

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association *General Membership Meeting - 19 September 2003*

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association General Session meeting was called to order by President, Bob Crosby, at 9:16 a.m. in the banquet room of the McCamly Plaza and Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Quorum:

Approximately 40 members were present in addition to the executive board members. As of September 15, there are 139 active coaches.

Past President:

Past President, Jim Lawrence, informed the membership of the clinic will remain at the McCamly Plaza and Hotel for the next two years. The dates for the clinic will be as follows: **September 17-18, 2004, and September 16-17, 2005.**

President:

President Bob Crosby recognized Past Presidents Jim Lawrence and Greg Phill for their dedication and hard work organizing this year's clinic.

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

A. MHSAA Swim Committee Meeting (March 2003) Proposals:

1. Recommendation to switch the backstroke start was tabled.
2. Recommendation to ban starting pistols in pools was left to local discretion.
3. Recommendation to use electronic entries for MHSAA tournament was passed.
4. Recommendation for three equal divisions was passed. (Note: Recommendation was not approved at the MHSAA Representative Council by a vote of 9-3.)
5. Recommendation for new tournament times were passed. (The goal was to create a set of times which would allow for a tournament with four heats per event, or 32 participants.)

Motion by Tom Belco of Kalamazoo Central, seconded by Damon Robertson of Dewitt, to approve the formation of a Time Standard Committee to generate a recommended set of tournament times for the MHSAA Swim Committee.

Discussion: Dennis Hill of Ann Arbor Pioneer and Greg Palmer of the MHSAA suggested MISCA use computer models to develop the time standards. Jock Ambrose of East Kentwood and Richard Edwards of Lansing Eastern suggested a three year meet average be used.

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

- B. The MISCA.NET website is continuing to add new information and links. Bob encouraged all members to use the site and suggest new ideas to the webmaster to better meet the needs of the membership.
- C. Bob encouraged all members to take a more active role in participating in zone and state award elections. If a member is unable to make their zone awards meeting, he/she should call in their nomination(s) to the zone vice presidents prior to the meeting date.

Reports to Membership

NISCA Report:

NISCA representative Dennis Hill quickly up-dated the membership on the new changes which NISCA approved last spring at their national meeting. Richard Edwards of Lansing Eastern is now the Zone President. All-American athletes are posted on the www.nisca.net site (top 100 student-athletes in the country.) Also, the NISCA power point competition had 318 teams participate last year and Dennis would like to see more Michigan teams submit entries.

MISCA Scholarship:

MISCA Scholarship Chair, Rick Edwards, was not present. Bob Crosby noted that a full report was included in the clinic check in packed and is posted on the MISCA website.

The 2003-2004 scholarship forms are available on the website.

Academic All-State:

Academic All-State Chair, John DuBois, noted that last year there was an increase in applications, a total of 62. He would still like to have more memberships submit applications.

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

MISCA Middle School Meet:

Middle School Meet Chair, John DuBois, stated that last spring's meet was just about full and had representation of more than 60 schools throughout the state.

John encouraged the membership to forward information regarding the meet to middle school coaches in their school district.

MISCA Meet:

MISCA Meet Chair, Chuck Olson, stated the 2003-2004 meets will be held at Eastern Michigan University on the following dates:

Girls-- October 18, 2003

Boys-- February 14, 2004

Information and application forms for the meet are available on the MISCA website.

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 couple of years. Currently, MISCA has \$13,377.33 in checking and \$7.75 in savings. This net total is \$12,054.67 less than a year ago. The major reasons for decline in funds are:

- A. Both NISCA and MHSCA memberships are paid in full currently, \$2,875.00.
- B. The clinic cost \$3,736.03 more than was anticipated (lunch and speaker costs).
- C. Full compensation for two NISCA representatives at the national NISCA meeting, \$1,846.85.
- D. Letterhead/envelopes needed to be re-ordered, \$526.00.

Last year, MISCA had 301 members- down 28 from last year's all time high. As of today, the membership is at 175 as compared to the 185 from last year.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Nominations and Election:

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nomination for the office of **Secretary/Treasurer.**

Bill Thompson's nomination of Brian Bollone was seconded by Mick Homan. Brian Bollone accepted the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

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

Butch Briggs nomination of Richard Edwards was seconded by Larry Teahan. Richard Edwards accepted the nomination for NISCA Representative.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstention: None

Award Voting for 2003-2004

President Bob Crosby directed the general membership's attention to the ballot they received regarding the candidates for the 2003-2004 Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan Awards. John DuBois was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award and Aaron Pollack was the recipient of the Bruce Harlan Award.

Nominations for 2004-2005

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nominations for the 2004-2005 award recipients for the Matt Mann Award, Bruce Harlan Award, and Outstanding Service Award.

Matt Mann Award Candidates:

Mike Rado, Lasher was nominated by Mike Venos.

Bruce Harlan Award Candidates:

Don Mason, Lasher/Country Day was nominated by Aaron Pollack.

Outstanding Service Candidates:

Ken Shively was nominated by Mike Venos.

Ron Syria was nominated by Tom Belco.

Other Items

Jim Makarauskas asked if the clinic could be broken down by cost, or have a reduced fee for members only attending one day.

President, Bob Crosby, quickly noted that the gender equity law suit is still in appeal in U.S. District court in Cincinnati, OH.

Motion by Jock Ambrose of East Kentwood, seconded by Greg Phill, to adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Bollone, Secretary/Treasurer