

BOD Report
Executive Secretary
November 17, 2020

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- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules**—MW is sanctioning what is being requested. Several meets were sanctioned, but were pulled by hosts due to circumstances beyond their control. Several changed format, again due to the evolving circumstances. MW is requesting that masks be worn by everyone at all times except swimmer in the water and that there be no or few spectators. Most host clubs have been able to video the meets. Right now, we have no meet sanction requests for anything after January 1, 2021. This last weekend there were meets at four different sites – two duals and two with 3 or 4 teams. Three were in Omaha area, one in the Lincoln area. There were almost 600 swimmers who were able to compete. That is about half of the number of swimmers currently registered for 2021 (1154).
- **Awards** – There was no fall awards luncheon/ceremony this year. The awards were all bundled and Carol Olson has graciously offered to make sure all clubs get their awards. Awards will include MW Top 8, MW IMX Top 3 – SCY, MW Record Breakers, and Zone qualifiers. Some awards that have been given in the past just were not valid this year. We only really had a shortened SCY season.
- **MW Website/USA Swimming Info** – We are trying to include updates from USA Swimming including notes from LSC Leadership meetings and anything else the membership needs to be aware of. Jay Chambers has been sending Friday updates as to what is going on with USA Swimming and we are sharing those emails with club head coaches and team leadership.
- **High School Season** – Nebraska High school season started November 16. At this point we don't know who is in the water and who isn't. Lincoln has issued a moratorium for youth sports through December 6. We will be watching what happens. We do not know what the end of the season will look like. At this point we have not granted any approval for observations for any 'invites' although we did have one inquiry. There may be no 'invites' this year. Iowa concluded its Girls High School season on Saturday. Midwestern swimmers from the Council Bluffs area and Sioux City area competed in that meet.
- **US Open and Winter 18 & U:** The US Open concluded this past weekend being swum at nine different sites. Several MW athletes competed at the Des Moines Site. There will be a Winter 18 & Under meet in Kansas City for Region VIII teams with athletes limited to 85 girls and 85 boys and one in Des Moines in December. There are about 50 MW athletes qualified for those meets. We will see how many athletes chose to swim the 18 & U meet.
- **All Stars:** Des Moines is planning an All Star meet in January 15-17, 2021. At this point MW has not made any decision regarding participation. If MW does participate, it will probably be on a family-travel basis rather than a team-travel basis. Things are just so very fluid right now. MW athletes have had very little opportunity to achieve times to qualify for such a meet.