

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

Spring Executive Meeting – April 17, 2005

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Spring Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Butch Briggs, at 12:45 p.m. in room 303 of the McCalmly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Members Present: Butch Briggs, Mike Rado, Bob Crosby, Brian Bollone, Scott Hedges, Rick Edwards, Jim Lawrence, Dave Zulkiewski, Aaron Pollock, John DeBois, Chuck Olson, Dennis Hill, Liz Hill, Mike Torrey, Brent Pohlonski, Brad Jones

Action Items Discussed:

Review and approve minutes of Winter Executive Meeting – B Briggs

Butch Briggs opened the floor to all present to review and make corrections to the minutes of 16 January 2005. Motion by Dennis Hill, seconded by Rick Edwards, to approve the minutes as is.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstention: None

Review of 2005 swim committee meeting (22 March 2005) – B Briggs

Butch Briggs highlighted the 2005 swim committee meeting discussion points.

Three player rule- The committee proposed a modification to the current regulation which would allow a high school coach to work with a non-school program that does not exclusively include or benefit students from his/her school and is not to strengthen the school program, but to allow opportunities for both coaches and athletes.

Three equal divisions- The MHSAA survey to divide Lower Michigan Boys and Girls Swimming into three equal divisions came back with 122 sponsoring schools in support of three division, 55 sponsoring schools would like swimming and diving to remain as two divisions, and 2 sponsoring schools had no preference.

Diving qualification criteria- The proposal to add another opportunity for advancing divers to the Regional Meet was supported.

Five meet rule- The proposal to clarify the five meet rule was supported by the swim committee and does not need further action.

Regional diving and final site selections- Diving regional meets will be held at Ann Arbor-Pioneer H.S., East Kentwood H.S., Cranbrook-Kingswood H.S., Haslett H.S., and East Grand Rapids H.S. Girls Division 1 finals will be held at Eastern Michigan University and Girls Division 2 finals will be held at Oakland University. Boys Division 1 finals will be held at University of Michigan, and Division 2 finals will be held at Eastern Michigan University.

Qualifying times standard committee- The qualifying times were selected; and, if the representative council approves the formation of three equal divisions, Butch Briggs and Mike Rado will suggest a new set of qualifying time standards. In addition, MISCA will from this point forth suggest a list of qualifying time standards to the MHSAA swim committee- the girls time standards will be selected at the MISCA winter executive meeting and the boys time standards will be selected in April (or earlier)- acting as a separate committee to establish qualifying times for the next school year.

Treasurer Report – B Ballone

For the past several years the balance of available funds has decreased approximately \$3000 per year. There will be approximately \$2000 in the bank as we move into the fall of 2005/clinic. It

was suggested that the Executive Committee review its money allocations, especially towards scholarships, or make plans to increase yearly income.

Brian was given a round of applause for all his efforts over the last six years!

Membership – M Rado

Mike presented a list of current schools whose coaches are not MISCA members. There are 89 girls teams and 98 boys teams. It was decided that a mailing will go out to these schools AD/Principals containing a one page letter/flyer with overview information on MISCA, a clinic registration, and a clinic agenda. Zone Vice-Presidents are also expected to take these packets to the August rules meetings. MHSAA will also be asked to include this packet of information in their summer mailing to swim coaches.

This was proposed, seconded and passed.

Website – B Crosby

Bob shared that some information for the website, especially some Zone reports, are not turned in to him in a timely fashion. He asked that these be done no later than two weeks after state meet.

There was also a discussion about not having a need to have the website archive Zone reports. However, archiving the various award winners would be a valued addition to the site.

MISCA MS Meet – J DuBois

John asked for the committee's support in enforcing entry deadlines. This has been a problem. It was the general feeling of the committee that we'll all do this.

The question of co-ops and if they provide an unfair advantage. Some parents/coaches have raised this issue to John. John will amend the application to gain a better handle on the teams that are co-ops.

Academic All-State – J DuBois

John asked if we wanted to amend the criteria to include a minimum number of team members. It was discussed, a motion proposed, second, and passed to begin the school year 2005-06 that a team must have a minimum number of 12 participants to submit for All-State Academic honors. This is consistent with NISCA's criteria. It was also decided that the entry deadline for All-State Academic honors will be pushed back to March 31, this is the same deadline as for scholarship entries.

Awards – Dave Z

Since Lisa Manwell is no longer a D1 coach a new Awards rep will need to be found. Brad Jones will check with Lisa and get any award materials she may have and get it to Dave.

It was also decided that a non-member coach, parent, and swimmer wanting to purchase an All-State certificate will pay \$10 per certificate.

A discussion regarding if a coach can be selected as a Zone Coach of the Year multiple times within a three year time period. The clarification used was: any coach may be selected as Zone Coach of the Year each year, just as Coach of the Year at State meets may be the same coach successive years. A Zone Coach of the Year may not be State Meet Coach of the Year in the same season.

More All-State certificates also need to be ordered.

Scholarships – R Edwards

The six winners for this year will be posted on the website. The applicant pool was 23, which is an average number of applicants. All applications were all qualified, strong members of the

high school swimming community. It was agreed that only four \$1000 scholarships will be offered next year.

Diving – A Pollock

This will be Aaron's last MISCA meeting, he's moving to CA. The recommendation to ask Brad Huttenga of Huron to take his position was shared. Butch will contact Brad and extend the offer.

There were a large number of complaints brought to Aaron regarding the disorganized state of the diving event at EMU at both the MISCA meet and state meet. It was suggested that EMU build into their host costs of the state meet the needed funds to bring their computer system up to date to allow the scoreboard to post diving information. Aaron also stated that Gina would like to have a list of "needed criteria" for a site to have in order to host a championship diving competition.

MISCA Meet – C Olson

Chuck plans to slightly change the entry procedure so that coaches will have to confirm entries no later than Monday.

Next year's dates are: Girls – Oct 21 and 22, Boys – Feb 10 and 11

Chuck also agreed with Aaron that the diving information must be posted, either on the scoreboard or in some other public manner.

Top 16 – D Hill

Denny passed out the updated state records for the LP.

He shared that MI only has approximately 2-4 divers listed in the national top 16. The question of are we judging too hard was raised. The decision was to ask Don Mason to get and share the NISCA All-America judging panel's scores for Michigan's submitted divers. Then we may compare our states scoring to theirs and also use this for clinic topics

Denny also believes that the current frequent rate of DQ's for dolphin kick in breaststroke races is more of a phase than anything to directly worry about.

At the NISCA conference Denny was recognized with a Service Award.

For a full report on the NISCA conference check out Rick Edward's report on the website.

Clinic – J Lawrence

The cost for the fall 2005 Clinic will be \$100. The dates are set for the next two years and are posted on the website. Email Jim if you have any ideas you want him to consider for the clinic.

Changes to this fall's clinic will mostly take place in the awards recognition. No awards dinner is being planned. The various MISCA awards will happen during lunch. The Zone reports will be used for the bios of award winners.

Jim also stated he needs to contact Colorado to get them back on board with an appropriate vendor agreement. He has had difficulty making contact with them. They held a booth at last fall's clinic but have not paid their vendor fees.

Coach of the Year – B Crosby

We need to nominate one boy's coach and one girls' coach for NFHSA and only one coach for NHSCA's COY awards. Since we can't be certain that last year's nominations made it in it was decided to submit the same for this year. They are: NFHSA – John DuBois & Jim Lawrence., NHSCA – Mary Ann Egnutak.

New Business

MIAAA – Butch is planning to attend their business meeting and represent our organization.

Beaver Award – The Detroit Athletic Club want our committee to annually select a HS swimmer to receive this newly established award. After much insightful commentary it was decided that the DAC needs to supply us with a more detail understanding of the award and especially it name.

Scott Hedges will be voted for Secretary/Treasurer at the fall membership meeting. He started today assuming the role.

Rick Edwards – if you know of any coaches with 25+years of service in swim coaching please encourage them to let Rick know in order to be recognized.

Denny Hill - State Meet Swimmer of the Year – this committee needs to be thinking if using the NISCA Power Point method of selection is how we want to go. Denny will gather this information and present it at the fall membership meeting.

Mike Rado – Diving issue – Mike shared an issue that happened at his League’s championships and how a diver advanced on to the Diving Regionals. The question of is the number of divers that advance on based on the number of teams competing in diving for points or is it simply the number of teams present and competing at the meet? The discussion lead to a consensus of the diver from Mike’s League should not have advanced on given the current rules. However, in light of the new proposal to the MHSAA Rep Council to allow one of a diver’s five meet wins to come from a win whether or not the opposing team has divers.

Denny Hill – Automatic Relay Take-Off Judging – Denny asked us to think about if this technology should be used at our championship meets. It’s currently in use in the NCAA. There are several different models to use as a guide. He is considering presenting this to his league for implementation next season and will also gather information to present to the membership at the fall meeting.

Mike Torrey – Dues – NISCA has increased their yearly dues to \$50 effective this coming season. He asked that we consider raising our dues too. This will have to be an item of discussion at the fall membership meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Scott Hedges, Secretary/Treasurer