

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association *General Membership Meeting - 16 September 2005*

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association General Session meeting was called to order by outgoing President, Butch Briggs, at 9:35am in the banquet room of the McCamly Plaza and Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Quorum:

Approximately 70 members were present. As of today there are 84 enrolled in the clinic and the total membership is at 128.

Approval of Last Year's Minutes:

Motion – O'Connor
Seconded – Homan
No Discussion
Motion Passed

Financial Report: Scott Hedges

Currently there is approx. \$7500 in the bank, after today's at the door registration we should be at about \$10,000. We're less than a year ago so the exec board will need to adapt it's expenses.

Reports to Membership

Past President: Bob Crosby

Attended a MHSCA all sports meeting, topic of discussion was an umbrella insurance policy to cover all coaches that are members of their professional state organization. This comes with a cost of \$5.50 per coach. This is for any and all swim coaching you do, not sure if it covers a swim coach who is coaching a different sport, for clarification on this contact MHSCA individually. Bob will be asking the exec board to approve that the general MISCA funds cover the additional cost this year and that we raise our dues for next year.

Motion – Teaham – increase the 2006-07 dues by \$5.50 to cover the new insurance policy costs
Seconded – Rado
Passed

The MISCA website had 1670 hits from Aug 14-Sept 14. It appears that the site is living up to its purpose, to keep the membership informed.

President: Butch Briggs

Butch Briggs announced that we'll need to do some kind of membership reminder next year, similar to the post cards of past years. We also hope to have the speakers lined up early so they can be promoted to encourage attendance in 2006.

Swim Committee – Butch has learned that getting items approved/passed by the Rep Council is a difficult and political one, regardless of facts presented. Items were introduced this past March:

- 3 player rule - Allowing a coach to coach with more the 3 high school swimmer out of the HS season. Butch read the new rule, check it out the MHSAA's website for details.
- Diving Regional Qualifiers - New rule is if you compete against a team without diving and your divers still dive at the meet it counts as a win for your divers towards Regional qualifications. Also, it was asked if Leagues with returning divers that were top 16 at last year's state meet could send an additional 2 divers to Regionals, this was rejected.
- 3 Divisions – Butch sent letters to each Rep Council member explaining why and how this would work, the major issue is facilities. Several appropriate high schools have said they will host, even if their school attended a different division state meet. This proposal was rejected. Butch met with Gina and Jack Roberts to discuss this. They decided to hold the Swim Committee meeting in Feb, not March, this allows us two opportunities to present issues to the Rep Council. Gina and Jack told Butch this proposal SHOULD pass. Don Kimble contacted Gina to discuss the need to keep good business practices and have each considered/discussed facility have a representative at the Swim Comm meeting each year. Some information was incorrectly announced. For example, EMU and U of M are recorded by local fire marshals to accomodate approx 1100-1200 in the aquatic facility. Holland is recorded to be approx 700 for just the spectator area.

President-Elect: Mike Rado

Membership – Mike is challenging each clinic attending member to get new and non-member coaches in their area to join. It should be an expectation not an option. He will also ask each zone vp to contact schools/coaches in their zone to join. The website now lists every school in each zone, so it will be very easy for the Zone VP's to identify which coaches/schools are not members.

NISCA Report: Rick Edwards

Rick and Deny Hill encourages all coaches to attend the annual NISCA conference, next one will be in March in Atlanta. Their complete report is on the website. MI is second in the country for registration in NISCA. NISCA provides quality services such as - Deny Hill was selected for the Outstanding Service Award, Don Mason will be the chair for the All America Diving committee. Power Point program is also a great tool to use to establish a common method to compare teams/swimmers. FYI – All America awards will now go to the top 130 swimmers, no longer will they keep public and privates schools separate, all swimmers will be put together and the top 130 will receive All America. MI had the most Academic All America awards out of all states.

MISCA Scholarship:

MISCA Scholarship Chair, Rick Edwards, noted that his report is posted on the MISCA website. A large number of winner this year came from Oakland Co. Please note Rick has a new address for applications to be sent: 16685 Austin East Lansing, MI 48823

The 2005-2006 scholarship forms are available on the website. The Exec Board will be reviewing how many scholarships to award for financial reasons.

Academic All-State: John DuBois

All necessary info is on the website for application. Please don't wait until the last minute to send in applications. The deadline will be strictly held to.

MISCA Middle School Meet: John DuBois

All info is on the website, complete with dates and entry procedures.

John encouraged the high school coaching members to forward information regarding the meet to middle school coaches in their school district.

MISCA Meet: Chuck Olson

The swimming events will allow 60 participants. Information and application forms for the meet are available on the MISCA website. Remember, all entered teams/swimmers must have a coach that is a member of MISCA.

Awards: Dave Z

Please let Cory Bergen, Dexter, know of any Award needs you have, he will be taking over this position.

Diving: Brad Huttenga

3 concerns: 1-continue to be concerned with how divers qualify for Regionals, 2-there needs to be a set/written host site rules for the state meet, 3-need to continue to encourage diving coaches to join MISCA and attend the clinic.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Scholarship Funding - Motion – Edwards – Exec Board will review and determine what the number of total awards and amount of each will be based on MISCA's financial needs. Seconded – Torrey. Passed

State Meet Swimmer of the Year - Motion – Rado – The NISCA Power Pt system will be used to determine Swimmer of the Year. Two individual swims from the State Meet's second day will be used. If a swimmer is in 2 or more relays he/she may lead off and used the relay lead off time as a swim. Seconded – Dave Z Discussion – concern brought out: this system doesn't take into account a swimmer's total high school career. Passed

Nominations and Election:

President Butch Briggs opened the floor for nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer-

Motion – Lawrence – Scott Hedges

Seconded – Homan

Passed

NISCA Rep Motion – Torrey – Rick Edwards (Dennis Hill remains in this position too)

Seconded – Michaels

Passed

Award Voting for 2006-2007

President Butch Briggs directed the general membership's attention to the ballot they received regarding the candidates for the 2006-2007 Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan Awards. Mike Rado of Lahser was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award and Don Mason of Bloomfield Hills was the recipient of the Bruce Harlan Award.

Nominations for 2007-2008

President Butch Briggs opened the floor for nominations for the 2006-2007 award recipients for the Matt Mann Award and Bruce Harlan Award.

Matt Mann Award Candidates:

Cory Bergen of Dexter by Mary Ann Egnatuk

Bruce Harlan Award Candidates:

Trista Soliz - Holt

Other Items:

Motion by Gregg Brace, seconded by Rick Edwards, to adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Scott Hedges, Secretary/Treasurer