

Midwestern Swimming House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 22, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER: Carol Olson, Midwestern Swimming Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:37am.

**BOD ATTENDANCE:**

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

**CLUB DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

ACE	Tim Uehling
BARR	none
BSC	Doug Thayer
BCST	none
BT	Jimmy Parmenter
CBSC	Bruce Schomburg
FAST	David Struble
GOAL	Tom Beck
GNST	Chris Hansen
HYAC	none
HLA	Marcus Bach
HG	none
HUSK	none
ISWM	Thor Larson
KYT	none
LIFE	none
LSS	Nikki Sheets
LYD	none
MAC	none
NA	Lori von Scheliha
NEB	none
NYA	none
OMA	none
OSF	Drew Butler

OWSC	Meg Harris
PSC	none
SCSC	Nick Baker
SCH	Trent Stanley
SCM	none
SLS	none
SO	Dave Harris
SST	Mike Nobiling

CANDIDATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Debra Pearson - CBSC

AGENDA PREVIEW: The agenda has no changes.

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:

A motion to approve the June 17, 2020, House of Delegates meeting minutes was made by Jimmy Parmenter. Second by Steve Marchitelli. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The minutes from the June 17, 2020, HOD meeting are APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Thor Larson to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Betsy Purcell. The consent agenda for this meeting includes the Executive Secretary Report and the Membership/Registration Report. A vote was had with all in favor. The consent agenda is APPROVED.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Central Zone – Betty will retire as secretary of the Central Zone after serving more than 20 years in that position. Betty encourages teams to use the various links, tools, and resources on the USA Swimming, Central Zone, and Midwestern websites.

Convention – The USA Swimming Convention will be held virtually this year.

Grants – Seven clubs have been awarded a grant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the COVID-19 Relief Program to USAS clubs. Clubs winning grants are ACE, BT, GNST, HG, NA, OSF, SCSC

Officials – The Fall clinic for MW Swimming Officials, in conjunction with Iowa Swimming Officials, will be held virtually on two consecutive Saturdays. September 12 and 19 will be the dates of the clinic. 4 sessions are to be held each day. Currently, MW Swimming has 120 registered officials.

Financials – Betty indicates that MW Swimming is financially sound, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Very few expenditures are occurring. MW Swimming spends about \$3k per month for ongoing obligations.

Sanctions – USA Swimming is currently limiting meet sanctions to meets involving clubs within their own LSC. Exceptions are made to clubs needing to travel to adjacent LSCs to compete only with approval from both LSCs. No Large invite meets are allowed at this time. A template has been sent to teams for submitting sanctioning requests. Meet are now being reviewed on a case by case basis, provided all local, county, and state jurisdiction rules are being followed. Of note, most public schools have banned outside entities from using or renting their facilities during the pandemic.

## ELECTIONS:

Carol Olson gives thanks those who have served the MW Swimming Board of Directors and whose term is now ending. Those whose terms are ending are Carol Olson, Jay Thiltgen, Jason Hiley, Jeff Nelson, Sam Bach, Brinker Harding, Bruce Schomburg, Lauren Mayo, Aidan Cho.

Toby Rees asked the candidates to introduce themselves and talk about their desire to serve on the Board of Directors. Betsy Purcell is running, unopposed, for General Chair. Jimmy Parmenter is running, unopposed, for Senior Chair. Toby Rees is running, unopposed, for Admin Vice Chair. Debra Pearson is running for a position At Large. Jeff Nelson is running for a position At Large. Eric Shanks has withdrawn as a candidate for the At Large Position. Tony Storer is running, unopposed for Finance Chair, but is unable to attend the meeting today. Kyle Hunt is running for the position At Large, but is unable to attend the meeting today. Bruce Schomburg has nominated Drew Butler for the position At Large.

The procedure to vote is by GoogleForms. An email is being sent to each of the club reps on today's meeting. About 15 minutes will be allowed for reps to sign on and submit votes. Results of the election will be announced at the end of the meeting.

## CURRENT CLUB STATUS SURVEY:

Carol asked coaches to talk about their current operating status.

Jimmy Parmenter: Brownell Talbot has been training since June 1 with 12 swimmers per practice session. 18 swimmers has been approved by administration starting in September. Temporary changing stalls are being installed on deck. Locker rooms are no being used. Masks and social distancing are required when entering and exiting.

Tom Beck: GOAL is currently practicing in three facilities, Mockingbird Community Center, Montclair Community Center, and Westgate Pool. There are no limits on number of swimmers. Social distancing is required and Tom claims his swimmers are doing a good job at maintain distance. Westgate is installing a heater and plans are to continue training outside there as far into the fall as possible.

Bruce Schomburg: CBSC has been practicing since July 1, with 4 swimmers per lane. Currently, only high school swimmers are training, with younger swimmers restarting in September. Limits may need to be imposed on new members if space is no available. The bleachers at Titan Hill are behind glass, so parents are able to sit and watch behind glass, while maintaining social distancing practices. Locker rooms are not available.

Emma McEntarffer: GNST is using a private pool and allowed 2 lanes per session. Early morning and late evening practices are available to high school aged swimmer. LPS has not been amenable to training in their facilities.

Nikki Sheets: LSS is swimming at Woods pool. The facility is set up for short course, with more than 20 lanes. 2-3 swimmers are allowed per lane. Some private pools are also being used.

Mike Nobliling: SST is currently on break. Three facilities are available, each with its own set of rules.

Thor Larson: iNspire is training at the Omaha Home for Boys. Practices are not restricted. Thor is offering the pool for rent to other teams, with morning and weekend times available. Locker rooms are being used with a disinfection protocol in place.

Drew Butler: OSF is using pool time at Thor's Omaha Home for Boys pool. OPS pools are not allowing outside entities to use their pools.

Jay Thiltgen: ACE is using one outdoor pool and Common Ground. The side entrance to the pool is being used at Common Ground to prevent intermixing of swimmers and patrons of the rest of the facility. No limits are in place restricting the number of swimmers. Social distancing is required.

Trent Stanley: Sioux Center is using its private facility for training. 4 swimmers are allowed. No other restrictions are noted.

Nick Baker: SCSC is conducting practices at private facilities, 5 days per week. Social distancing and masks are required. Students at PLV and PLVS are allowed access to the high school pool, but other are not allowed in the facility. Nick is hoping for a full return to the PLV pool in October.

Lori Von Schelia: Nebraska Aquatics is practicing at Woods pool, but has no plans after September 4.

David Struble: FAST is training at the Fremont Y. David has recently returned to Fremont after a brief stint in Florida. He is the Aquatics Director for the YMCA in Fremont. David hosted a meet with iNspire. Pool time is available for rent. The YMCA has lost about 2000 members during the COVID-19 pandemic. David claims his facility is available for meets.

Dave Harris: SO is training in outdoor facilities, and Ralston High School for the summer. Westside High School will open their pool soon, and hopefully practices will return their soon after. Masks are required. No locker rooms are available. A small meet was recently held for SO swimmers only.

Doug Thayer: BSC has been training at Bellevue East and Bellevue West. Doug suspects athlete numbers increased this summer, due to the fact that the pandemic prevented many other activities. 25 swimmers are allowed per practice. BSC is anxious to host meets in the near future.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Betty Kooy has discovered voter anomalies in the election process for Junior Athlete Representative. No results are available in that race.

#### ELECTION RESULTS:

Jay Thiltgen gave the election results. Congratulations to the election winners on their new appointments.

General Chair – Betsy Purcell

Administrative Vice Chair – Toby Rees

Finance Vice Chair – Tony Storer

Senior Chair – Jimmy Parmenter

At Large – Jeff Nelson

ADJOURN: Thor Larson made the motion to adjourn. Second by Emma McEntarffer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.**