

Maine Swimming House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
Fall '04: October 2, 2004

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Motion to accept minutes. Amendment to motion under New Business "allocate \$3500 for web site from handbook". Amended motion to accept minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report - \$30,000+ in checkbook, outstanding bills yet to pay for fiscal year.

General Chair – Chris, Sharon, Jim, Steve and Bonnie went to USAS Convention. Resolution passed convention to draft program to do background checks on USAS non-athlete members. Passed resolution stating that all board members of USAS clubs need to be USAS members. Y clubs can have an agent acting on their behalf. Y clubs with separate USAS boards would need to be USAS members. Would like to do mini-swimposium in fall with official's clinic, swimmer's clinic. Safety meeting – water polo not always covered under insurance. Anne Marie will check into water polo coverage. There are new incident report forms that must be sent with any accident.

Immediate Past GC/Sanction Chair – only one sanction request in for this fall's meets. Without sanction number next to swimmer's time, times will be dropped from SWIMS. Insurance will be void without sanction number. Meet packets should not be sent out to teams prior to obtaining the sanction number.

Senior Chair – Convention report, attended senior swimming meetings. Juniors meets will be Nat'l Jr Champs for swimmers through age 18. Meet has 1300 kids who have qualified already and will be in Irvine, CA. Spring Champs will replace spring Nat'l meet. In 2006 W800 and M1650 will be swum trials and finals. Main topic at the coaches meeting was background checks, passed by one vote to check non-athlete members. Coaches who spoke against the checks were concerned that there was no program in effect that was being voted on. At the workshop on education committee, parent ed was an important topic, and recruitment and retention were also discussed. Club development task force looking into male/female split in swimming and how to get males interested or how to retain males. In the Olympic result review the top performance award went to 4x200 relay.

Age Group Chair – Convention report was passed out in Jim's absence.

Registration/Membership Chair – There were 776 women and 470 men, for a total of 1246 members. Membership packets went out a few weeks ago. USAS instituted an individual membership this year which starts when you join and goes for 150 days. Swimmers can be signed up under USAS insurance through a learn to swim program or class for \$3, and become members if they will be competing in meets. Transfer

application form is included in packet and must be returned to Linda when appropriate so she has last date of competition to submit to Nat'l. Nat'l database will switch swimmer from unattached to your team when required time period has passed. The only back-up times accepted by Nat'l will be Hytek calculated back-up times. The date a swimmer is registered is the date Linda receives a check. It is very important that names and birthdates must be the same for registration and meets. Please check and correct your team's database. Linda will reconcile meet entries to make sure all swimmers in the meet are USAS members if you send the file to her. Linda will send a copy of a report with discrepancies to teams. You need to allow sufficient time when making this request.

Tech Planning/Coaches Rep – Chris sent form asking for items for discussion. There are a few items to continue discussing with votes for 2006. Coaches discussed having 8&U swim as 10&U with no 8&U events at summer champs. There will be Nat'l recognition for time improvement for 10&U. There could possibly be a small 8&U meet during the year. Chris collected new email addresses.

Officials Co-Chairs – Guy Roberge went to referee facilitators workshop. Shirts for officials were discussed and a proposal will be submitted. WCCU will be hosting an official's clinic.

Zones – Zones will be at GCIT in NJ March 31-April 2, hosted by Middle Atlantic. The Zone meetings at Convention discussed the problem of lack of bids for zones and a committee was formed to look into pool availability. The Speedo Sectional meets were bid and voted on. Elections were held and a new zone pin was approved for purchase.

All Star Meet – Meet is in Fredricton, travel by bus, a 5 to 6 hour ride. Coaches please return names of swimmers going and events so alternates can be contacted within the next few days.

Appeals – two standing filed issues involving swimmer's conduct, one at last winter's championship meet and one at last winter's zone meet.

Records Chair – Dan provided copies of records. Dan has resigned effective immediately. Please submit to C. Branch the names of interested parties for appointment to position.

Adaptive Chair – The committee has gone over CT policy and made changes. Passed out handout with proposed MSI "A" and "B" standards. Coaches want to use "B" as MSI standards for this winter. Classification is determined at Nat'l level meet. Athlete can self-classify if they do not have a card. At a local meet, the meet referee and swimmer can decide if the swimmer wants to swim a shorter distance for an event. Disabled competitors will earn an award for age group. Coaches made a few changes in CT policy for MSI to use. Star proposed that MSI accept CT policy with changes as working policy to be formally voted on at spring HOD. Moved and passed.

Top 16/OVC Chair – No report.

Athlete Rep – Jenn Flaherty. Jenn submitted a letter to the house with some thoughts and ideas for meets and a request for teams to send the email addresses she has been working on for MSI. New junior athlete rep is Amanda Gist, HSC.

Convention reports – Steve - USAS had some redistricting, changing a few boundaries. Four LSC's changed or merged. Nat'l IM Challenge – formed committee of 3 LSC's, MSI being one, and produced a report. This challenge will be by age, with 5 events per age group. Each LSC will pick meets for each swimmer to pick events, and the swimmer will be ranked nationally on how swimmer did at the meet. The program will run between 10-1-04 and 12-15-04, results will be on USAS web site. Coach must tell Steve which meet the swimmer will do the events for the Nat'l IM Challenge and Steve can give USAS proper sanction # to find swimmer's times. Nat'l IM Program runs two seasons. Swimmers will be ranked nationally if you choose to participate. Mythical club championship will take year's times and will rank club nationally. Club development produced a draft club evaluation, with the goal being to move up through the levels.

Unfinished Business – Tech Planning/Coaches Rep. Discussion to have tech planning be allocated to age group and senior chairs. By-laws should change 5.5.8 at spring HOD to strike “will be the coaches rep” and use this as a working policy for the winter. Moved and passed.

MSI Directory Listing, Clubs and Boards – Handouts with MSI book and meet director's handbook. Update will be by 11-1.

Maine Master/Web site will be discussed under New Business.

New Business

Camp Coordinator – Laura Branch appointed.

Spring HOD/Banquet/Camp/Clinics would be good to have in Waterville May 14 & 15.

Bowdoin Open – packet will be out in a few weeks. Dates will be Dec 10-12.

04-05 Budget – Motion to accept \$83,500 budget, passed. Other revenue should be \$2950. Camps/clinics left off budget, \$2000. Motion made that if there is \$5000 surplus, add \$1500 to Handbook/website so total is \$5000. Motion made to use other surplus money (after website) to fund officials' shirts and travel to Nat'l official's meeting if proposal is approved by MSI board. Report due to Board by Nov 30. Passed.

Zones – Zone committee would like flexibility to not include 10&u swimmers as part of travel team. They would be parents' responsibility except while at pool. This was approved with everything available in writing for parents.

Winter champs concessions proposals should be turned in by Nov 1.

Rocco asked about relay changes discussed at last HOD. Since the issue was not discussed at the coaches meeting this morning, it would not be acted upon at HOD.

Next HOD is May 15. If no camp is set up, then May 14.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Bonnie Alcaide