

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes 16 January 2007

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Executive Board:	David Braun, General Chair	Paul Lundsten, Age Group Vice Chair
Present:	Olga Espinoza, Sr Coach Rep David Goble, Admin. Vice Chair	Dennis Dale, Sr Vice Chair
Absent:	<i>Katie Wind, Senior Athlete Rep.</i>	<i>Vacant, Finance Vice Chair</i>
Directors:	Gail Andersen, Secretary	Kathy Czuprynski, Safety Coordinator
Present:	Rick Biggs, Officials Chair Matt Chida, Junior Athlete Rep	Rocky O'Neill, Technical Planning Chair Eric Severson, Jr Coach Representative
Absent:	<i>Bob Pearson, Ex-Officio</i>	
Standing Cmte Chairs	Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership	Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator
Present:	John Witzel, Board of Review Chair Rocky O'Neill, Time Standards Cmte Chair Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair	Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Cmte Chair Marlene Fure, Adaptive Swimming Chair Michael Bougie, NTV Chair
Absent:	<i>Sarah Stallkamp, Equipment Chair</i> <i>Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte</i> <i>Susan McNeely, State Records Chair</i>	<i>Paul Windrath, Webmaster</i> <i>Sarah Solfelt, Outreach Committee Chair</i>
Others Present:	Billy Howard, MCA; Ellen Youngers, ROC; Paul Stearns, M3F; Mike Rogers, FOXJ; Terri Meeks, SHRK; Ryan L'Roy, TWIN; Kate Lundsten, AQJT	

1. Call to Order: 7:35 pm by GC Braun (quorum present) Additions to Agenda: none

2. Review of Minutes Draft for Approval 2006-11-28

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes as Submitted: by Goble; Second: Biggs Motion carried none opposed

3. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

a. General Chair (Braun)

i.) Senior Athlete Rep Katie Wind has submitted her resignation due to conflicting time commitments. GC Braun requests recommendations to fill the seat.

ii.) GC Braun requests affirmation of appointment of Terri Meeks (SHRK) to position of Finance Vice Chair.

Action: Motion: "To affirm appointment of Terri Meeks to position of Finance Vice Chair." by Goble; Second: Lundsten

Motion carried none opposed

iii.) GC introduced Duane Proell, UofM Aquatic Center, to discuss the issue of 2008 Long Course State Meet date/location options.

Duane noted that the 1999 Summer Nationals held at the UofM pool were plagued by severe air quality issues due to over-booking the meet beyond capacity and the extended hot weather that summer. New HVAC equipment has been installed, however, concern remains that the system may not be able to perform/recover adequately for 3 consecutive weeks running large meets: Mn LC State, National Championships and Juniors. Therefore the UofM is offering to host the LC State meet on July 10 to allow recovery time for the system before Nationals.

Due to the impact on the meet schedule for the LC season of 2008, GC Braun requested that ROC and MCA teams look into co-hosting at the Rochester pool for the weekend of August 1-3, 2008.

b. Finance Report (Braun)

i.) The Audits for 2005 and 2006 fiscal years, which run through 31 August, indicate a healthy cash reserve. GC Braun would like to look into the possibility of creating scholarships to promote diversity and to support economically disadvantaged swimmers. There is also possible consideration of reducing fees due to MSI.

c. Administrative Vice Chair (Goble)

i.) ALEX has requested that the Meet Information for A/B-C Finals include a requirement for clubs attending to provide one timer per session. It was noted that October 1998 legislation requires: "Effective immediately, at all MSI regularly bid, sanctioned events, visiting clubs will provide timers as necessary for the duration of the competition. The meet will not begin until the timing needs have been met. The host club may not place requirements on any individual team to participate at any specific level."

ii.) Regarding the Meet Recon Fines Policy adopted 04-18-06, issues have arisen in cases where clubs may not have provided information to MSI timely for the recon to be performed. Recommendations for resolution of this issue will be forthcoming.

8:10 pm Goble assumes Chair on Braun's departure.

e. Senior Coach Representative no report

f. Senior Athlete Representative no report

g. Senior Vice Chair no report

h. Junior Coach Representative no report

i. Junior Athlete Representative no report

d. Age Group Vice Chair (Lundsten)

i.) Postponed legislation proposal reopened:

A. Proposed Legislation "Champ is a Champ"

Action: Motion to Adopt Legislation: "For all Finals Meets, (State, A/B Finals and C Finals) a swimmer must swim at the highest level they have achieved in an event, no matter what the Course." Lundsten; Second: Pearson Motion carried one opposed

- ii.) 2007-08 Meet Schedule for Bidding Proposed Draft presented again for discussion only. Meet Schedule will be formally presented for approval at the February BoD. Noted that non-zoned bid weekends are all available for Invitationals. Concerns highlighted by Lundsten included whether the Bid Meet Weekends should be protected from financial impact of Invitationals drawing off swimmers. He also noted that, in an invitational-only season format, Invitationals can use any OOE, which may leave some events not offered during the season.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

- a. Officials Chair (Biggs)
- i.) Meet Evaluation form has been completed. Copies were distributed and will be available on the website.
- ii.) FOXJ Meet in January was approved for National Certification Observations and Evaluations. Paul Jones, Central Zone Officials Chair, served as observer. Several Minnesota officials received evaluations for new and renewing National (N2) and National Championship (N3) certifications.
- iii.) A stroke and turn class was held in Eden Prairie on 10 January. Next clinics are scheduled for 17 January at Farmington and at the ROC 'A' meet in February. Current: 36 Referees, 12 Starters, 82 Stroke and Turn.
- b. Safety Coordinator (Czuprynski)
- i.) Safety Training for Swim Coaches class will be held April 1 at Circle Pines, 11:00 am.
- c. Technical Planning Chair no report d. Ex Officio no report

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Legislative Chair (Cutter)
- Action: Motion: "In recognition of generous pro bono legal work provided by attorney Bob Cantana of Dorsey and Whitney, a gift certificate to a Cycling Shop in the amount of \$150 will be presented to him." Cutter; Second: Andersen
- Motion carried none opposed
- b. National Times Verification (Bougie)
- i.) All meets from this fall have been loaded. Not all of the swims have been cleared from the holding tank.
- ii.) Requests for Observation for USA-S Rules compliance have been accepted for non-USA Swimming meets: MSHSL State meets, Big 10 Championship, MIAC Championship, and NCAA Division I meets.
- c. Adapted Swimming Committee (Fure)
- i.) Disability World Championships were won by the USA team which included three Minnesota swimmers.
- ii.) Chair noted she is now on the National Trip list. She would like to assist Minnesota coaches to get swimmers qualified and entered into meets. Basic disability categories include visual impairment, impaired physical function, short bones and reduced coordination. Links to the IPC and the US Paralympics are on the website.
- d. Registration/Membership Cmte (Shapley)
- i.) Dates for Background checks for Coaches: Minnesota April 2-13; free dates Feb 19-23.
- ii.) 2007 Athlete membership is at 4,774; 120 ahead of January 2006.
- iii.) 2007 Club Charter membership is at 62; 4 ahead of January 2006.
- iv.) Seasonal Membership dates are 9 March through 5 August (does not cover State meet)
- e. Board of Review (Witzel)
- i.) Request denied for re-hearing of a matter which was decided in a written opinion.
- f. Nominating Committee (Kuramoto)
- i.) Chair suggests that all clubs try to bring more parents to be involved in the MSI Board meetings.
- ii.) Committee is taking email nominations through the end of March. futbol2swim3@hotmail.com
- g. Central Zone Meet Committee (Lundsten)
- i.) Hotels for the meet will be posted on the MSI webpage.
- h. 28 April 2007 Swimposium (Andersen)
- i.) Event will be held at the UofM Aquatic Center and Cook 10. Rec Sports will provide all set up for seating/tables and classrooms. Swimposium budget will cover lifeguards and building manager.
- ii.) National Team Athlete seminars and in-water training will be held at Cook 10 due to Masters Meet main pool use during the afternoon. Catered lunch will be served in the Lobby and two class room set-ups will also be in the Lobby. Wet and Dry Classrooms will also be utilized for seminars. Speakers include Jim Sheehan, USA-S Officials Committee Chair; Charlene Boudreau, USA-S Director of the High Performance Network; John Lorimer, Technology of Swim Meets and Meet Management; and Mick Nelson, USA-S Facilities Development. The National Team Athlete and luncheon keynote speaker have yet to be determined. (subsequently confirmed Carly Piper)
- i. Equipment Committee no report l. Outreach Committee no report
- j. State Records Committee no report m. Time Standards Committee no report
- k. Sanction Coordinator no report n. Public Relations Committee no report

6. NEW BUSINESS none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a.) Policy Manual (Witzel)
- i.) Various sections are under review by Board Members.

8. Adjournment

- Action: Motion to Adjourn 8:55 pm: O'Neill; Second:Lundsten
- Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,
Gail S. Andersen, Secretary