both the MSI Board and the Coaches Committee prepare statements addressing the use of "Technical" suits by 12 & Unders. This statement should reflect the same thoughts regarding the use of "Technical suits" for 12 & under. The statements will be posted on the MSI web site.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation *Motion defeated* none dissenting

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

A. General Chair (Lundsten)

A. GC Lundsten thanked Dave Goble and Gail Anderson for their service to MN Swimming. He also welcomes new board members Jim Hanton, Admin V Chair, Georgia Eck, Secretary, & Stephanie Fix, Equipment Chair.

1. New Pool Proposal: Developer Todd McIntyre spoke on the progress of the pool development. There have been some successes and a set back. More info to come in the future.

B. Administrative Vice Chair (Hanton)

1. Policy Manual Mission Statement. AVC Hanton stated that a working copy of the Policy Manual will be ready for the June Board Meeting.

C. Senior Vice Chair (GC Lundsten for Dale)

1. USA Swimming will be adding a JR National Meet to be held the week after Short Course SR Nationals. This meet has already been budgeted through MSI to reimburse swimmers attending.

D. Age Group Chair (Howard)

No Report

E. Finance Report (Meeks)

1. MSI fiscal stability is looking good at this point in the year. As of April 30, 2008 net revenue is at \$63,678.91 or \$41,257.91 over the net that was budgeted for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This is primarily due to the careful expenditures by your MSI staff and Committee Chairs.

2. Although registration income is down almost \$10,000 from this time last year, that deficit is being made up by meet entries and splash fees, which are up 17% (over \$23,00) from last year.

3. Since this time last year we have opened the RBC investment account (formerly Dain Rauscher), which now has \$100,000 in moderate growth funds. We have also purchased two \$10,000 CDs from Wells Fargo. One of those has just matured, and we have reinvested that in another 5 month CD. Although those rates are relatively low at this time, they are about 1.5% higher than the MSI's conventional savings account interest rate. Having funds in these various accounts presents a balanced approach to investments.

F. Senior Coach Representative (Carlson)

No Report

G. Senior Athlete Representative (McCoy)

No Report

H. Legislative Chair (Cutter)

No Report

VI. DIRECTORS REPORTS

A. Ex-Officio (Braun)

No Report

B. Junior Coach Representative (Seversen)

No Report

C. Junior Athlete Representative (Chida)

No Report

D. Safety Coordinator (Pearson)

1. Coaches Safety Training classes will no longer be offered. New national on-line test must be passed before taking the skills test. MSI will continue to offer water skills sessions.

E. Technical Planning Chair (Larsen)

No Report

F. Official's Chair (Biggs)

1. Olympic Trials officials have been notified of their selection. Of approximately 50 deck officials, four are from Minnesota: John Witzel, Dale Brainard, Janet Brainard and Rick Biggs.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Times Coordinator/AG Recognition Tabulator (Bougie)
No Report

B. Disability Swimming Coordinator (Fure)
No Report

C. Public Relations Coordinator (Bettcher)

1. Press and News Release Summer Outline: make a Splash/Minneapolis Program
End of May ~ coordinate with Dave Goble; Information from Jean Freeman ~ Star Trib, Pioneer Press and WCCO.
2. Olympic Trials: Early June ~ Coordinate with Dennis Dale ~ Make Twin Cities and out of state connections to those local papers (i.e. born, moved to, grand parents, etc) ~ Star Trib, Pioneer Press and KARE 11
3. Sections, US Open, State Meet Results, JR Nationals, Central Zones, Paralympics, Olympic Games
4. Help release local meet results as requested.
5. Other Information: Email club contacts with USA Swimming Olympic party supply information; Press/News releases to fitness and health of swimming.

D. Webmaster (Windrath)
No Report

E. Equipment Coordinator (Fix)
No Report

F. Registration-Membership Coordinator/Office (Shapley)

1. YTD registration:

	<u>May 20, 2008</u> (2008 Re. Year)	<u>May 2007</u> (2007 Reg Year)	<u>May 2006</u> (2006 Reg Year)
<u>Athlete (total)</u>	6285	6384	6018
Regular	5759	5852	5613
Outreach	31	32	45
Seasonal	495	500	379
<u>Non-Athlete</u>	525	548	574
<u>Club</u>	63	62	62

2. Watch for new Safety Training for Swim Coaches guidelines which will be listed on the July 15, 2008 Coach Curriculum list (required for the 2009 membership year). These guidelines are currently available. The on-line test is on the USA Swimming website.

G. Records Coordinator (McNeely)
No Report

H. Swim Meet Sanction Coordinator (McGuire)
No Report

I. Outreach coordinator (J Andersen)
No Report

J. Board of Review chair (Witzel)
No Report

K. Nomination Committee Chair (Kuramoto)
No Report

L. Central Zone Coach/Manager (P Anderson/B Robrock)
No Report

M. Policy Manual Committee (Hanton)
See Admin V Chair Report

N. Proposed New Pool Committee [International Aquatic Centre – IAC] (Braun)
See New Business

O. Order of Events Committee (Howard)
No Report

VIII. Other Unfinished Business (Discussion Only)

IX. Other New Business (Discussion Only)

X. Adjournment

Action: Motion to Adjourn: Severson; Second Goble 9:20 pm
Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia W. Eck
Secretary