

<p style="text-align: center;">Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association <i>Executive Meeting – 19 March 2006</i></p>
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President, Butch Briggs, called the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Winter Executive Board meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. at the McCalmly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Executive Board Members present:

Butch Briggs	Mike Rado	Bob Crosby
Scott Hedges	Dennis Hill	Cory Bergen
Jim Lawrence	Dave Z	Chuck Olson
John DuBois	Liz Hill	Dennis Neat
Brent Pohlonski	Greg Phill	Rick Edwards
Mike O'Connor	Mike Greuber	Shannon Dunworth

- Review of January meeting minutes were discussed:
Motion set by J Lawrence to approve minutes, seconded, no opposed, passed

Action Items Discussed:

Swim Committee Proposals to Rep Council:

- 3 state meets
 - Rep Council is currently reviewing the proposal to create 3 state meets and will vote in spring at their May meeting. They may ask us for more details/recommendations. Butch may also have to call another spring meeting of the MISCA Exec Board.
 - Klapthor has compiled his recommendations on a 3 division qualifying time standards. D1 and D2 would stay the same. He also put together his thoughts, based on his research, which schools would fall into each division.
 - Diving – Butch suggested that each division would have 2 regionals and the top 16 from each regionals go to states. If a league/conference had a returning diver that was top 16 at last year's state meet that league/conference would be allowed to send their normal diver amount to regionals plus the number of returning top 16 divers from last year's state meet.
 - MHSAA is also looking to change the wording for the number of contests to be days of competition. So, a multiple day meet will count as two competitions.
 - Op Up/Down – all other sports can opt up. This may lead to the possibility of some teams opting up to D1 meet to perhaps have better changes of more kids going to states and placing better as a team.
 - 32/event – the proposal currently reads to say approximately 32 per event. The consensus was that we are comfortable making that the goal but want to keep the qualifying time standards as the way to get to states, and that Gina or MHSAA not handle in any way the state meet entries. We feel it's important for MHSAA and the Rep Council to know Klapthor's recommendations as a non-vested, third party.

Committee Reports

Website – B Crosby

- he has 3 zone reports in already, the rest of you please get them in asap.
- Zone vp's please look over the zone lists and let Bob know if schools are missing, need to be deleted or changed.
- Has added a new way to download the membership file to allow us to manipulate the file easier on our pc in Excel

Membership – M Rado

- will send out 3-4 postcards between now and August to coaches and AD's promoting MISCA membership and clinic attendance.

MS and Academic All State – J DuBois

- A very unhappy parent and coach called John out on the entry process and how alternatives were put into place. John continues to be fair and consistent with rules/procedures. Consensus was to not respond to the parent letter, just the coach and/or school.
- There have also been complaints that some coaches might be using entry times that were not achieved in a MS meet. The meet manager has no way to police this, it's coach's integrity.
- Holt might be interested in hosting this meet in the near future. But until then or any other school officially expresses an interest the meet will stay at Plainwell.

Awards – C Bergen

- power point system is working well. Close at D2 boys (2pts) and D1 girls (1pt).
- Conversation – should we include in the power point system that the winner must also win at least one event at states? General consensus was no, leave the system as it is.
- Cory will buy more certificates
- The price for replacement All State certificates is \$2.00.
- J Lawrence has already ordered the athletes of the year plaques and will mail them to the athletes' school

Scholarship – R Edwards

- Has 6 applications already. He and his committee meet next month and review all apps. The posted application deadline is April 1, 2006.

Diving – B Huttenga

- Brad reported to Butch all is well
- Point of clarification was made as to why EMU didn't have the new diving software working at the MISCA meet. It was a personnel issue, not software. It's been resolved and working fine.

MISCA meet – C Olson and G Phill

- Shannon Dunworth has agreed to handle all the meet registration and Greg will do all the necessary work on the meet day.
- Entries will be done electronically.

NISCA – D Hill and R Edwards

- Denny has updated all the top 16 and posted on www.misca.net
- He has no thoughts yet on how to handle state records if we go to 3 state meets, we'll leave that for a later discussion.
- Rick has compiled the top 16 for our NISCA zone and Michigan has the largest number of boys on the list! He will get that list to Bob so it can be posted on the website.

Zone Reports – Zone VP's

- none given

Clinic – J Lawrence and G Phill

- Randy Reese is a done deal, he'll be a speaker
- Greg is still working trying to get a diving coach to present
- Greg is also talking to Stephanie Kerska (sp?) about speaking
- Rick Edwards said NISCA has no interest in financially supporting a recognized HS speaker
- Rick and Denny will talk to HS coaches at the NISCA conference and see if they can secure some interest in bringing one on board to speak.
- Some coaches still feel strongly that a MI HS coach should speak
- Conversation of opening our clinic to coaches from surrounding states, no decision made
- Shannon thinks we should pursue TYR's possible proposal for sponsoring our clinic. He doesn't think any one company will be able to provide more financial support than Speedo, but we should still use it as a bargaining tool.

Old Business

- MHSCA insurance – Bob gave us info on the new insurance. Looks good, I will continue to pay our MHSCA dues like always with now the increased \$5.50 fee for the insurance.
- Clinic Coaches Discussion Activity – Liz presented a format that allows for coaches to interact and share ideas. Greg will fit this into the schedule.
- Awards Luncheon – Dave Z will present the Matt Mann award to Rado and Don Mason. We nominated Karl Piscopink (an official) for the Outstanding Service Award. Greg will contact his family and invite them to the awards luncheon.

New Business

- State Meet formats – Butch sent each state meet manager a suggested format for the operation of a state meet. There were many small and large issues in the running and format of each state meet that were unnecessary inconsistencies. General consensus is that there's not much, if anything, we can do.
- MISCA Dues – G Phill - motioned to raise MISCA dues to \$40, seconded, no opposed, passed
- Prelims/Finals - Greg will contact facilities about having a prelim/finals on each day of the state meet. If facilities are OK with this then Greg will bring it up to the MISCA membership meeting in the fall.
- Email group – Liz suggested that an email group be established to allow anyone to receive information/reminders from MISCA. I also suggested that Bob talk to Chad about having the website do online registration and part of the registration could include the option to join this email group. Bob will get back to us on this.

- Scholarships – we will vote at fall general membership meeting to increase scholarships again. There was good conversation on what’s the best way to spend MISCA’s money. The feeling I got was that the members present would prefer to rank scholarships as a higher priority to fully funding two people to attend the NISCA conference. We may need to move in a direction that establishes an actual budget for MISCA which allows us to then spend additional money over budgeted amounts in times we have disposable money.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Scott Hedges, Secretary/Treasure