

Maine Swimming House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
Spring '05: May 14, 2005

Roll Call: C Branch, S Power, S Alcaide, B Alcaide, A Winslow, B Hitt, T Murray, M LaRiviere, E Hoar, B Drew, J Williams, L McCann, L Branch, M. Poulin, C Brunnette, L Gravel, S Perkins, D St. Pierre, J Morissette, J Willis, W Barton, M Weferling, P Seiders, L LaPointe, G Seiler, AM Rand.

Motion to accept minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's – Cash in checking account \$32283.91, cash in savings \$6554.23, certificate of deposit \$31228.76, making total assets \$70066.90. There are a few outstanding bills to pay.

General Chair – Background checks on all non-athletes was discussed at USAS convention, strongly supported by Eastern board. The cost would possibly be paid through national. Local police may provide checks free for non-profits. Attended Gen Chair's meeting at Colorado Springs – all LSC's have the same problems, although MSI has many fewer board of review issues.

Immediate Past General Chair – Handed out the latest version of MSI Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. Please e-mail any issues or mistakes to Steve. MSI is now currently registered again as non-profit. All forms and papers had been mailed to a previously listed officer. Please update contact info as we will be using email to communicate with clubs and members. Club Development - Virtual club championship to compare clubs nationally. USA events swum by your club fitting format, swimmer's times will be posted to see how kids compare nationally. Awards will be given for clubs with the most consistent improvement over course of year.

Safety Chair– passed out latest club safety coordinators for changes. No safety issues from any clubs. Have put safety policies from another LSC on the website. Accident summary report passed around for review.

Senior chair – no report

Age Group chair – attached

Registration Chair – 514 females, 356 males, 870 year round members. Season 1 members have 126 females, 87 males, for a total of 213. Season 2 has 9 females, 10 males, totaling 19. \$7.50 for seasonal memberships goes to MSI, \$10 for year round. There has been a large increase in seasonal members which will obviously affect MSI's budget. Because of privacy issues, Linda can't release any information except names. Non-athletes can release information with disclosure form. MSI times are not being uploaded to SWIMS as of April. Bowdoin Open is the only meet listed. Steve will check on other meets, as they were sent and USAS said they had them. Need someone at meets

to register for on-deck entries. Bylaws allow meet directors to register at meet. Electronic Registration is going well, one of the only LSC's that is 100% compliant. Fees go up \$1 for next year.

Coaches Rep – attached

Officials Chair – would like to get officials to be USAS certified for USA sanctioned meets. Jim recommended referee and starter are USA-certified, with other officials being high school & MSOA & Y. Y certification is far below USA requirements. Jim will make a proposal for fall HOD. Beth and Eric both available for clinics.

Zones - Jim handed out a zone team report with all times and place finishes. The team finished 10th.

Adaptive Chair– The name has apparently been changed to Disabled Swimming. Since we need to set standards for disability, we decided to use CT “B” standard. Swimmer and referee can decide on disability level if swimmer is not in one of the categories. We are allowed to send one 12 and under and one 13 and over to zones.

Records Chair– Coaches must provide results to records chair if not MSI meet. Are SCM records current now? Certificates have been done through last summer.

Athlete reps – not present.

Camp Coord/All Star meet – camp is now set for Nov.

Unfinished business – Motion to use CT Disability policy as MSI policy. Seconded and passed. Website – Last HOD allocated \$3500 for website. NJ swim GC, Ed Dellert, volunteered to help set it up. The site is currently connected to NJ gators. He has put database together to make it easier to update, enter info. Contact list will be approved by individual. Steve and Anne Marie will get all remaining information to Ed.

New Business – Linda made recommendations regarding seasonal memberships for clubs. Will draft a proposal for voting at fall HOD. USAS is offering an individual season. It would run 150 days from whenever swimmer signed up. It was decided not to have individual season for now. Middle school meet results are allowed if interscholastic, according to handbook. Suggested changing policy to exclude middle school meet results for fall HOD. Adopted 05/06 meet schedule. Schedule attached. Moved to accept schedule as presented. Amendment to change champs to Orono from Bowdoin 6.5 yes, 11 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion to make champs location undecided until clubs are asked by sanction chair where to hold meet. 14 yes, 6 opposed. Motion as amended, 17 yes, 2 no. Background checks – Likely to move forward at national level, probably approve at convention. Meet fee increase – Chris will ask Jay to put together proposal to present to board. The assigned work responsibilities at meets is very lax. Chris will propose a fine system for fall HOD.

Elections – Registration chair, nominated Linda McCann. Elected. Age group chair, nominated Jim Willis. Elected. Treasurer, nominated Bonnie Alcaide. Elected. Safety chair, nominated Anne Marie Rand. Elected. Review chair, nominated Steve Alcaide. Elected. Officials chair, nominated Eric Hoar and Beth Drew. Elected. Records chair, nominated Brian Savage and Dan St. Pierre. Dan declined. Elected Brian. Administrative Vice-chair, nominated Anne Marie Rand. Elected.

Next meeting: October 8, 2005 at the Waterville Boy's and Girl's Club.

Submitted by Bonnie Alcaide