

Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21 July 2020
Via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER: Carol Olson, Midwestern Swimming General Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:38 PM.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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 14 May 2020, were reviewed. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Betsy Purcell. Second by John Tysdal. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The May minutes are APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to review and approve the Consent Agenda by John Tysdal. Second by Steve Marchitelli. A vote to approve the Consent Agenda was had with all in favor. The Consent Agenda is APPROVED.

MEETS:

Betty Kooy has an announcement for clubs wishing to host meets. Beginning in August, times obtained at sanctioned meets will become eligible for National meets and Olympic Trials. Clubs are encouraged to do their homework and get their meets sanctioned to ensure official times. A template for submitting a meet for sanctioning is now available. Morningside College will have a meet in July for approximately 30 swimmers. Heather Farris will video the meet to show

how to conduct a meet. Hosts need to have a good protocol, and old school techniques such as Clerk of Course check ins are suggested. Social Distancing will be required and fly over starts will not be allowed. Bruce Schomburg plans to hold non-sanctioned meets for his club.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Financial review is provided by Betty, as Jason is absent. MW Swimming is in good shape, considering the current conditions. No significant changes are seen in our finances. HBE will be asked to reduce their fees during this pandemic downturn. Currently, HBE fees are \$450/month. Quickbooks fees are \$70-\$100/month, just for payroll. MWS is not really losing much money, but we do not have income either.

USA SWIMMING UPDATES:

Virtual Swim meets are now possible against teams in another LSC, provided both LSCs approve of the meet. Mike Nobiling inquired about dual meets with Iowa Swimming teams. Invitational meets are also possible. Travel is not encouraged. Bruce asked about how to set up meets. Municipal, County, and State laws will dictate how to hold a meet, with specifics from each on number of people allowed to gather, infection rates. Etc. Monthly Head Coach Meetings are a great place to learn about news.

VIRTUAL SWIMMING LEAGUE:

This is a new format proposal to encourage competition. Three Seasons are proposed, Fall, Winter, Summer. Clubs could charge up to \$75 per swimmer for participation, of which \$25 would go to the LSC. Top 32 would be scored in each event. Individual hi-point winners would be calculated. Top 10 swimmers would get a T-shirt. This proposal has been only moderately embraced. Carol is working on a new promotion of the VSL. Meet manager can be used to submit results. Meets can be sanctioned. 8 meets are proposed per season, one every other week. 4 events per meet are suggested. Seasons are Sept-Dec, Jan-Apr, and May-Aug. Of note, this is a supplement to regular swim meets. Sanctioned meets can count for both virtual and regular meets.

BOARD DEPARTURES:

John Tysdal has moved to Bettendorf, IA and has resigned from the MW Swimming BOD. We all thank John for his dedication and service, and we wish him the best in the Quad Cities area. Kerri Paup has resigned from the MW Swimming BOD.

ELECTIONS:

MW may hold a virtual meeting for the next House of Delegate meeting in August. Election Buddy is being investigated for elections. Toby Rees suggests that Google Survey be used, ensuring 1 vote per person. Documents can be sent during the meeting. Zoom is an option for conducting the meeting. Emails of all attendees will be critical to ensure invites are sent. The Governance Committee is working on the meeting format. Betty reminds us that notification of an HOD meeting is required 20 days in advance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Betsy Purcell made the motion to adjourn. Second by Steve Marchitelli. Vote to adjourn with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.**