

MAINE SWIMMING
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes (Pending)
Spring 2007: May 19, 2007

Introductions: Chris Branch welcomed everyone for attending and gathered all authorizations to vote.

Roll Call:

Chris Branch, Laura Branch, Brenda Oldfield, Anne Marie Rand, Steve Alcaide, Beth Drew, Buddy Whitehouse, Jim Gravel, Leanne Gravel, Linda McCann, David Turnage, Erin Thomas, Luann Beauchamp, Jay Morissette, Jim Willis, Marie Weferling, James DeWitt, Tammy Sawyer, Steve Elwell, Mike Pietrak, Colleen Lepage, Patti Drew, Lori LaPointe, Jeff Easterling, Scott MacDonald, Beth Sheet, Bonnie Alcaide, Star Perkins, Marc Robitaille, John Moreshead, Sheila Beruier

Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting that notes were taken on were emailed and available for reading. Motion to accept minutes: Passed

Motion to change order of meeting agenda: 1st: David Turnage 2nd by Jim Willis. Motion passed.

Resolutions & Orders:

Reminder Club gets 1- vote/club, HOD each board member -1 vote, Group member- 1 vote, each Athlete rep – 1 vote, per article 2.1

Election Committee: Jay Morissette, Beth Drew (Chair), Marie Weferling recommended; 1st – David Turnage 2nd – Jim Willis Motion to accept: For- 24, Against- 0. Abstentions-2
Lori LaPointe said she would like a closed ballot. Based on that, a motion to have a closed ballot: 1st- David Turnage, 2nd- Marc Robitaille; Motion Passed

Elections:

Position

Nominations-Votes received

Vice Chair

Luanna Beauchamp-12; Steve Alcaide -14

Age Group Chair

Leanne Gravel – 17; Tom Manduca – 9

Registration

Linda McCann ; Luann Beauchamp (declined); Sectary Pass Ballot: Motion Passed

Safety Chair

George Okeef – 15; Ann Marie Rand – 11

Treasure

Bonnie Alcaide – 12; Jim Gravel – 12, (2 Abstentions)
Revote: Bonnie – 11; Jim – 13 , (2 Abstentions)

Official Chair

John Moreshead – Sectary Pass Ballot: Motion Passed

Note: Beth Drew stepped down from election Chair, and Mike Pietrack from KVYMCA replaced Beth

Board of Review

8 positions available: 5 Regular & 3 alternate – one being athlete rep.

2 year (2 elected)

Ann Carney (CMA) – 17; Beth Drew – 13; Ned Johnston (MDI) – 11;
Anne Marie Rand- 10

2 year Alt (1 elected).

John Williams (HSC) – 14; Anne Marie Rand – 12

1 year (2 elected)

Pender Lazenby (Seals) – 15; Anne Marie Rand – 13; Ned Johnston – 11;
Liz Pontius (PPSC) – 11 with 2 Abstentions

1 year Alt. (2 elected)

Marc Robitaille (TCST) – 20; Liz Pontius (PPSC) – 16; Eric Hoar (SYT) - 10

Treasures Report:

Bonnie Alcaide submitted a report and letter of explanation of the report. Copy given to secretary and is available for review. Motion to accept the report as presented by Bonnie Alcaide 1st – Jim Willis 2nd – David Turnage Discussion into the report was motion to have this item tabled

pending a review 1st – Steve Alcaide 2nd Jim Willis: Motion to table treasure report passed. Report is filed with these minutes as a record.

Report of Officers:

General Chair: Chris Branch -Report on Eastern Zones

Past General Chair: No report

Senior Chair: Jim Willis – Need ideas

Age Group Chair: Tom Manduca – There are changes for 2008 times copy of those changes submitted to secretary and is available for review

Registration Chair: Linda McCann – Submitted report and copy available for review.

Total athletes:2007- 811, total athletes 2006 – 879 for 68 fewer athletes in 2007.

Non-athletes/coaches/officials: 2007 – 184, 2006 – 176 for an increase of 8 in 2007.

Three larges clubs: (2007) SSC – 193, CMA – 190, LRSC - 142

Reports:

Official Chair: Beth Drew deferred to Chair elect John Moreshead – Will run a clinic at summer championships in between sessions if there is a need. Let John know if there is a need. Coaches ask your parents and let John know soon.

Question : Is there a requirement by MSI as to which meets the Official Chair has to do?

Chris- No, Official Chair does not have to do the meet just has to make sure there are plenty of officials for the meet to run.

Zones Chair/Camp Coordinator/All Star Meet: Laura Branch –

Zones 07: there were 42 athletes that went, 90 applied 50 returned applications and funds.

Question: Does everyone feel this system is working or should we try it another way? Everyone said keep it this way for now.

All Star Meet November 11 Canada : Times from Summer Long course can be used and also you do not have to compete at summer Championships to be eligible for this All Star Meet just have to be the top two times in your age and event.

Summer Zones 07: Application Packets will be out soon for swimmers and coaches. Dead Line is June 15th. Do not need a long course time to apply. AA minimum for that age and event. Coaches will be determined by replies and applications.

Disabled Swimming Chair: Star Perkins – Would like to know of any disabled athletes. Would like to know if that information can be transferred to her by electronic from membership or does that has to come from a coach.

Athlete's Representative - Erin Thomas No Report.

Unfinished Business:

Star Perkins hoped that we could not regret changing the agenda order as to the out come of some of the business conducted here today.

New Business:

Policies & Procedures Discussion on Proposed Amendment:

“M 26.4 That MSI registration cost and travel, hotel and meal expenses for MSI coach of the year to attend ASCA clinic to receive his/her recognition from ASCA as the MSI Coach of the Year.” Board recommended approval of this change at it is meeting on March 17, 2007. 1st -Jim Willis 2nd – Mike R.; Motion Passed

07-08 Meet Schedules: Copy not available due to no printer but could be reviewed on a laptop. Copy will be forwarded to secretary for these minutes.

Championship Meets: Winter Championships 13-16 March 2008 Possibly at U Maine; Summer Championships TBA after committee reviews possibilities due to passport requirements to travel to Canada.

Question: is 8 & Under/ Bronze a Championship? Some feel it is played down and needs to be looked at. If some feels they want to write a policy & procedure change please do so and submit is according to the Bylaws.

Summer Champs: 07 July 25-28 St. John's Canada; information will be on the website. There are a few event changes so look at the event list carefully.

07-08 Budgets : Item tabled until review is completed and brought back to next HOD. Motion was made to table this item until the review is complete. 1st – David Turnage, 2nd Steve Alcaide For- 11 Against- 1 Abstention-1

Motion to Audit the finances: Recommended by the MSI Board

Steve Alcaide and Amended by Jim Wills : Motion to have an independent firm conduct an audit of the MSI finances. The treasure will get three different Certified Public Accountant Firms within 30 days of this meeting to recommend to the MSI board for the audit of MSI finances. These CPA's will have no affiliation with MSI. The MSI board will review these recommendations. Then proceed with an audit upon approval of the MSI Board.
Motion Passed.

Other:

Anne Marie Rand Motion to have a committee review the bylaws as they are written now and see how they comply with USA Swimming. 1st – Linda 2nd David Turnage Motion Passed

Board will be put together a committee to review bylaws first before any more changes are to be done. The following will be on that committee: Chris Branch, Luann Beuchamp, Jim Willis, Steve Alcaide, Anne Marie Rand, and Brenda Oldfield.

Next Meeting: Augusta in October Day and time TBA

Adjournment: 1724 hrs 1st Steve Alcaide, 2nd Beth Drew Motion Passed