

Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 10 March 2020
Via Conference Call

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CALL TO ORDER: Carol Olson, Midwestern Swimming General Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

General Chair	Carol Olson	Present
Administrative Vice Chair	Jay Thiltgen	Present
Age Group Chair	Emma McEntaffer	Present
Secretary	Jeff Nelson	Present
Treasurer	Stefanie Martinez	Absent
Registration	Scot Sorensen	Present
Finance Chair	Jason Hiley	Absent
Technical Chair	Jimmy Parmenter	Absent
Officials Chair	Steve Marchitelli	Present
Operational Risk	John Tysdal	Present
Safe Sport/Diversity&Inclusion	Betsy Purcell	Present
Coaches' Representative	Sam Bach	Absent
Safe Sport Representative	Aidan Cho	Present
Athlete Representative	Lauren Mayo	Present
Athlete Representative	Marti Walstadt	Present
Delegate At Large	Bruce Schomburg	Present
Delegate At Large	Kerry Paup	Present
Delegate At Large	Toby Rees	Present
Delegate At Large	Brinker Harding	Absent
Executive Secretary	Betty Kooy	Present

AGENDA PREVIEW: Betty has one addition to the agenda, approval of the Olympic Trials volunteers.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Carol Olson read the following to the Board of Directors:

“Is any member aware of any conflict of interest, that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest, in any matter being considered by this meeting which should now be reported or disclosed or addressed under the Midwestern Swimming Conflict of Interest Policy?”

If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 20 January 2020, were reviewed. A motion to approve the May minutes was made by John Tysdal. Second by Toby Rees. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The January minutes are APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included reports by the Executive Secretary and Membership/Registration Coordinator. Motion to review and approve the Consent Agenda by Steve Marchitelli. Second by Jay Thiltgen. A vote to approve the updated Consent Agenda was had with all in favor. The Consent Agenda is APPROVED.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Financial Report – Betty Kooy is reporting for Jason Hiley. Betty thinks all looks good for the budget this year. HBE can change budget categories if needed. The 2020 budget should be reviewed, noting a 2% inflation increase. Fixed fees for meets should be reviewed. The budget for the Coaches Clinic was not completely used last year, but some money remains allocated for this item. Age group Training had no budget last year, but now does. The Awards Banquet was over budget last year. Fees for attending the banquet were kept low, but could be raised. Betty asks that budgetary change requests be emailed to her and Jason Hiley. Betsy Purcell asked why the Officials Budget was cut in half. Betty was unsure of the reason for the decrease but agreed that more money is needed for

Officials. Budgeting for travel looks okay to Betty. Officials Travel has its own line in the budget. Steve Marchitelli thinks \$6000 is required in the Officials Travel budget. Betty said the reimbursement for Officials was increased a few years ago. Betsy reminded us that travel to the Olympic Trials will be minimal. Scot Sorensen made a motion to approve the budget and increase the Officials line item to \$6000. Second by Betsy. A vote was had with all in favor. The budget, including \$6000 for Officials is APPROVED.

Meet Recon – Scot Sorensen reports that unregistered athletes are showing up on meet reconnaissance reports 7-9 days before swim meets. No club should have unregistered swimmers showing up on recon reports. Betty is disappointed with the large number of unregistered swimmers showing up on recon reports. Fortunately, no errors showed up on the MW Short Course Championship recon this year. According to Scot, the primary goal is to eliminate unregistered athlete deck registrations. Secondary goal is to eliminate unregistered swims found in post meet recon. No times are uploaded to SWIMS when flagged in post meet recon. Unregistered athletes swimming at USA Swimming meets is a major liability risk and should never be allowed. Toby Rees asked if the violations stem from one club only. Scot claims there are a handful of teams that are repeat offenders of unregistered athletes being caught in the first recon. There are also a handful of teams that repeatedly do last minute registrations. Scot has submitted a Meet Recon Policy and Procedure that includes a \$30 registration fee, above and beyond the current MW athlete registration fee, for athletes that appear on the first pre-meet recon. The proposal also includes increasing the fine from \$100 to \$250, for post-meet recon violations. Betsy Purcell made the motion to approve the proposed Meet Recon Policy. Second by Aidan Cho. A vote was had with all in favor. The Meet Recon Policy is APPROVED. Betty recommends the policy begin 1 September 2020. Steve Marchitelli made a motion to start enforcing the new Meet Recon Policy on 1 Sept 2020. Second by Betsy Purcell. A vote was had with all in favor. The 1 Sept 2020 start date for the new Meet Recon Policy is APPROVED. Betty will put the new policy in Policies and Procedures and will go in the Registration Manual.

Governance Committee Report – Many nominations have been made for At-Large positions. 15 March is the deadline. Currently there are no nominations for the Finance Chair. Coaches Rep and Athlete Rep are voted on by clubs. The nomination for those reps ended 29 February 2020. Coach registration was sent to all registered clubs. 6 athlete reps have been nominated. According to USA Swimming, 20% of all committees and Boards should be athletes. Betty will send the ballot with 6 athletes and 1 coach + write in votes will be sent this week.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS

MW Short Course Championship - 523 entries so far. 2 clubs have not yet submitted entries. YMCA Championships are underway and new times cuts made at that meet will be accepted for MW Championship.

COVID-19 – Will MW Championship happen this season? Many meets have been cancelled and USA Swimming is rapidly updating news on the coronavirus pandemic. If UNL cancels the rest of its semester on campus or wishes to eliminate activities on campus, we will be forced to cancel the Championship Meet. Carol will use Constant Contact to communicate with MW Swimming. Jay Thiltgen urges us to follow school policies and not be on the wrong side of this unfolding pandemic. Toby reminds us that each school is different and State Policy will be important in making the decisions going forward. Steve asks Jay if he is recommending we cancel? Jay says no to cancellation at the moment, but we need to be diligent. Emma says LPS is currently on break. Currently there are no cases of coronavirus in Lancaster County. We will continue to monitor the situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

18 April 2020 House of Delegates Meeting, at Brownell Talbot
12 May 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, Via Conference Call

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Emma McEntarffer made the motion to adjourn. Second by Aidan Cho. Vote to adjourn with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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