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### Minutes of the

Michigan Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2009

MSU Campus, 208 IM Sports West, East Lansing, MI 48824

**Voting board members in attendance:** David Brace (UN – Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair), Mick Cruce (NS, Secretary), Madeline Gillen (CW–Sr. Athlete Rep.), John Loria (LCSC – Finance Vice-Chair), Dan Meconis (UN – Officials Chair), Robert L Merchant (UN – General Chair), Mike O’Connor (PA – Sr. Coach Rep),

**Voting board members absent:** Margaret Green (DRD – Program Operations Co-Vice Chair), Mike Lane (GPG – Jr. Athlete Rep.), Steve Potter (EGRA – Treasurer), Damon Robertson (CAST, Program Dev. - Vice-Chair), Michael Rogers, (SST – Administrative Vice Chair, Bailey Weathers (Safety Coordinator), and Julie Youngquist (LAC – Jr. Coach Representative).

**Others in attendance:** Jan Cartmill, Kirk Nissley (NTV), Dave Goble (UN), Sean Oxner (UN), Jeff Wilkins (DRD)

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by General Chair Bob Merchant.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the January 25, 2009 minutes with the correction that Mike Lane’s Club is the Grosse Pointe Gators. **Motion passed.**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

### Report of Officers:

**General Chairman – Bob Merchant** – The votes were counted at this meeting for election of the position, Chair, Officials Committee. The candidates for the position were Scott Appleyard and Fang Liu. Scott Appleyard was elected based on the vote count. The Board agreed that the MSU IM Sports West location for meetings is working very well and will be continued. The House of Delegates (HOD) meeting will be at MSU IM sports West or Okemos High School, if MSU is not available. It was agreed that club registration fees will not be reimbursed for attendees at the HOD meeting (23 delegates were reimbursed last year).

**Secretary – Mick Cruce** – No report.

**Treasurer – Steve Potter** – No report. John Loria noted that he and Bob Merchant have discussed securing CDs with higher quality (top 5) banks with Steve Potter.

### Reports of Division Chairmen:

**Administrative Vice-Chair – Michael Rogers** – No report.

**Athlete Division – Madeline Gillen/Mike Lane** – Madeline reported that Clay Youngquist was elected Junior Athlete Representative. The succession process for

Athlete Representatives was discussed including the challenges of involvement when attending college. Madeline also requested feedback on items to discuss with athletes. The Board indicated it will be providing more mentoring to Athlete Representatives in the future.

**Board of Review – Damon Robertson – No report.**

**Coach Division – Mike O'Connor –** Mike reported it was nice to see officials from Michigan at the Sectional meet. There were concerns from coaches regarding proof of times after meets when athletes do not achieve the cut time. He also indicated concerns from clubs in being shut out of high visibility meets. Mike summarized 5 proposals for the HOD meeting as follows: (1) Refund of meet entries for swimmers with a "slower than" qualification time that exceeds entry qualification prior to the meet; (2) Meet packets to be posted on MS web and distributed no later than 5 weeks prior to meet and entries will not be accepted by host no earlier than 4 weeks prior to meet; (3) Qualification window for championship meets hosted by MS shall have a common date of first day of previous year's District Championship Meets; (4) Eliminate funding for the Zone Meet; (5) Cease all participation of the Michigan LSC in the Zone Meet. Mike also thanked Bob Merchant for his service to the MS Board.

**Coach Division – Julie Youngquist – No report.**

**Finance – John Loria –** John reviewed the MS 2010 Budget. 2010 budgeted revenues of \$503,000 were reduced from \$508,000 in 2009 budget. Budgeted expenses for 2010 are forecasted to increase from \$529,277 to \$533,107 resulting in an expected deficit of \$30,107 versus a deficit of \$21,277 budgeted in 2009. John noted that expense estimates for 2010 are conservative so breakeven is a possibility. Also, there are reserves in excess of \$200,000 should the economy not improve. Total assets at year end 2008 were \$295,000.

Bob Merchant indicating he will be talking to U of M pool management due to pool availability issues for championship meets. He also noted that Calvin College has an 8 lane 50 meter pool with (no warm-up pool) that may be an option.

**Program Development – Damon Robertson – No report.**

**Adapted Swimming – Shawn Kornoelje – No report.** Gail Dummer has been appointed by Damon Robertson as the new representative for Adapted Swimming.

**Program Operations – David Brace –** David reported the following: (1) the 2008/2009 SCY meet skeleton schedule is planned for distribution April 13 – they would like to see a bid on the Michigan Mile. The LCM schedule has been posted and meet packets are being submitted and sanctioned; (2) HOD legislation to be presented will include "clean-up" revisions to Rules & Procedures, revision of heat intervals from 30 seconds to 20 seconds for sessions with 10 & Under, and Meet Request Form revisions to align Approved Fees with Sanctioned Fees and remove option of closed one club time trials. Clubs will need to administer meets according to approved meet packet including event format; (3) the JAWS (12 & U) and DRD/PSC (13&O) State Meets went very well with faster time standards reducing excessive meet durations (with exception of 13&O prelims still over 4 hours and prelim/finals over 8 hours). The timing system at EMU functioned poorly (often no pad or late over 3 seconds) which was unacceptable requiring significant lane timing corrections. Consideration is being given to moving the LCM state Meet if timing issues are not satisfactorily resolved. JO Meets went well with CAST and CSW doing a great job. Based on feedback, consideration will be given to adding award ceremonies back to JO meets. District Meet attendance at Blue (24% increase) and White (44% increase) was up significantly and qualification times standards will

likely be adjusted versus JO meets. There were issues regarding arrival and accuracy of award medals for the JO, 12&U and 13&O Championship Meets. Also, there were a few minor instances where meets allowed swimmers to "swim up" in events – these issues were generally corrected after the meets.

#### **Report of Committees / Coordinators**

**Officials—Dan Meconis** – Dan also reported that the State Meets went well from the officials' standpoint. He indicated timing system problems at EMU may be due to underground wiring. Dan indicated he enjoyed his 4 years as Officials Chair and appreciated the opportunity to serve – the Board thanked him for his service as well.

**Safety – Bailey Weathers** – No report.

**Open Water – Steve Potter** – No report.

**Recognition & Michigan Swim Office – Kirk Nissley** – No report.

**Michigan Swim Office – Jan Cartmill** – Jan reported 2009 YTD registrations for MS included 7046 total athletes, 456 non-athletes and 79 clubs. In 2008, comparable registrations were 6581 athletes, 492 non-athletes and 75 clubs. Jan indicated it would be great if the MS Board could influence USA Swimming to synchronize coaches' cards (some receive 5 cards for different requirements) to the same expiration date to facilitate renewals. The proof of times process for State Championships has improved (not accepting dual meets) but the meet package language still requires improvement for clarity. Jan will be updating the MS SCY Records in the Michigan web portal with results from YMCA Nationals once she receives them. She will also update State records just before the State Championships.

**MOTION was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

The next MS Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for late June, 2009 at MSU after the HOD meeting on May 2. The meeting information will be distributed once the date, time and location is confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Cruce

Secretary, Michigan Swimming