



MICHIGAN  
SWIMMING

**Michigan Swimming, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 5, 2014**

**MINUTES**

*THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION AND APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*

***Voting Members in Attendance:***

Jeff Wilkins: General Chair (UN), Damon Robertson: Program Operations (S), Joe McBratnie: Program Development (KAW), Erica Zuercher: SR Coach Rep (USSC), Vince Gallant: JR Coach Rep (BBA), Mary Perczak: Treasurer (SLA), Rob Bouchey: Secretary (DRD), Nick Arakalian: Athlete Rep (KAW), Geneen Bradley: Diversity Chair (TSSD), Vince Gallant: JR Coaches Rep (BBA)

***Non-Voting Members in Attendance:***

Josh Wood (LATS), Jan Cartmill: Michigan Swimming Office (UN), John Loria, MI Swim Office (UN), Joe Bublitz (LCSC), Dan Hudson (USSC)

**OLD Business**

- Championship Meets: (Robertson) JO's 3 sites secured and awarded (EGRA, CSW, KAW) Districts set to go with 4 hosts(PAC/LAC, HVP, CSW, MCA). Meet packets in the works, being written on 1/6, expected to distribute by end of week.
- Championship Meet Officials Discussion (Perczak/Wilkins) Districts and JO are serving as training and meet referees will be assigned by MI Swimming Officials Committee. Club officials will have priority for host clubs. Robertson mentions hotel costs as a consideration, Perczak assures locality will be part of process.

**NEW Business**

- Closed board meeting to follow meeting regarding office staff contracts.

**Report of Officers**

a. General Chair – Jeff Wilkins: Postponing policy on water entry during meet warm-up, considering suits... New ID Printer is in and Jeff will be making example copies to share with the LSC. (Jan) Can the software be applied to an Apple product? Jeff will investigate.

b. Secretary – Rob Bouchey: No Report

c. Treasurer – Mary Perczak: Travel Funds completed, financials will be presented at February BOD Meetings. Have not had to pull funds from Money Market accounts, account balances are healthy. In the process of moving to “accrual based” from the “cash based” system used previously, this is part of the change of fiscal year also.

### •Report of Division Chairs

a. Administrative Vice-Chair – Katy Dean: Not present, No Report

b. Athlete Division – Kate Rogers/Nick Arakelian: Asks a question to make sure that balance of athlete percentages remains. Rumor has it that Kate Rogers will be resigning her seat as an athlete rep. Nick, Dakota Noble, and Dan Proctor are athlete reps.

c. Board of Review – Rob Bouchey: no report

d. Coach Division – Erica Zuercher: trying to connect with Officials Chair about approval of State Meet Officials for SC14 Vince Gallant: nothing to add.

e. Finance – Dan Meconis: not present, no report

f. Program Development – Joe McBratnie: Has been helping John Loria with new LSC Website. Working on LC Championship proposals. (Wilkins) Regarding website, please have teams send photos to Jan, .jpeg format, of swimmers from MI for website scrolling.

g. Disability Swimming – John Loria: Discussion of new MI LSC Website: Thanks McBratnie for his immense help with the construction of the site. “Divisions” tab to be editable for each individual division of MI Swim. Each chair, committee, or Board Member can edit their respective pages. The board reviews example pages. Need to figure out how to protect Athlete Rep emails from public view, but have a way to allow members to contact them.

Program Operations – Damon Robertson: Champ Meets addressed in Old Business. Will order awards, has the event lineups complete for SC14 Champ Meets. Will get LC14 skeleton schedule out this week. “Quad Meet Recap” (*title??zone??*) Meet was reformatted due to incoming weather, condensed format allowed families to get home safely. Likely had negative impact on athletes performance. Two meet records broken by Team MI. Colin Dolcetti, Joe McBratnie, Damon Roberston, and Dave Carson served as coaches for 66 swimmers representing the LSC.

h. Diversity – Geneen Bradley: Working on Diversity camp with east and west side of the state alternating. Aiming for April. USA Swimming to send representation.

## **Report of Committees / Coordinators**

- a. Officials – Dawn Gurley: (via Perczak) Will post District/JO For sign-up when completed by Prgm Ops. Will make contact with Meet Referees, these serve as training for State Meet Refs. Stroke and Turn Clinic to be held Jan 30, at Waterford.
- b. Safe Sport – Adam Hopkins: not present/no report
- c. Open Water – TBD (position open)
- d. NTV – Damon Robertson: no report

## **Michigan Swim Office**

a. Registration / Membership / Athlete Records / Clubs – Jan Cartmill: 7,807 athletes registered, 500 non-athletes, 82 Clubs. Registration has been hectic in end of December, everyone waiting til last minute. Jan asks about R&P Reviews, needs addressing. By-Laws submitted to USA Swim legal. Discussion regarding new website launch, database in the TU format, managing multiple websites during transition and building of new site.

b. Sanctions/Results/Times/TSO John Loria: Meet results current. Has continual trouble with meet sanctions and packets coming in late, looking for guidance from board about how to handle late submissions. Do late submissions go to front of queue? Or, work in order received? Board decides that Mr. Loria should work in order received.

Discussion about District/JO packets: Damon will furnish MM Files and Locked Invitation Template to host teams.

(Bouchey) What is the status of the locked meet information packet template that is only editable in certain sections making the review of packets more efficient?

(McBratnie) Joe had developed this formatted packet and sent to John Loria for review. Loria plans to have ready for LC season.

(Robertson) What is the status of AO Clinic scheduling? Jan 4th meeting did not occur? Perczak to take question to Officials Committee.

Approval of Minutes from November/December: Motion Robertson, Second Gallant, motion passes, minutes approved.

Adjournment: Wilkins moves to closed meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Bouchey, Secretary

