
Executive Board:	David Braun, General Chair	Paul Lundsten, Age Group Vice Chair
Present:	Al Ness, Finance Vice Chair	Dennis Dale, Sr Vice Chair
Absent:	Neil Mahoney, Senior Athlete Rep. David Goble, Admin. Vice Chair* (present for subsequent ExCom mtg)	Olga Espinoza, Sr Coach Rep.

Directors:	Kathy Czuprynski, Safety Coordinator	Rocky O'Neill, Technical Planning Chair
Present:	Rick Biggs, Officials Chair Eric Seversen, Jr Coach Representative	Gail Andersen, Secretary Bob Pearson, Ex-Officio
Absent:	Katie Wind, Junior Athlete Rep	

Standing Cmte Chairs:	Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Cmte Chair	Rocky O'Neill, Time Standards Cmte Chair
Present:	Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership Michael Bougie, NTV Chair	Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator John Witzel, Board of Review Chair
Absent:	Sarah Stallkamp, Equipment Chair Marlene Goblisch, Adaptive Swimming Chair Sarah Solfelt, Outreach Committee Chair Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair	Paul Windrath, Webmaster Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte Susan McNeely, State Records Chair

Others Present: Billy Howard, MCA; Ryan L'Roy, TWIN; Susan Bukowski, NHCP; Kate Lundsten, AQJT;

1. Call to Order: 7:30 pm by GC Braun (quorum present) Additions to Agenda: none

2. Review of Minutes 2006-06-20

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes as Submitted: by Pearson; Second: Lundsten Motion carried none opposed

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a.) Meet Evaluation Questionnaire: Biggs noted that the format has not yet been updated. Moved to October Agenda.

b.) Time Standards Committee:

Action: Motion: "Maintain Minnesota Time Standards throughout each quadrennium; revising after each Summer Olympic Games." by Lundsten; Second Pearson Motion carried none opposed

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

a. General Chair

(Braun)

i.) USA-S Convention Highlights Report:

- Jim Wood was elected as the new President.
- Background Screening Program for Non-athletes will be adopted in a phased roll-out beginning with 5 LSC's on 2 October and continuing with groups of LSCs for the 2007 membership year. Copies of the full report of the Background Screens Implementation Task Force and the new policy are available from USA-S. It is not known how soon in 2007 this program implementation will be phased into MSI.
- Executive Director Chuck Weilgus reported that USA-S has a good reserve of cash on hand, much of the growth of which has been supplemented by Toyota coming on as a National Sponsor.
- Braun noted that not many Olympic-level athletes attended the Convention despite proximity of venue. (Michigan)
- GC also noted his impression of USA-S as a very well-run business.

ii.) Senior Athlete Representative: GC noted that Neil Mahoney, as Sr. Rep, has now missed 3 meetings in a row and has submitted his resignation. GC Braun appointed Jr. Rep. Katie Wind to succeed him in the Senior Athlete position. Braun intends to make a new appointment for the Jr. Rep. position. Billy Howard (MCA) inquired as to the status of the runner-up in the Athlete Rep. election, Matt Chida, as taking the position. Braun indicated he will be taking email applications/recommendations from any candidates for appointment.

iii.) Finance Chair: GC Braun has accepted the resignation of Al Ness, effective 6 October 2006, due to his family's relocation to Memphis. GC Braun will stand in at the Finance Chair position until an appointment for a replacement can be made.

b. Senior Vice Chair

(Dale)

i.) Reported that MN swimmers did very well at Jr. Nationals and at the National Championships. Mike Richards won the 50m Freestyle and David Plummer qualified for the World University Games and the Pan Pacific Games.

ii.) Noted that the US Open meet format will not be continued past 2006. The meet will be replaced with a Short Course National Championship Meet in December 2007.

c. Age Group Vice Chair

(Lundsten)

i.) USA-S Convention Highlights Report:

- Attended a seminar on the video "Successful Sports Parenting", of which he recommends all Clubs take advantage.
- Age Group Chairs Forum: noted that the MSI tradition of pre-scheduling meets for a whole season is not common among all LSC's but was recognized as a good model to reduce meet entry "chaos" in LSC's with no pre-scheduling.

ii.) Summer Meet Schedule zoned locations by club size has been posted on the website.

- iii) Planning for the 2007-08 Meet Schedule will begin with the Meet Comte on 4 October. All are welcome to participate.
- iv.) 2008 Summer State Meet dates/locations will be affected by the Junior Nationals and the National Championships scheduled for the UofM Aquatic Center and the "MegaZone" meet scheduled for IUPUI.

d. Finance Vice Chair (Ness)

- i.) Balance Sheet of 31 August 2006. Ness noted that revenues exceed budget. Copies of the Balance Sheet are on file at MSI.
- ii.) Year end 2006 audit has been scheduled.
- iii) Ex Officio Pearson lead a round of applause in appreciation for Ness's work for MSI.

e. Junior Coach Representative (Seversen)

- i.) USA-S Convention Highlights Report: (full written report available from MSI)
 - Background Check Legislation
 - Coaches encouraged to set up a log-in at USA-S website "MY USA Swimming" for meet results, IMX reports, etc.
 - Virtual Club Championships based upon meet results of member swimmers.
 - Club Recognition Program: optional web-based participation to measure achievement in focus areas.

f. Senior Athlete Representative no report

h. Administrative Vice Chair no report

g. Junior Athlete Representative no report

i. Senior Coach Representative no report

5. DIRECTOR REPORTS

a. Ex Officio (Pearson)

- i.) USA-S Convention Highlights Report:
 - Dennis Dale was one of the key speakers at the most well-attended seminar, the College Recruiting Panel.
 - Safety Training for Swim Coaches training for Instructors will be offered as stand-alone courses.
- ii.) Suggested the aging 1991 "Red Book" policy manual be updated immediately. Witzel noted he and Goble are actively working on the update, however, most of the relevant information needing update is already posted on the Website.
- iii.) Inquired about posting, communication and implementation of legislation passed by the Board of Directors.
- iv.) Suggested reducing number of BoD meetings to 6 per year.

b. Officials Chair (Biggs)

- i.) Biennial Re-testing for Certification is underway this month.
- ii.) Current Certified Officials: Referees: 38; Starters: 24; Stroke/turn: 108; Trainees: 25; total 170
- iii.) Officials' Clinic scheduled 30 September focusing on dialog with Coaches and the Role of Chief Judges.
- iv.) Officials' Clinic scheduled 4 November focusing on Starters and Referees

c. Safety Coordinator (Czuprynski)

- i.) Safety Training classes are scheduled for 11/11/06 at St. Anthony; and 1/6/07 at Highview.

d. Technical Planning Chair no report

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Registration/Membership Cmte (Shapley)

- i.) 2006 Year End Membership Report is on file:
 - Athletes: 7491; Non-Athletes: 624; Clubs: 68.
 - Largest Clubs: AQJT (626); BLA (394); FOXJ (380); nine next largest clubs Twin (296) thru STAR (197)
 - Largest Age Group - G/B: 12 year olds (792) Largest Gender / Age Group: 12 year old girls: (541)
 - Largest Number of Coaches per club: FOXJ (13) Largest Number Officials per club: UNA (17)
- ii.) 2007 Registrations: 5 Club Charters filed to date; 641 Athletes filed to date.
- iii.) 2006 National Convention Note: ADA presentation by Jim Devine: accommodation of Swimmers with Disabilities is required of clubs.

b. Central Zone Meet Committee (Lundsten)

- i.) Zone Meet 2006: Team Minnesota placed second only to the host LSC.
- ii.) Zone Meet 2007 in Topeka KS; 2008 "MegaZone" in IUPUI
- iii.) Planning underway for transition of Team Managers on departure of Ness.

n. Public Relations Cmte no report

f. Adapted Swimming Cmte no report

c. NTV no report

g. Time Standards Cmte no report

h. Nominating Cmte no report

i. Webmaster no report

l. State Records Cmte no report

o.) Swimposium no report

k. Outreach Cmte no report

i. Legislative Cmte no report

d. Board of Review no report

e. Equipment Cmte no report

7. NEW BUISNESS:

- i.) 2006-07 Winter Season Up coming: no comments
- ii.) 2006 Summer State Meet discussion: no comments
- iii.) November Board Meeting Date conflicts with Girls HS State Meet (Bougie)

Action: Motion: "ReSchedule November BoD meeting from 21 November to Tuesday 28 November" by Lundsten; Second Ness
Motion carried none opposed

8. Adjournment

Action: Motion to Adjourn 8:24 pm: Pearson; second: O'Neill Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,
Gail S. Andersen, Secretary