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Minnesota Swimming, Incorporated Board of Directors

Minutes of the meeting of House of Delegates
October 5, 2002

Present: Executive Board Members: Sue Griffin, Joel Shinofeld, Cathy Thwing, Blair Buccicone, Paul Lundsten, Dennis Dale, Dave Hulit

Other Board Members: Tim Mann, Rocky O'Neil, Kathy Czuprynski, Michael Bougie, Jean Freeman, Bob Pearson, Chad Krastins

Appointed Committee Members (Voting): Marlene Goblisch, Jack Boder, Ron Murphy, Dave Shapley

Appointed Committee Members (Non-voting): Paul Windrath, Jack Boder, John Witzel

MSI Staff: Cassy Shapley, Sheryl McGuire

Individuals Present: Chip Fechter (NLA), Kim Olson (HAST), Jim Teter (EDI), Tom Gau (MGC), Jim Allen (ALEX), John Robrock (BUR), Phil Smith (SSC), John A. Sfire (ROC), Natalie Kuramoto (MCA), Ellen Youngers (ROC), Dale Nelson (NHCP), Eva Kremer (DAT), Jill Weis (STAR), Paul Brey (NSSC), Molly Loomis (DAT), Marlyn Taylor (MINN), Larry Thoen (MVSC), David Braun (FOXJ), Tom Gorman (RWSC), Dave Arnold (RWSC), Judi Rae (ROC), Phil Julson (UofM Aquatic Center Rep), Olga Splichacova (SCSC), Megan McNair (STC), Chris Guerrero (HOP), Ann Urschel (FOXJ), Linda Bollinger (BOLT), Jim Goetz (FOXJ), Jerry Simpson (SEMS), Jim Anderson (TWIN), Matt Brown (EDI), Jeff Rodriguez (EDI), Sarah Solfelt (UofM), Phil Killpatrick (M3F), David Shapley (UNA)

The General Chair called meeting to order at 10:03am.

Roll Call of Clubs: Alexandria Swim Club, Thunderbolts Swim Club, Burnsville Swim Club, Dolphin Aquatic Team, Edina Swim Club, Team Foxjet, Hastings Area Swim Team, Hopkins Swim Club, International School of Minnesota, Maverick Swimming, Med-City Aquatics, Maple Grove/Champlin Swim Club, Minnesota Aquatics, Mounds View Swim Club, NHCP Swim Club, Northern Lights Aquatics, North Shore Swim Club, OMNI Swim Club, Rochester Swim Club Orcas, Red Wing Swim Club, St Croix Swim Club, South East Metro Sharks, Southwest Swim Club, STAR Swim Club, South Metro Storm Swim Club, Twin Cities Swim Team, University of Minnesota

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting for 2001 House of Delegates Seconded; Passed no corrections:

Officer Reports

General Chair: Sue Griffin

- Clarification of ballot to be used for election.
- 2002 has been another interesting year for Minnesota Swimming. In January, the Rochester Swim Club Orcas filed a lawsuit against USA-Swimming and Minnesota Swimming alleging deficiencies in procedures in the handling of the Knight vs Rochester Swim Club Orcas complaint.
- To date, mediation has been unsuccessful. Both sides have submitted motions for summary judgment, which are scheduled to be heard in mid-October. Barring alternative resolution, depositions will be taken and the case will go to trial in the spring of 2003.
- Convention was held at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Hyatt (affectionately known to the delegates as the Texas State Penitentiary). Two major issues will impact MSI.
- Dues increase: Beginning with the 2004 membership year (starts September 1, 2004) USA-Swimming dues will increase as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>New Fee</u>	<u>With MSI Levy</u>
Seasonal	\$12.50	\$20.00	\$28.00
Individual Athlete	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$48.00
Individual NonAth	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$45.00
NonAthlete Family	\$45.00	\$75.00	\$80.00

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The MSI levy, adopted many years ago, which funds much of our budget, will not change. The increase in dues will be used by national in three areas: 1) Programs and services for clubs; 2) Resources to help clubs achieve better access to facilities, upgrade existing facilities, and develop new facilities. (This does not mean national will provide money for building pools); and 3) Enhance promotion of swimming, including more television coverage.

The second part of the legislation, besides the initial increase, provides for a \$1.00 per year increase for 10 years. The rationale is that it will provide for more effective long range planning.

- The second major piece of national legislation passed at convention is the Club Membership Resolution. The legislation provides specific criteria to be met by new member clubs with the purpose of giving new clubs a better chance to be successful. The criteria include having a head coach who meets certain experiences or educational standards, a business plan, a guarantee of water and participation in USA-Swimming Club Leadership and Management School (a one day, six-hour course).
- One piece of local business: The MN Amateur Sports Commission is forming the MN Sports Task Force. The objective is to bring sports organizations in the state together to look at current issues in the youth sports environment and to provide resources to educate participants and leaders in areas such as sportsmanship, nutrition, training and prevention of drug/alcohol/tobacco use. The task force has schedule their first meeting for October 30th at 9am – noon at the national sports center in Blaine. This program may offer some good benefits to clubs. It would be beneficial for swimming, a lower profile sport, to be part of this commission, which has some legislative presence. If you are interested in being the MSI representative to this Task Force, let me, or the office, know as soon as possible.

Administrative Vice Chair: Joel Shinofeld

- Bylaw changes passed at the 2001 House of Delegates meeting were approved by National.
- The MSI policy manual will use the Oregon LSC policy manual as a template.

Senior Vice Chair: Dennis Dale

- Spring Nationals – Minneapolis
 - University of Minnesota finished 3rd in Men and 5th in the Combined Team
 - Team Foxjets finished 39th in the Women
 - Katie Braun of Team Foxjets finished in top 8 in 100 Fly
 - Nate Bernier of U of MN finished top 8 in both 100 & 200 Breast
 - Dustin Chalfant of U of MN finished top 8 in 200 Breast
 - Foxjets and U of MN both scored in 400 Medley Relay
 - U of MN finished 3rd in both 400 Free & Medley Relays
- Summer Nationals – Fort Lauderdale
 - Tom Malchow finished 2nd in the 200 Fly and won Gold at the Pan Pacs
 - Jeff Hackler finished 7th in the 200 Breast and earned spot on WUG Team
 - Keri Heyn finished 8th in the 200 Breast and earned spot on the WUG Team
 - Katie Braun earned second swim in the 200 IM
 - Minnesota Aquatics won the Men's 800 Free Relay
 - Minnesota Aquatics finished 8th in Men's and 10th in Combined team
- Convention Notes
 - Quadrennial Plan
 - Duel in the Pool on April 6th in Indianapolis on day after Nationals. USA vs Australia, will be televised live & is sold out.
 - World Long Course Champ Pan Ams and WUG all in summer 2003
 - Grand Prix Meet January 16-18, 2004 will be at the University of Minn (LC)
 - 2004 Spring Nationals are February 11-15
 - 2004 Olympic Trials are July 7-14
 - 2004 Summer Nationals are August 3-7
 - Olympic Trial may develop 2nd set cuts (1% easier)

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- Legislation
 - Beginning in 2005 Spring Championship will be called something else
 - This championship will be long course
 - No longer will be a National Championship (only in summer)
 - Will have different and easier cuts from Nationals
 - Will result in only one National Champion each year
 - Ideally this meet will have between 900 – 1000 individual qualifiers
 - Beginning in 2005 USA will host an 18 & Under Championship in the summer
 - Meet will be open to all who are 18 & Under
 - Designed to take place after Nationals
 - Meet will be swum long course

Age group Vice-Chair: Cathy Thwing

- Senior State Host: Still need one.
- Zone Manager: Still need two.

Finance Vice-Chair: Dave Hult Not Present. Written report presented.

- Ended fiscal year 2002 with a \$16,957.98 net revenue for year.
- With new meet structure adopted by MSI for coming year, MSI share of revenue may decrease, although we don't anticipate that occurring
- The budget for the Central Zone meet is likely understated. Next year's zone meet will be in Indiana and will require more funding than this year's meet for travel and lodging
- The MSI office would like to investigate the purchase or lease of a new copier and computers, only a portion of which is accounted for in the budget
- 2002-2003 Budget was presented.
 - Amendment (Cathy / Dennis) Increase Zone budget by \$19,000 (passed, unanimous)
 - Amendment (Rocky / Dale) Add an incentive of \$1000 per day for hosting Senior State meet (\$3,500 total) (passed, unanimous)
 - Motion to approve budget as amended (Joel / Chad) Passed, unanimous

Secretary: Tim Mann No Report

Senior & Junior Athlete Representatives: Blair Buccicone / Chad Krastins

- Purpose of Athlete Rep is to bring the athlete perspective to decisions made by LSC or National.
- Minnesota is rare among LSC's in recognizing voice of athletes (e.g. in creating the 18 & U Championships)

Senior Coach Representative: Paul Lundsten

- Proof of Time: This is a challenge that will worked on this coming year.
- ASCA: Coaches, join – meeting generally held on first Wednesday of each month.

Junior Representative: Jean Freeman

- Keep club contact information current
- USAS Swim Club Excellence program: identify successful clubs and reward them
 - Gold: Olympic qualifier, 1 top 50 in World receives \$15,000 grant
 - Silver: one 18 & U at Nationals or out of college receives a \$3,000 grant
 - Bronze: 18 & U or college US Open Qualifier receives \$0
 - Developmental

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Ex officio General Chair: Bob Pearson

- Suggestions
 - Board Retreat
 - Committee Chairs actually form committee to chair rather than attempting to do it all
 - Thanks to Sue Griffin for her services this past two years

Technical Planning Chair: Rocky O'Neill

- Rewriting of Meet Information templates are completed
- Committees – Proof of Time, HS Times, Make One – Swim One policy proposals, state meet format, and non-conforming times.

Safety Coordinator: Kathy Czuprynski

- 2001 Statistics
 - MN clubs had 19 incident reports from a total of 12 clubs, out of 76 clubs. Either we are extremely safety conscious or not reporting incidents; I hope it is the former.
 - Why is it important to report all accidents?
 - Insurance claims require one
 - Swimmers are paying for it
 - Legal documentation
 - Safety equipment changed with reports: e.g. lane lines by Kiefer
 - Who gets injured?
 - 1-8 year olds: 14%
 - 9-10's: 18%
 - 11-12's: 23%
 - 13-14's: 18%
 - 15-18's: 16%
 - 13-18's: combined 34% of injuries
 - Nature of Injuries
 - Internal 1%
 - Shoulder 4%
 - Torso 3%
 - Knees 7%
 - Other 11%
 - ENT / Mouth 11%
 - Head / Neck 14%
 - Hand / Arm 18%
 - Leg / Foot 31%
 - Who was injured?
 - NonAthletes 4%
 - Guests 9% (important to fill out paperwork at meets)
 - Athletes 87%
 - Where does the Accident occur?
 - Gym 1%
 - Stairs 1%
 - Hallway 3%
 - Blocks 5%
 - Bleachers 6%
 - Other 6%
 - Locker Room 7%
 - Outside Venue 7%
 - Deck 26%
 - In Water 38%

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- When Occurred?
 - Meet / Warmdown 2%
 - Other 4%
 - Practice / Dryland 5%
 - Meet Warm-up 11%
 - Practice / Water 28%
 - Meet / Competition 50%
- Lifeguard Training from ARC and Ellis National Pool & Water-park training –Universal Lifeguard License will meet the requirement for Safety Training for Swim Coaches
- From Convention
 - Camps Committee: LSC Camps: See Committee reports
- Safety Education Committee
 - Meet Marshall vests: LSC will receive 5 free from Kiefer. Can order from USA-Swimming in the future

Officials Committee Chair: Michael Bougie

- Number of Officials: 38 Referees, 16 Starters, 72 Stroke & Turn; 126 total officials
- All officials are requested to look at the meet schedules and work as often as possible
- Please contact me with the names of anyone interested in becoming an official.
- Any club that has 3 or more people interested in becoming an official can contact me and arrange a clinic that will be held in conjunction with a practice of that club. This clinic will serve as one of the 5 required on-deck sessions.
- There will be an officials open forum following lunch, everyone is invited to attend.
- In agreement with Rocky about meet information

Legislative Chair: Betsy Aby Not Present / No Report

Adapted Swimming Chair: Marlene Goblish

- There are many opportunities for athletes with disabilities
- There is a new opportunity for Swimmers to participate in the Zone Meet. Each LSC can send 4 swimmers with classifiable disabilities to the Zone meet. Adapted Chair needs to select swimmers from state. In 2002 three athletes from Minnesota participated.
- Another opportunity close to home is the National Disability Championships are held in Minnesota in June of 2003.
- The Junior Disability Championships are scheduled for July in Connecticut.
- In 2002, swimmers Justin Zook from Mach 3 Flyers and Annessa Kemna from Mound and International School of Minnesota made the World Team, which will compete in December in Argentina

(Note: Joel recognized Marlene for her work with the athletes at Zones, MN was one of the few LSC's who brought their adapted athletes)

NTV Chair: David Shapley Not Present / No Report

Equipment Chair: Ron Murphy Not Present / No Report

Public Relations Chair: Jack Boder

- 2003 Central Zones will be a "Mega-Meet" with all teams participating in Indianapolis
- Fee Increases: dedicated to specific items
- New Team Registration is a good idea, but has a lot of questions which are unanswered
- Local Media (Twin Cities) isn't covering our competitions because of the size of the events.
- Will look at the water depth issue

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New Business:

Election of New Board Members

Election of General Chair

Candidates: Blair Buccicone (UNA), Drew Walden (SEMS), David Braun (FOXJ)
Elected by secret ballot: David Braun

Election of Senior Vice-Chair

Candidates: Jean Freeman (MINN)
Elected by acclamation: Jean Freeman

Election of Finance Vice-Chair

Candidates: Jack Boder (UNA), Judi Rae (ROC)
Elected by secret ballot: Jack Boder (UNA)

Election of Coaches Representative

Candidate: Paul Lundsten (STAR)
Elected by acclamation: Paul Lundsten (STAR)

Motion to suspend rules and elect a representative to fill Jean Freeman's position. Passed, unanimous.

Election of Replacement Coach Representative

Candidate: Dennis Dale (MINN)
Elected by acclamation: Dennis Dale (MINN)

Election of Safety Coordinator

Candidate: Kathy Czuprynski (STAR)
Elected by acclamation: Kathy Czuprynski (STAR)

Election of Officials Chair

Candidate: Michael Bougie (UNA)
Elected by acclamation: Michael Bougie (UNA)

Election of Athlete's Representative

Candidate: Sarah Solfelt (MINN)
Elected by acclamation: Sarah Solfelt (MINN)

Election of Technical Chair

Candidate: Rocky O'Neill (BUR)
Elected by acclamation: Rocky O'Neill (BUR)

Election of Nominating Committee (4 members to be elected)

Candidates: Sue Lundsten (STAR), Bob Pearson (MAC), Jeff Rodriguez (EDI), Olga Splichalova (SCSC), Ellen Youngers (ROC)
Elected by secret ballot: Sue Lundsten (STAR), Bob Pearson (MAC), Jeff Rodriguez (EDI), Olga Splichalova (SCSC),

Election of Board of Review (4 regular, 2 alternates-top 4 vote getters are regular, next 2 alternates)

Candidates: Matt Brown (EDI), Mary Jo Malchow (UNA), Laura Roesler (RWSC), Sharon Simpson (SEMS),
Sue Lundsten (STAR), Carrie Hefte (?), Ellen Youngers (ROC)

Elected by secret ballot:

Regular members: Matt Brown (EDI), Mary Jo Malchow (UNA), Sharon Simpson (SEMS), Sue Lundsten (STAR)

Alternate members: Laura Roesler (RWSC), Carrie Hefte (?)

At-Large Committee Chairs (Non-Voting) Appointments

Legislative Coordinator: Jim Goetz

NTV Chair: David Shapley

Public Relations Chair: Molly Loomis

Equipment Chair: Ron Murphy (note: replaced in August 2003 by Jeff Chida)

Adapted Swimming Chair: Marlene Goblisch

Due to time constraints, two legislation proposals were withdrawn.

Motion to Adjourn at 1:30pm