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**Minutes of the**

Michigan House of Delegates Meeting  
April 15, 2012  
MSU Campus, 208 IM Sports West  
East Lansing, MI 48824

**Voting board members in attendance:** Scott Appleyard (Officials Chair), David Boland (CW – Sr. Athlete Rep, Jeff Cooper (OLY – Program Development), Michael Cutler (ROCK – Jr. Coach Rep), Dave Goble (UN, Secretary), Adam Hopkins (MLA – Safety Coordinator), Steve Potter (EGRA – Treasurer), Damon Robertson (S – Program Operations), Kate Rogers (PPC – Jr. Athlete Rep), Michael Rogers (PPC – Administrative Vice – Chair), Jeff Wilkins (UN – Finance Chair), Julie Youngquist (LAC – General Chair), Erica Zuercher (USSC – Sr Coach Rep.).

**Voting board members absent:** Heidi Miklos (CW – Program Operations co-vice chair).

**Voting Delegates in attendance:** Tom Arusoo LL, Bradley Green TSSD, Joe Bublitz LCSC, Caroline Clement JAWS, Brandon Converse EGRA, Laurie Davenport L, Susan Fletcher-Gutowski BAC, Vince Gallant BBA, Jeanette Heaton HVP, Don Kimble MLA, JP Merchant SC, Ahern Naylis OLY, Mary Perczak SLA, Gary Peterson DRST, Dane Rupley S, Andrew Thomson CAC, Mio Vasic GRNS.

**Voting Athlete Delegates in attendance:** Jacob Clement, JAWS, Alex Holies EGRA, Annie Lazor BBA, Kyle Lichtenberg OLY, Teresa Loria, LCSC, Adam Marsh SAC, Nathaniel McCoy TSSD, Gage Mitchell MLA, Chloe Palajac DRD, and Ryan Perczak SLA.

**Others in attendance:** Alex Brinks GRNS, Jan Cartmill (MS Office), Twyania Compton TSSD, Paul Jones (UN Board of Review), Dave Lazor BBA, John Loria (MS Office).

**Meeting called to Order:** 1:00 PM

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:** (May 1, 2011) Motion Damon Robertson second Jeff Wilkins, passed.

**Old Business:** None

**Reports of Officers:**

**Goble, Secretary** – My reports are done after each meeting.

**Youngquist, General Chair** – The chair oversees what all the other board members do. We as a group try to improve MS, we take off our club hats and do what is best for all athletes. People should question what we do and we need new people to get involved.

**Potter, Treasurer** – Financial Report summary dated 3/31/12 you can compare this year to date vs. last year to date. You will notice checking is up \$22,000 from last year but brokerage is down \$22,000 from last year. We had to cash in a CD last summer to meet obligations. We are depleting our savings. I will address that issue later in the meeting. If you look at the second page of the report you will see where we have our money invested. At this time we are into CD's you will notice that we have more small CD's than in the past and they are running for a little longer time frame than in the past. This gives us flexibility to get to our money when we need it.

**Wilkins, Finance** – We are finishing 2012 strong the new budget for 2013 will be presented later along with some ideas to increase our revenue for the future.

**Cartmill MS Office** – Most of my reports went out with the information for this meeting. Athlete registration we are down a few athletes from last year. Record certificates have been mailed. National Top-10 we had several MS athletes achieve times which placed them on the National Top-10 listing. Certificates from USA Swimming were mailed to all athletes on these lists age 14 and younger. State Meet entries using OME, this was the first season that the MS Office (instead of the host club) has set up OME. From Jan's perspective this worked quite well. There were 236 override times in the 12 & U Meet and 292 in the 13-14 & Open Meet. New Staff Person, John Loria has joined the Michigan Swimming staff and he will be responsible for sanctioning meets and adding meet results to SWIMS and TSO. Workshops, John Loria and Margaret Green conducted a Meet Manager workshop on October 13, 2011. MS is planning a joint Meet Manager and Club Leadership and Business Management school workshop on Sunday October 14, 2012. Randy Julian will be here from USA Swimming for this workshop. Please send all folks who will be running Meet Manager at your upcoming meets to this workshop. Please note Jan has a new e-mail address [JBCartmill@gmail.com](mailto:JBCartmill@gmail.com).

#### **Report of Division Chairs:**

**Administrative Vice-Chair: Michael Rogers:** Thank you for the last 4 years. It has been a great experience for me. The current website is our biggest accomplishment, usage is up, it spikes around Championship time and operating costs are down by a third. The most important thing we can do is to keep the information current on the website. Mio Vasic would like to see a link from MS website to the USA Swim website that would give a list of all contacts one might need for each club in MS. The down side is that the information is only as good as how current the latest update is.

**Athlete Division – David Boland/Tiffany Ray:** Tiffany: We were trying to go with an athlete news letter now that I am out office I don't know if that effort will continue.

**Board of Review – Paul Jones:** Five inquiries regarding recruiting of athletes, no complaint filed. One inquiry regarding change to meet format after meet information had been published, no complaint filed; may be pending. One complaint regarding state meet athlete entries, complaint has since been formally withdrawn. One complaint was processed, it was resolved with a consent agreement which has been sealed and filed. There is a complaint pending regarding the meet schedule process. This will be addressed at the next meeting of the BOR.

**Coach Division – Mike Cutler/Erica Zuercher:** Erica has been reelected to the BOD as a coach member. The zone effort is off to a good start, we hope to have a very competitive team again this year.

**Finance Division – Jeff Wilkins:**

**Program Development – Jeff Cooper:** The format for 14 and Under and Senior Open State meets are done. They are pending approval of this House of Delegates later in the meeting. The 14 and Under meet will be times finals not prelims and finals. This will take some pressure off the host team regarding time and people needed to operate the meet. Julie we have asked EGRA to add a half day to the format of the senior meets. The cost of the pool has gone up and EGRA should be compensated for that increase in expense.

BOD **Motion:** EGRA should be given an additional \$1000.00 for the Sr State LC Meet to cover cost of an extra partial day of meet. Motion Jeff Cooper, second Goble. Motion passed.

We will address some procedural house keeping changes later for District and JO's. The meet schedule will not change for the better until we decide we are willing to move away from ABC meets. I will not change the meet schedule until people are willing to give up some of the income that comes from the current schedule. We will play with Championship and Sr. meets to improve there format and let it go at that. Tom Arusoo: We are going backward in going to timed finals for the 14 and Under State Meet, that meet should be P&F that is how we determine quality meets. Jeff: I disagree, most 14 and under championships are timed finals in other LSC's. Mio Vasic: Part of the development of 11-12 and 13-14 age swimmers is to let them experience P&F meets. That is how they grow as swimmers and get ready for zones and juniors. Jeff I don't want to take away from what you have done for MS. I am willing to step in and help you with age group swimming to improve the program for the kids. Dane Rupley: Seriousness of state meet vs. age group meets. I had a kid just make it back to finals at state in the past and he set a record. In timed finals that would not have happened. Geneen Bradley: If we were going to go from the ABC format for meets what would you go to? Jeff: In the past we had one A meet a month and couple BC meets. Clubs like bigger inclusive meets because they generate more swims for kids, not better swims. Caroline Clement: Will we be going to timed finals for SC as well? That is what my club members will be asking me. Jeff: No we will stay with P&F for SC it was a long meet we had some sessions over 6 hours. LC is a short season and we cram a lot into a two month schedule. Caroline: We did not bid on LC State this year because as a meet host we could not handle the meet as it was in the past. I am not saying the change is right or wrong but something needed to be done. Steve Potter: At the request of Mike Torrey who could not be here today. The interchange that host clubs are paying for OEM entries, Mike would like to be made whole on that. Will MS reimburse WMS for \$539.00 that is going to some banker for interchange fees. Jan last year coaches requested that we turn on the option to pay by credit card, we increased fees for State Meets to \$7.50 and that was to help pay for interchange fees. Jeff disagreed he said his increase to \$7.50 on his P&F meet was to come in line with other national meets in other LSC's. Mary Perczak SLA: If you have a large team it is very difficult to back bill if you pay by credit card. Damon: teams were not required to pay by credit card or check they had the option last year. Steve question: So are we going to pay the \$539.00 or not and cover the other clubs with the same issue. **Motion:** reimburse clubs for the interchange expense of credit card use in championship meets. Motion Steve Potter, second Goble. Motion failed.

**Adapted Swimming – John Loria:** Not a lot to report. We do have the G tac Meet coming up in April. Press release is on the website. Athlete wise this meet is going to be huge. In the past we run 60 to 80 swimmers, this year we have 160 athletes coming this is the last meet prior to the Paralympics.

**Program Operations – Damon Robertson/Heidi Miklos:** EGRA will host the Open State Championships at Calvin College the meet will Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>. CUDA will host the 14 and Under State Championships at Saginaw Valley State University August 27 thru August 29<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the LC schedule is on line. Work has started on SC schedule. Thank Heidi for her two years of service to MS.

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

**Officials – Scott Appleyard:** The tour is over, visited five different meets. Findings to be discussed at meeting for all Meet Referees and Deck Referees on 4/21/2012. Other training topics will be discussed during the same meeting. Membership of officials is 81 with about 1/2 active on a regular basis. Down from 90 last year. New officials coming on board every year, however we seem to lose more than we gain year over year. LC State Meets 14&U @ Saginaw Valley – CUDA - Dan Meconis Meet Referee. Open @ Calvin – ERGA – Steve Potter Meet Referee. This will be my last year as Official Chair.

**Safety – Adam Hopkins:** Currently under appointment my information is based on what has happened since I have been the chair. There have been six reported occurrences from October thru March. There will be an updating of forms in the coming months with a request that clubs look at practice facilities and have DAP's on file for these sites. The report of occurrence form is still a little clunky and I hope to improve that form. There is a contest for Safety Posters for the LSC to date there have been no submissions information is on the MS website.

**Open Water – Steve Potter:** We are coming up on open water season. The open water championships will be early this year because it is an Olympic Year.

**Zone Meet – Damon Robertson:** We will get a block of rooms in the next week or two and the information will be on website. The meet will be in Wisconsin it is the same weekend at Sr. state we will need some younger assistant coaches this year. If you have coaches with questions please have them contact Mike or Damon and get those questions answered.

**New Business:** Proposed new Rule or Procedure.

!. Approved meets combined Robertson and Wilkins proposals. Potter; requested the Wilkins proposal be split as insurance and the number of officials needed, are two separate issues. Cooper; request clarification on what approved meets are. Wilkins Approved meets we have USA Swim athletes and non USA Swim athletes competing in the same meet. USA Swim athletes are always covered by their USA insurance at our regular sanction meets. When we combine non USA athletes then the meet must be approved. It needs separate insurance that lists USA Swimming and Michigan Swimming as additional insured on host organization insurance policy for the given meet. Don Kimble; YMCA can run meets with two officials; I don't understand why MS must have 5. What do we currently charge? Current cost is

\$100.00 for approved meets. Caroline; we are trying to bring our non USA swimmers into USA Swimming by bringing them to meets that are approved it is will be cost prohibitive at \$400.00 per approved meet. Cooper; this fee would not be for just one meet some leagues have 12 meets in the summer that would be \$4800.00 to qualify all MS swimmers times for these meets be entered into swim. Goble; question for Caroline is it usually just the last meet of the season that you request as an approved meet? Caroline; no we usually request approval for all the dual meets as well as the larger invitational league meets. Don Kimble; if a team does everything right with their meet results it should not take MS very long to enter the data to swims. Rather than raise the fee to \$400.00 for all approved meets I would like you to charge individual clubs bases on the amount of time it takes to enter the results into swims. Adam; can we call the question? Damon; I looked up some information on Y fees is \$250.00 for an approved meet they are not allowed to dual, tri or quad meets. Discussion regarding number of officials for approved meets MS Policy book calls for 5 officials 4 compensated by the host club and a Meet Referee compensated by MS. Meet Referee may also be the Deck Referee, but not the Starter or Stroke and Turn Official.

**Motion:** Require that Michigan Swimming and USA Swimming be listed as additional insured on host organization insurance policy for all approved meets. Motion Wilkins, second Goble. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Change fee to \$400.00 paid prior to the meet. Motion called Adam Hopkins, second Goble. Motion failed.

2. Approved meets application, "Our form for approved meets is outdated." The basic change names the Meet referee and the other officials. We have had a problem with this in the past this will correct that problem. Caroline; what if we loose one official and have to add another will that invalidate the approval? Damon; no we just want to make sure that we have qualified officials on deck for approved meets.

**Motion:** Motion Robertson, second Goble. Motion passed.

2a. G. For approved meets. 1. No approved dual meets will be granted between USA Member clubs. 2. No approved meets will be allowed on the same weekend as Districts, Junior Olympics or the State championships unless affiliated with YMCA Swimming.

Ahern Naylis request that we separate item 1 and 2 and called the question on item 1.

**Motion:** 1. No approved dual meets will be granted between USA Member clubs. Motion Naylis, second Wilkins. Motion passed.

Item #2 No approved meets will be allowed on the same weekend as Districts, Junior Olympics or the State championship unless affiliated with YMCA Swimming. Damon Robertson withdrew motion.

3. For approved meets: Those athletes who are currently registered with USA Swimming must have their USA athlete ID number entered into the meet manager database. Athletes who are not registered with USA Swimming must not have an athlete ID number entered into the meet manager database.

**Motion:** called by Ahern Naylis, second Goble. Motion passed

#### 4. W. Deck Personnel

Only registered and current coaches, athletes, officials and meet personnel are allowed on deck or in locker rooms. Access to the pool deck may only be granted to any other individual in the event of emergency through approval by the Meet Director or Meet Referee. The General Chair of MS and the Program Operations V.C. of MS are authorized deck personnel at all MS sanctioned meets. Personal assistants/helpers of disability athletes should be permitted when requested by a disability athlete or coach of disability athlete.

Lists are to be developed by the team host of approved coaches (from MS Office), officials (from Meet Referee) and meet personnel (Meet Director) to be placed outside the access point (hallway, stairway, etc.) to the locker rooms/pool deck.

**Host club** will check the list of approved individuals and issue a credential to be worn during the meet. Credentials should include the host team logo and or name as well as the function of the individual being granted access to the pool deck (Coach, Official, Timer, or Meet Personnel). Coaches and Officials must be current in all certifications through the final date of the meet. Meet Personnel should return the credential at the conclusion of working each day and be reissued a credential daily. All other access points to the pool deck should be locked to restrict access (maintaining fire code standards) or a safety marshal should be present to check credentials. Any access points to the pool deck or locker room should be staffed and credentials checked throughout the duration of the meet.

Meet Directors and Meet Referees should work with facilities used for both the meet event and regular patronage in order to maintain the above procedures.

This rule does apply to all sanctioned and approved meets.

Any host team found in violation of this rule will be fined \$500 payable to Michigan Swimming. This fee must be paid to Michigan Swimming before any further meets are sanctioned for the meet host.

Discussion: Don Kimble; Community facilities we don't control we must live with the guidelines set up by the community. All communities will have different rules that we must abide by. Caroline Clement; We are putting a burden on clubs and Safety Marshals with this legislation. At Galien, they use valuable coaching staff to check in meet personnel and issue credentials. We place a high priority of keeping pedophiles out of the locker rooms maybe we should use officials to monitor the locker rooms. Most safety marshals are moms and dads, some are quite timid. I saw other legislation that wants Safety Marshals to be non athlete members of USA Swimming. Some clubs use older swimmers that are life guards as both life guards and safety marshals at there meets. If we need to have non-athlete member of USA Swimming we would then need dual register these athletes. This is added expense for the clubs. We are telling parents of young children they can not be in the locker room with their children, they fight with us. Safety is a difficult job. Cooper; What are the current rules for USA Swimming on this? Hopkins; There are no current rules we are taking the initiative to put policies into place to, protect our athletes. Cooper; USA Swimming has policy that people are not allowed on deck unless you are registered. What we are voting on that is different from the current rule is credentials and keeping people without credentials out of the locker rooms and off the deck. Geneen Bradley; Parents do not feel comfortable sending their 6, 7 or 8 year old into a locker room with nobody or maybe just an 11 year old brother to supervise. It is not reasonable to prevent a parent from the locker room to take care of their young children. Dane Rupley; We ran JO's for the Westside this year, with the new rules to be. How did we handle this? If the parent was not comfortable sending their child

into the locker room by them self, we asked parent to help change their children in the restrooms that were available. The swimmer can then go right through the locker room on to the deck without delay. We need to give parents options. Point number two ask a board member from your club who is a non athlete member to work with registration of meet personnel, it someone you know and can trust. Youngquist; Adam would you accept an amendment to takeout putting this responsibility on the safety marshal? Hopkins; The intent was to have a responsible individual to administer these suggestions appropriately. Ahern Naylis; Would you accept a friendly amendment that kids can wear their swim suits under their cloths to the pool? Youngquist; Ahern is being sarcastic. Mary Perczak; Parents concern is not just the 15 minutes before the meet but during the meet when their child disappears off the deck to use the bathroom. Our last meet I had parents monitor the locker rooms at all times during the meet I rotated 6 different parents there were no problems. Cooper; Call the question with the amendment. Adam one more clarification before we call the question, understanding Don's point that these facilities that are in the situation they are in now. This will be subject to the Board of Review do we have to sanction those meets if they understand those facility situations? Appleyard; One other comment that is about those facilities, there are certain facilities that we can not control what other people are in use of that building. We can only work on the areas that we can work on. Cooper: The BOR will understand that. Call the question. Perczak: Could we not require that those clubs post a parent inside the locker room. Youngquist: The amendment will take out the words "Safety Marshal." The **Motion has been called:** Motion called Cooper, second Goble. The motion passes. Immediately

5. Page 72 of MS Rules & Procedures

1. Marshals and all assistant at meets must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming and must meet all requirements of non-athlete member (e.g., background screens and athlete protection training). Delete the provision that states "Clubs may wish to ask responsible swimmers to serve in this capacity.

2. At the time of annual registration each MS Club Member must name a Club Safety Coordinator and this person shall be a non-athlete member of USA-s. The Club Safety Coordinator may be a coach.

Discussion: Negative, question was called by Goble

**Motion:** Cartmill, second Goble. Motion failed.

6. Finance Motion to increase MS income.

Increase MS portion for annual membership fee by \$2.00 per year for the next 5 years starting in 2013.

Year	Membership Fee	Incremental Revenue
2012	\$56	0
2013	\$58	\$16,000
2014	\$60	\$32,000
2015	\$62	\$48,000
2016	\$64	\$64,000
2017	\$66	\$80,000

Discussion: We will be broke in 10 years if we don't do something to increase our revenue. Cooper: USA Swimming will also be looking for an increase in membership fees in the near future.

**Motion:** Steve Potter, seconded by Jeff Wilkins. Motion passed. Budget year 2013.

7. Outreach Program Proposal.

MS will earmark a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) budget annually for the purpose of swimming outreach programs throughout the state beginning in calendar 2013. The goal of the increase is to provide a funding source for more than one organization and program and to provide financial resources throughout the state. Requests for funding [in the following calendar year] will be considered on a first-come, first served basis beginning at the September Michigan Swimming Board Meeting. Requests for funding will be accepted for consideration against this budget until the funding is exhausted for that calendar year.

The requesting organization must be able to:

1. Provide a defined target group demographically and geographically.
2. Quantify the financial need.
3. Detail the specifics of how the funds will be spent.
4. Enumerate measures of and barriers to success, and
5. Provide a schedule of tollgates, milestones and reporting dates.

Special consideration will go to programs that follow (1) Make a Splash guidelines, (2) provide for ongoing swimmer development and support as a USAS member athlete, and (3) provide club and community matching funds.

Failure to provide proper follow-up measures and reporting to Michigan Swimming will result in the board voting to have the club repay the donation from Michigan Swimming. **Motion:** Steve Potter, second Jeff Cooper. Motion passed September

8. House Keeping change of wording so the sanctioning process goes through the MS Office Meet and Sanctioning Chair. Rules & Procedure page 80 part a,b,e and transmittal part A.

a. After the meet contract has been returned to the Program Operations VC and at least 60 days prior to the actual date of the awarded meet the Meet Host is required to submit to the MS Office Administrative Operations Coordinator a copy of a proposed meet announcement (originally authored by the Meet Host) (see Appendix 3 for the Met Announcement Template). Failure to submit the Meet Announcement at least 60 days prior to the actual date of the meet may result in the loss of the awarded meet in the Meet Scheduling Committees discretion.

**Motion:** Damon Robertson, second Cooper. Motion passed. Immediately

9. Development of Skeleton Schedule Page Rule & Procedure page 77 part a. The Program Operations VC and the Program Development VC in consultation with the General Chair and Senior Coach Rep start the meet bidding/awarding/scheduling process by developing "skeleton meet schedules for the upcoming long course and short course seasons. The "skeleton" meet schedules outline all available dates and possible meet formats for the long course and short course seasons. An example of a Skeleton Meet Schedule is attached as Appendix 1.

**Motion:** Damon Robertson, second Goble. Motion passed. Immediately  
Friendly amendment by John Loria, add an athlete to consultation group. Discussion followed with athletes and coaches. Damon did not accept friendly amendment.

#### 10. MS By-laws

The position of Diversity Chair should be added to the MS Board of Directors. The Diversity chair will be a full voting member of the Board of Directors.

Discussion: Paul Jones spoke with USA-S regarding this request. Diversity has replaced the Outreach program of USA-S. Diversity falls under Program Development as a subcommittee. This is not a voting position with USA Swimming. USA-S recommends that it not be a voting position with the LSC's. Outreach was an appointed position in the past and USA-S recommends that Diversity replace Outreach as an appointed position. Jeff Cooper asked that we change out by-laws



and add the position of Diversity Chair as board member elected to the board of directors. The position of diversity chair be as a full voting member of the board.

**Motion:** Jeff Cooper, seconded Geneen Bradley. Motion passed.

Cooper requested that we appoint Geneen as the Diversity Chair. Julie Youngquist asked that we make that as part of the election process later in the meeting. Whoever we elect to the position as Diversity chair will not be a full member of the board until this by-law change is accepted by USA-S.

#### 11. Rules and Procedure

For all sanctioned meets, warm up conditions be regulated by age or team. When the number of swimmers in the session exceed 20 swimmers per lane for SCY/SCM and 30 swimmers per lane for LCM.

Discussion Naylis opposed thinks it should be left up to the host team. Dane Rupley Likes the idea, he sometimes hold swimmers out until people get out of the pool.

**Motion:** Mio Vasic second Cooper. Motion failed.

#### 12. Rules and Procedure

SCY/SCM/LCM for all sanctioned meets all warm up and cool down areas must be marked due to safety issues they should include lane lines/ropes, backstroke flags. Discussion: Damon lane lines are fine backstroke flags are not feasible. Mary P we had an injury at Eastern during HS season because of no backstroke flags. Caroline we are going from the extreme with backstroke flags. We can go with no backstroke during cool down, let them butterfly. Jeff Wilkins requested that we table this proposal and let the Safety chair address this issue after looking at the pools that we use and then come forward with a solution that will work with most venues.

**Motion:** to table Jeff Wilkins, second Goble. Motion passed.

#### 13. Rules and Procedure

Ahern Naylis asked that we combine Item 6 & 7, and vote on that first.

6. Remove/Strike Section B,C,D & I from District Championship Rules. These should read they will be determined by the Meet Packet.

7. Remove/Strike rules B,C,E,G & K from Junior Olympic Rules. These should read determined by Meet Packet.

**Motion:** Ahern Naylis second, Goble. Motion passed.

1. Change in swimmer surcharge for District and JO Meets. current rates are set in Section P of the MI Swimming rules state that Swimmer surcharge for Non-State meets can not exceed \$1.00. Technical Committee would like to raise the swimmer surcharge for the district and JO Meet to \$5.00 to help offset Official costs for the host clubs. This raise in surcharge would be used for the purpose of covering Officials fees for these meets.

**Motion:** Ahern Naylis second, Jeff Cooper. Motion passed.

2. In section P of the Rules and Regulations, Prelim/Final meets are currently listed as Tier 3 meets. This proposal is to move all Prelim/Finals meets to Tier 4 meets which currently include Senior meets and State Meets.

Discussion: This is to increase the splash fee for these meets to \$7.50. Geneen, we seem to be raising the splash fee on all meets making it more expensive for athletes to compete. Julie Youngquist, we are finding it harder to find clubs to host championship meets because of pool cost. Clubs do not want to loose money when they host a meet. The hope is that more clubs will want to host meets and this will

help them make some money. Cooper, Geneen if swimmers are financially challenged we need to know that we now have a diversity fund starting in 2013 and that would be a good use of some of those funds. Naylis would like to combine this point with item #3.

3. This proposal is to raise the price of Tier one, two and three meets to \$5.00 an event. Prices for these meets are currently set at \$4.00 per event in section P of the rules and regulations. They have been at this price for over 10 years, however pool rental costs have continued to rise. If we want to continue to promote having meets in better facilities, we need to consider raising this to \$5.00 per event.

**Motion:** Ahern Naylis second, Jeff Cooper. Motion passed.

4. In the current By-laws, section 5.16 concerning Mail votes, although e-mail votes have been added, 14 days are still allowed for Board Members to return a vote. This is tied into rule 5.17 concerning Meeting dates needing 14 days notice. This should be changed to read Board members have 7 days to vote on e-mail ballots.

**Motion:** Ahern Naylis second, Goble. Motion passed.

5. In State Meet Rules section L concerning Relay Proofs. We currently have proofs needed if a cut is missed. This should change to the USA policy of a team owns a time. With the OME system in place, the only proofs needed should if a team overrides the entry Time. If aggregate time is used or if the Team time is used, no proof should be necessary as it is already included in the SWIMS database. Friendly amendment from Robertson: If it is an override time and the team does not make the cut then they will have to prove the time after the meet. Amendment accepted.

**Motion:** Ahern Naylis second, Damon Robertson. Motion passed.

#### 14. Rules and Regulations

Eliminate the position of Athlete Protection and assign all such duties of this office with Safety Coordinator.

**Motion:** Julie Youngquist, second Goble. Motion passed.

#### 15. Rules and Regulations

The General Chair appoints a 3<sup>rd</sup> Athlete Rep to the Board of Directors. Chair will make an Athlete Rep appointment of 1 year at this time. Beginning at the HOD 2013 General Chair will make a 2 year appointment of said Rep.

**Motion:** Julie Youngquist, second Goble. Motion passed.

#### 16. Appendix 2-A Rules and Regulations

Closed sanctioned meets will be charged 5% of entry, based on Tier 1 fee, per event, regardless of what is actually charged. Friendly amendment, Damon Robertson. Amendment accepted.

**Motion:** Julie Youngquist second Robertson. Motion passed.

#### 17. Rules and Regulations

Host clubs using OME for meet entry **may** allow payment by credit card.

Discussion: Potter this is a change from the word must to may.

**Motion:** Steve Potter, seconded Goble. Motion failed.

#### 18. Rules and Regulations

Discussion about how many officials are needed to run a General Age Group Meet. Brandon thinks we should just meet the minimum as stated in the USA Swimming Rulebook. After much talk Ahern Naylis asked that we table this motion until we have more information. Motion was tabled.

#### 19. Rules and Regulations

Erica Zuercher proposed that we change the Junior Olympic Championship Rules regarding Deck Entries. The current rule page 44 M. Deck Entries. There are no deck entries at the JO's. Erica wants the rule to mirror State championship Rules

A Coach or an Entry Chair who has made an honest mistake and inadvertently failed to enter a swimmer and/or swimmers in an event by the deadline may then do so by: a) entering the athlete(s) and/or event(s) by the scratch deadline of the first day of the meet; b) paying a fee of \$100.00 per team and double the entry fee for the event; and c) providing a paper proof of time (meet results) to the Meet Referee at the time of entry. The Meet referee's decision is final and non appealable.

**Motion:** Erica Zuercher seconded Goble. Motion passed.

2013 Budget: Jeff Wilkins the numbers remain flat for the most part. We added \$10,000.00 for Outreach and last year approved \$10,000.00 for a State Banquet if we want to do that.

**Motion:** To approve budget Dave Goble seconded Damon Robertson. Motion passed.

#### **Elections:**

**Administrative Vice Chair:** one nomination Mr. Steve Potter. Nominations requested from the floor x 3 hearing none requested HOD to accept Mr. Potter by acclamation.

**Motion:** Dave Goble seconded, Damon Robertson. Motion passed.

**Board of Review:** Nominations Brad Brockway, Michael Rogers and Steve Weeks. Nominations requested from the floor x 3 hearing none requested HOD to accept Mr. Brockway, Rogers and Weeks by acclamation.

**Motion:** Goble seconded Robertson. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** one nomination Ms. Mary Perczak. Nominations requested from the floor hearing none requested HOD accept Ms. Mary Perczak by acclamation.

**Motion:** Robertson seconded Goble. Motion passed.

**Safety Coordinator:** one nomination Adam Hopkins. Nominations requested from the floor hearing none requested HOD to accept Adam Hopkins by acclamation.

**Motion:** Robertson seconded Goble. Motion passed

**Nominating Committee:** there are no nominations. Nominations requested from the floor JP Merchant and Dave Goble nominations from the floor were closed. Request was made to accept J P Merchant and Dave Goble by acclamation.

**Motion:** Robertson seconded, Jeff Wilkins. Motion passed.

**Diversity Chair:** no nominations, nominations requested from the floor. Ms. Geneen Bradley was nominated. Nominations were closed. Request HOD accept Geneen Bradley by acclimation.

**Motion:** Robertson seconded, Goble. Motion passed.

**Program Operations:** There are two nominations J P Merchant and Damon Robertson. Nominations requested from the floor hearing none nominations were closed. Voting members were asked to take out their ballots and vote for one person for Program Operations.  
Damon Robertson was elected to a two year term.

BoR and Nominating Committees will have a short meeting after we adjourn, to pick chairs.

**MOTION:** to adjourn meeting. Motion Goble second Potter. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Goble  
Secretary