



HOD Report
Executive Secretary
September 17, 2023

- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules--...**

Fall-Winter 2023-2024 –Fall/Winter 2023-2024 tentative schedule has been posted (schedule is always ‘tentative’). Most of the sanction applications and fees have been paid and flyers have been submitted. Betty is working through fall and September and October meets are ready for the Sanction Committee. The September meets are in progress and the October meets that can be posted have been posted. Sanction Committee will now work through the November and December meets. We could use a meet in the Omaha area on Dec 16-17 as the Council Bluffs pool has damage and probably will not be usable.

MW 2024 Short Course Championship – Sanction Committee has accepted the March 8-10, 2024 for the Short Course Championship. Meet will be held at the Fremont YMCA.

MW 2024-2025 Bids – A call was put out for Summer 2024 and Fall/Winter 2024-2025 bids with bids requested to be received by the Office by May 15, 2023. Bids are coming in. Reminders were sent – **but still very few bids** – definitely not complying with the MW Policy and Procedures.

MW Championship Qualifying Standards – The Sanction Committee is still looking at updating the formula for the qualifying standards for MW Championship meets. Covid and other issues have made the previous formula unworkable. **MW will use the 2023 format for the 2024 Championships.**

- **Zone meets:** MW attended the 14 & U Zone meet in Lenexa KS August 3-6 with 45 athletes participating. Meet was a family travel meet. Paige Skidmore was head coach with Anthony Miles and Anna Capoun assisting and Emma McEntarffer as manager. The Lenexa meet was not without some severe complications. Team pictures were supposed to have been mailed Monday. Open Water meet was held Pleasant Prairie WI June 15 and 16. Six athletes participated. Eric Samson supported the team as coach.
- **Athlete Reimbursement and Outreach Reimbursement** –.Reimbursement requests for national meets now have an online form and so far it is working well. To date, \$13,925.00 (\$600 pending) has been sent to athletes for the US Open, Winter Juniors, the Reg 8 Sectional meets, Westmont TYR Pro meet, and the CZ Open Water Championship, Futures, and Summer Juniors. \$722.63 has been distributed for Outreach Reimbursement (should be more requesting reimbursement). The figures for these two programs are based on September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023.
- **Fall HOD Meeting/Swimposium/Awards:** The Fall HOD meeting is held the weekend of September 16-17 in conjunction with the Swimposium and MW Awards at Papillion LaVista High School. Constant Contact was used to advertise the weekend. There are 132 athletes registered for the Saturday Swimposium clinics and approximately 115 are swimming in the Sunday morning Swim Meet. Clinics for Coaches, Officials, and Parents were also held this weekend.
- **High School Swimming:** The Iowa Girls are now in their HS season and the IA Boys swim during the Winter season. The Nebraska HS season will start November 13. There will be several ‘observed’ meets including the conference (districts in IA) and state meets. Times from the observed meets will go into the MW databases and SWIMS providing the athlete is registered at the time of the swim.
- **USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting:** The ABM will be held September 23 in Colorado Springs. In-person attendees include LSC General Chairs, Committee Chairs, USA Swimming BOD. The rest attend virtually. MW will have 1 non-athlete vote (the General Chair) and 3 coach votes. Betty Kooy also has a vote as a Central Zone rep. There will be a Spring Workshop in April and several MW delegates will attend that meeting. (Central Zone business, including meet site selections, will get taken care of at that meeting.)