

# MSI House of Delegates

## October 16, 2016

### SMCC 1:00 pm

Present:

BYB-Matt Cook (HOD)  
CBRY – Susanne Boccanfuso  
CMA – Matt Vogel (BOD), Hannah Griffin (BOD)  
DEFY - Matt Montgomery (BOD), Jim Goodman (HOD)  
HSC –Butch Babin, Colin Reeve (HOD)  
KVV – Mike Schmidt (HOD)  
LRSC – Jay Morissette (BOD), Caitlin Tycz (BOD), Sophia Kruse (BOD), Nicole Viele (BOD)  
MDIY – Jim Willis (BOD)  
MMD – Stephanie Perkins (HOD)  
MVSC – Lindsay McMahon (HOD)  
NYCY – Angus Maclean (BOD)  
PBAY- Lianne McCluskey (HOD)  
PPSC – Matt Baxter (BOD)  
SEAL – John Smith (BOD), Betsy Perron (BOD)  
SMAC – Leanne Gravel (HOD), Sean McKenney, Kyle Long (HOD)  
SSC – AJ Rog (HOD)  
SYT – Tate Warden (HOD)  
WCCU – Lori LaPointe (HOD)  
YWTS – Will McCorkle (HOD)

Others: Mary Ellen Tynan

Absent: CCSC, PYPB, TCST, WCY

#### **Jim Willis - General Chair Report**

*“Welcome to all that are attending the 2016 Fall Maine Swimming (MSI) House of Delegates (HOD) meeting at Southern Maine Community College (SMCC). This is an historic weekend for MSI and I hope that most of you were able to view parts if not all of the clinic. One of the goals of MSI is to promote education and this year's clinic helps us to build upon the knowledge among Maine coaches.*

*I'm very happy to be back as the general Chair of MSI. We have made some great steps since our meeting with Arlene and recommendations from a few years ago. We hope to take some more strides to improve swimming in the state of Maine.*

*Here are a few of my visions for the future of Maine Swimming.*

- New competition arrangement for All-Star Team*
- LSC Swim Camps for upper level senior swimmers*
- A competition schedule that strives to provide opportunities for all.*
- Include part of schedule for age group development and the other for Senior development*
- Dual Meet league/schedule for clubs including Y clubs (optional)*

- 6 or more Maine swimmers @ 2020 Olympic Trials
- All clubs will be at least Level 1 by the end of 2017
- Maine Swimming will complete LEAP Level 2

*Of course the above are my visions, but with positive discussion and creative ideas we can work on together as we search for the best course for MSI over the next 4 years and beyond.*

*Some of the questions that I have and others may as well:*

- Do we want spend time & resources on open water?
- What do we do about summer swimming in Maine?
- Are reaching the needs of most Maine swimmers?
- Are there more volunteers/officials out there to help out?

*Please remember that Maine Swimming is a member of USA Swimming and all clubs & the LSC can take advantage of the national governing body. USA-S offers clubs/coaches/officials and even parents lots of information to increase the potential of their team and swimmers. When one club or swimmers improve, everyone else catches up, so if everyone is improving we will catch up and be much better in the long run. If you have any questions or problems or would like to help out with LSC, my email is [sharks@mdiymca.org](mailto:sharks@mdiymca.org) and my phone is 207-664-8246.”*

### **Spring HOD Minutes**

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Lori LaPointe. Accept May 2016 HOD minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Matt Montgomery -Age Group Chair Report**

*“We are looking to offer a swim clinic for athletes this season with Elizabeth Beisel. We were informed by New England Swimming that she may be available. I have reached out to her, but have not heard back as of this report.*

*Possible dates: January 7/8, January 21/22, February 11/12*

*I will be checking with Bowdoin, Bath YMCA, UMO & Bates to see which facility would be available and cost effective according to Beisel’s availability.*

*The cost of the clinics would depend on the Beisel’s cost and facility rental fees. “*

### **Jay Morissette –TPC Report**

New Junior Olympic cuts presented by John Smith.

The new cut times will correspond to recently updated USA swimming motivational standards. For example, if an old cut time was the “A” standard for the 50 free the new cut time will be the new “A” standard for the 50 free. The boys 13 and 14 400 IM, 1000 free, and 1650 free have not been changed.

### **Junior Olympic Entries**

This is a clarification of the entry process that has been in effect. You will have until 11:59 PM on the entry deadline date to enter your athletes and until 11:59 PM on the following day to make corrections.

2017 MSI International meet will be held in St. John from July 13-15.

### **2017 Short Course Zones:**

The BOD has decided not to send a team to short course zones in 2017 citing better competition opportunities elsewhere. We will create an All-Star Team program with three divisions: 10 and under, 11 - 14, and 15-18. The selection criteria will remain the same as the Zone Team selection criteria. The fee structure will be similar.

The 10 and under team will travel to a meet in the spring.

The 11 through 14 team will compete at the New Brunswick Long Course Championship meet which is the same weekend as Zones. At this competition, our swimmers will be permitted to swim in the maximum number of events as long as they meet qualifying requirements, but only two Mainers will be allowed advance to finals. In future years New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine Swimming will coordinate a rotating All-Star meet.

15 & Over: The 15 and Over All-Star group will be more of a camp system. In the fall they will have a training opportunity in Maine; on April break they will travel for a training opportunity (perhaps to MIT) where they would train, take college tours, listen to guest speakers and take the bus home for the MSI April banquet.

#### JO Trials

Nova Scotia will be sending 11 and 12-year-old swimmers. The 10 and under age group will move to the afternoon. The meet packet will be edited to clarify qualifying for Junior Olympics, competing in trials, and no show athletes.

#### MSI International Invitational

We will change the order of events to mirror 13 and 14-year-old events at Junior Olympics. If an athlete misses a final event, they will be permitted to compete for the rest of the meet as time trial-only swimmers. This includes any relays where they may be entered. No additional time trial fees will apply to these swimmers

#### Junior Olympics:

There will be no fee for relay-only participants.

Report from 2016 ASCA World Clinic is available in the MSI web page.

#### **John Smith- Safety Chair Report**

Teams, please remember to fill out and submit accident occurrence report forms.

#### **Taylor Rogers -Safe Sport Chair Report**

Safe Sport information has been updated on the website. When registering your team with USA swimming please designate a safe sport coordinator for your club.

#### **Old & New Business**

Appointments

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Stephany Perkins. Appoint Tom Manduca to the position of Admin Vice Chair. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Lori LaPointe. Appoint Tom Manduca as the temporary Finance Chair. Discussion: How long will this temporary position last? Answer: We will try to find a new Finance Chair as soon as possible.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Stephany Perkins. Appoint Matt Vogel as the Senior Chair.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### Zones

Discussion: When we change the Zone meet to the Maine All-Star team program, how will that affect our budget? Jim Willis believes that we should increase the budget from the Zones budget because we are adding 3 to 4 events. We may not spend it all but we should make sure we look ahead and place money in the budget to cover this just in case.

High school observation

Per the last HOD meeting, athletes will be charged \$5 per event to be observed. This money will be pooled and divided among the officials. Athletes will sign up on the website and pay through PayPal. It would be very helpful if clubs and parents can help get official coverage for these meets.

Budget: (posted on MSI Web Site)

We had a successful year and are in the black with \$44,000 this year.

It is Jim Willis's goal to have six months income put aside.

Age Group and Senior development money is currently listed under the Zones line in the budget. Jim Willis would like to increase this budget line to \$58,000 because of anticipated costs for implementing the new All-Star program.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by Stephany Perkins. Increase the budget for the Zones/All-Star program to \$58,000.

Motion passes unanimously

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Matt Vogel. Pass the budget as presented with the above amendment.

Budget passes unanimously

Proposed Policy and Procedure changes that affect the budget:

1. P & P 19.15 for Zone Coach, but this will also clarify for others and will be added to the appropriate policy: Increase the MSI per diem from \$40 to \$50 a day for regional MSI business and \$60 per day at conventions.
2. P & P 8.3: Re-institute the \$100 sanction fee for USA swimming meets. If all reports are filed on time and appropriately, the money will be refunded or credited to the team for what it owes MSI in meet fees. This would go into effect immediately after the HOD meeting in October 2016.
3. P & P 21.4: Increase meet reimbursement from \$400 at regional meets to \$500 and from \$800 at national meets to \$1000.
4. New policy: Fines for late payments after 30 days will be \$25 +2%; after 60 days, the fine will be \$50 +2% and the amount will increase incrementally by \$25 for every 30 days that meet fees are late.
5. Policy 13.1: Increase the unregistered swimmer fee from \$20 to \$100.
6. P & P 17.7.C & 19.16: Increase the fee for late entries at Junior Olympics. The proposed fee is \$250 per team in addition to \$10 per individual entry participant. (This would be an adjustment to the current fine, which is \$250 per team or one dollar per splash whichever costs more.)

Motion by Taylor Rogers second by Jay Morissette. Accept above changes 1, 2, 5 and 6 Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Taylor Rogers, second by AJ Rog. Pull items 3&4 for discussion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Matt Baxter, second by Matt Vogel. Amend item number 3 to reimburse up to \$600 for regional meets.

Motion passes unanimously.

Note: Summer Senior Zone swimmers can be reimbursed to go to that meet if they have made the Sectional cut, since there are no Summer Sectionals.

Motion by Matt Montgomery, second by Taylor Rogers. Pull item number 4 and amend to say that the 30 day clock begins from the first day of the meet.

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion: Individual teams hosting their own meets can set their own late payment policies and state them in their meet packets.

Clarification regarding time trials: the Meet Referee has a right to accept or deny a time trial request based on time.

Butch Babin would like to host a meet either on the original dates of the IMX meet or the developmental meet which will not be happening this year or on January 7. He will investigate the availability of the pool and volunteers. He has also offered to host a 10 and under All-Star meet.

BBA has dissolved its team and generously donated the money in their remaining bank account to the local teams in the Bangor area.

Welcome to new coaches:  
Suzanne Boccanfuso CBRY  
Tate Warden SYT  
Lianne McCluskey. PBAY  
Will McCorkle YWTS

Spring HOD: Date and time to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Taylor Rogers, second by Lori LaPointe.  
Motion passes unanimously. Adjourned at 2 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy Perron, MSI Secretary  
12/1/16