

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association *General Membership Meeting - 13 September 2002*

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association General Session meeting was called to order by President, Jim Lawrence, at 9:30 a.m. in the banquet room of the McCalmly Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Quorum:

Approximately 130 members were present in addition to the executive board members. As of September 13, there are 182 active coaches.

Past President:

Past President Jim Lawrence thanked the general membership in attendance for their support and active involvement in M.I.S.C.A. over the last two years. Jim then turned the meeting over to the new President, Bob Crosby.

President:

President Bob Crosby recognized Past President Jim Lawrence for dedicated work and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

President Bob Crosby noted the following action items to the general membership:

- A. The membership list is now posted on MISCA.NET
- B. The newsletter will only be published on MISCA.NET - it will not be mailed out.
- C. MISCA now has eight zones, not seven. Zone information can be found on MISCA.NET
- D. MISCA.NET will also have a state top-40 listing, but it will only be successful if coaches submit times on a regular basis.

Reports to Membership

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary-Treasurer Brian Bollone reviewed the financial status of MISCA and briefed the membership on the increased growth of the organization over the last year. Currently, MISCA has \$25,432.00 in checking and \$7.75 in savings. This net total is approximately \$2,750.00 more than a year ago.

Last year, MISCA had a record high membership, 329 members- up 21 from the 2000-2001 calendar. Already this year, the membership is at 182.

Motion by Tom Belco of Kalamazoo Central, seconded by Mick Holman of Grand Haven, to approve the Treasurer's report.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

NISCA Report:

NISCA representative Rick Edwards quickly up-dated the membership on the new changes which NISCA approved last spring at their national meeting in Athens, GA. All-American awards will now be given to the top 100 student-athletes in the country. Also, there is now an All-American Team award, similar to the Academic All-State award MISCAs presents each year.

MISCA Scholarship:

MISCA Scholarship Chair, Rick Edwards, review the six recipients of the \$1,000.00 scholarships which were presented last spring. He also noted that Milton Briggs of East Grand Rapids helped screen the applications.

The 2002-2003 scholarship forms are available at the clinic or at MISCAs.NET.

Academic All-State:

Academic All-State Chair, John DuBoise, noted that last year there was an increase in applications. He would still like to see a larger number of the membership submit applications.

The 2002-2003 Academic All-State forms are available at MISCAs.NET; and, are due one week after the MHSAA Boys State Finals in March.

MISCA Middle School Meet:

Middle School Meet Chair, John DuBoise, stated that last spring's meet was full for a second straight year.

John encouraged the membership to forward information regarding the meet to their school systems' middle school coaches.

MISCA Meet:

MISCA Meet Chair, Chuck Olson, stated that the 2002-2003 meet will be held at Eastern Michigan University on the following dates:

Girls-- October 19, 2002

Boys-- February 5, 2003

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Constitutional Changes and Amendments:

President Bob Crosby directed the general membership's attention to the ballot they received regarding constitutional changes and amendments. Bob lead discussion and noted the rationale for the five recommended changes being proposed. The membership approved unanimously all five changes (see attachment) which affected: Article IV. Section 4.A; Article IV. Section 4.D; Article IV. Section 4.E; Article IV. Section 5.A; and, Bylaw Section 6.J

Nominations and Election:

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nomination for the office of President Elect. Richard Edwards' nomination of Milton Briggs was seconded by Pat Oakes. Milton Briggs accepted the nomination for President Elect.

Tom Belco's motion to close nominations was seconded by Greg Phill.

All in favor: All

All opposed: None
Abstentions: None

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nominations for the office of NISCA Representative.

Pat Oakes' nomination of Dennis Hill was seconded by Jude Johnson. Dennis Hill accepted the nomination for NISCA Representative.

Discussion: None
All in favor: All
All opposed: None
Abstention: None

Award Winners for 2002-2003

President Bob Crosby directed the general membership's attention to the ballot they received regarding the candidates for the 2003-2003 Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan Awards. Dave Stubbs was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award and Barry Susterka was the recipient of the Bruce Harlan Award.

Nominations for 2003-2004

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nominations for the 2003-2004 award recipients for the Matt Mann Award, Bruce Harlan Award, and Outstanding Service Award.

Matt Mann Award Candidates:

Gregg Phil nominated Mary Ann Egnatuck from Albion.
Patrick Briggs nominated Mike Rado from Lahser
Pat Oakes nominated Mike Venos from Brother Rice

Bruce Harlan Award Candidates:

Pat Oakes nominated Aaron Pollack from A.A. Pioneer
Marty Pohl nominated Susan Folk from Grand Ledge
Member at large nominated Geene Sauer from Essexville Gerber

Outstanding Service Candidates:

Dennis Hill nominated Gail and Dick Kimball from University of Michigan

Other Items

Secretary-Treasurer Brian Bollone opened the floor for general discussion on the publication of the MISCA phone book. Brian suggested having the phone book published on MISCA.NET only. The pulse of the membership would like to see a "hard copy" of the phone book just after the clinic and then have all up-dates posted on the web site.

President Bob Crosby noted Rick Edwards' recent accomplishment- National Coach of the Year for NISCA

President Bob Crosby noted Mike Keevan's nomination for NISCA Outstanding Service Award.

MISCA Clinic Chair Greg Phill encouraged the membership to consider attending the MISCA golf outing this year. Information is located at MISCA.NET and is organized by Darrin Abbasse.

MHSAA Representative Gina Mazalinni up-dated the general membership of the Title-9 law suit and its possible effects on swimming.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Bollone, Secretary/Treasurer