

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association
Executive Meeting – 14 January 2007

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Winter Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Mike Rado, at 12:50 p.m. at the Iroquois Club, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Executive Board Members present:

Butch Briggs	Mike Rado	Bob Crosby
Scott Hedges	Rick Edwards	Cory Bergen
Brad Jones	Dave Zulkiewski	Chuck Olson
Dennis Neat	Greg Phill	Shannon Dunworth
Brent Pohlonski	Brad Huttenga	Mike Greuber

- Review of September meeting minutes: we didn't have copies of the minutes, but they were approved, no discussion.

Action Items Discussed:

Financial Report – I shared the attached report. I am tracking our expenses this year so we can begin to develop an annual budget. We have about \$17,000 in the bank currently, at least another \$6200 in upcoming expenses, and an estimated \$2000-2500 in additional revenue coming in before summer..

Website – I shared my conversation with Chad Crosby. An open table question was posed and people shared their basic thoughts on our website, the general consensus was our site provides what it needs to, with the exception of the online membership registration. Dave Z, Rado and I will meet to establish the new website redesign and membership registration and report back at the spring meeting.

Next year when we have the ability to send membership emails it was suggested that a once a month “newsletter” be sent. It was also suggested that this is a good thing for the Zone VP's to do in order to give the delivery of this a more personal touch. Rado will send out information that is important for the membership for the remainder of this membership year and also encourage the VP's to do the same for their Zone.

Rado to contact Gina at MHSAA regarding -

- the missing schools, offering swimming, from the list on the MHSAA website – this can affect the states break point for which state meet division a school gets placed.
- the inconsistencies between state meet sites and how they are run from year to year – late entry procedure/deadline, number of lanes used in prelims, warm ups times/procedures, breaks, when and how awards are presented

Middle School Meet – Damon (Robertson ?) will now host the MS meet at Holt. The 2007 meet info is on the website.

Awards – Cory is collecting the bios and photos of Swimmer/Dvier OTY and Coach OTY and photos of the Zone COTY. He will then forward it to Butch and Chuck for the awards luncheon program. They need it before the end of the school year.

Zone Reports –

Zone 2 - Dave Z - He shared a compiled sheet of information on what other State Swimming Assoc are doing. This is an FYI for our organization and can also be used as we look at redesigning our website.

Zone 8 – Brad J – Several coaches in his zone expressed their dissatisfaction with the running of the state meet at EMU. Rado will share with Gina

NISCA – It was decided to allow 4 MISCA scholarships right now. At the spring exec meeting we will reexamine our resources and expenses and decide if we can afford an additional two.

It was agreed that in compliance with our bylaws we will pay the two NISCA reps each \$500 to offset their trip costs to the annual NISCA convention. At the spring meeting we will reexamine our resources and see if we can pay for more.

If an amendment to the bylaws are to be proposed to allow a member to hold office that isn't a HS or MS coach needs to be given to the general membership at least a month before the September meeting. This created some discussion about having two NISCA reps. If the board doesn't fund two NISCA reps to attend the annual convention perhaps we don't need two offices. The way it currently works is each reps serves a two year term, only one of those two years he/she is the official member of the board. This will have to be a continued conversation at the spring meeting since it's tied to finances.

Diving – Brad shared that he has given Gina at MHSAA a proposed rule change regarding how they cut divers at the Diving Regionals. Much of this will be connected to the outcome of going to three divisions.

There is a general feeling with diving coaches that if we go to three state meet divisions they don't want 6 Regionals, they are concerned about the number of divers going to the state meet and also the possible travel distance some may have going to a Regional meet.

One possible solution is to allow exhibition divers to qualify.

Another concern is that the Regionals and State meet formats need to be the same, currently they are not run under the same format.

MISCA Meet – It was clarified that any coach on the deck at the meet must be a MISCA member. This is enforced at the meet, there will be coaches that slip through the cracks however.

Clinic – Basically same format for 2007 that was used in 2006.

Greg will contact Dave Burgering to be a diving speaker and give him Brad's contact info

Greg will contact the HS coach from Maine that Butch has been in touch with.

Denny Hill will contact the former swimmer of his that is now a motivational speaker.

Rado requested that the speakers and topics be finalized by end of the school year.

Jim L couldn't attend the meeting but sent an email regarding:

- Butch and Chuck will do the awards program
- Chuck will need to work with Jim to organize and bring on board the sponsors/vendors

- Complimentary hotel rooms – it was decided that the two clinic organizers, sec/tres, president and president elect will receive the 5 comp beds provided by the hotel as part of our package/contract with the hotel.
- Jim will explore getting a reduced rate for rooms of other attending board members.

Bob Klaphthor wants to speak on the history of swimming in Michigan – Greg will add him to the agenda on Saturday.

MHSCA Insurance – Butch has received book marks providing info on the new insurance policy we bought into for our members. He will forward them to me so I can give them with our membership cards. Butch will also type this up and have Bob put it on the website.

Outstanding Service Award – Rick will compile a list of past winners based on his records. It was decided that Ray Martin, the official, is our pick this year.

Matt Mann – on ballot at the 2007 clinic will be:

- Tom Belco – 2007 will be his 3rd and final year
- Ron Pohlonski – 2007 will be his 3rd and final year
- Dave Digget – 2007 will be his 1st year on the ballot, he was nominated at 2006 clinic

It was clarified that the exec board may take names to the general meeting to be placed on the ballot plus names may be taking during the general membership meeting by members.

Bruce Harlan – on the ballot at the 2007 clinic will be:

- Bruce Binger – 2007 will be his 1st year on ballot, nominated at 2006 clinic
- Trista Soliz – 2007 will be her 2nd year on ballot

3 Divisions Update – Rado shared the letter he'll be sending regarding the proposal to go to 3 divisions. He also provided a sheet comparing the 2005 and 2006 girls state meet entries, D2 dropped about 140 entries with the new cuts. He also shared Bob Klaphthor's suggested D3 cuts for girls.

New Business:

MISCA Constitution and By Laws Review – Rado pointed out several current bylaws that need to be reviewed/voted on at the Sept membership meeting:

It was decided by the board:

Constitution:

- Article IV – Section 2 – delete officials and water polo
- Article IV – Section 4 – leave as is, President may or may not make use of this.

By Laws:

- Section 2 A – delete this
- Section 2 B – reword to say will be dropped
- Section 4 – is fine

- Section 6 E1g – we want to reinstate recognizing 15 and 25 years of coaching. Cory will get the old certificates from Rick. We will need to add this to our registration information.
- Section 6 E1i – we want to do this too. Cory will get old certs from Rick .
- Section 6 F – delete the officials committee

State Meet Officials – at the spring meeting we will need to discuss how we as an organization/board want to inform MHSAA of who we want and don't want to officiate at the State Championships.

State Meet and Zone Coach of the Year Voting – at the spring meeting we need to discuss this. Perhaps the selection of these coaches needs to be more defined.

Zone Alignment – Mike Grueber submitted a new listing of the zones. Please look it over and make any recommendations by the April meeting.

Spring meeting – tentatively scheduled to be Sunday, April 29, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Scott Hedges, Secretary/Treasurer