

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

Winter Executive Meeting - 04 April 2004

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Spring Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Robert Crosby, at 1:20 p.m. in the banquet room of the McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Role:

Members present: Bob Crosby, Jim Lawrence, Mike Torrey, Richard Edwards, John DuBoise, Butch Briggs, Dennis Hill, Liz Hill, Aaron Pollock, Mike O'Connor, Brent Pohlonski, Dave Zulkiewski and Brian Bollone.

Members absent: Mike Venos, Chuck Olson, Lisa Manwell Greg Phill

Action Items Discussed:

1. Review and Approval of Winter Clinic Minutes:

President Robert Crosby opened the floor for any comments or corrections which needed to be addressed regarding the Fall 2003 Clinic Minutes posted on the website. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

Motion by Jim Lawrence, seconded by Mike Torrey, to approve the minutes as posted on the website.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

2. Swimming Rules Committee Meeting (16 March 2004):

The are four areas of concern for the swimming community in Michigan regarding rule changes/additions for the 2004-2005 academic year include the following items:

- A. **State Meet Qualifying Times.** Butch Briggs and Mike O'Connor provided committee members a data sheet to help select the 2004/2005 state meet qualifying times. The data sheet was based upon a three year time average of the 18th, 21st, and 24th place times.
- B. **Starting Pistol.** The MHSAA did not take action on the proposal to ban starter pistols in the sport of swimming and diving. It is up to each local school to decide what type of starting device will be used in competition.
- C. **Diving.** A regional diving qualification proposal which will allow for more participation was passed, and forwarded to the Representative Council for final approval.
- D. **TIVO.** Currently the MHSAA does not allow TIVO to be used at tournaments. While many newer aquatic facilities have this system, it should be stated in all host site materials/information packets that TIVO systems (and similar systems) should be tuned off during the competition, or viewed only in areas for spectators- not in judging areas.
- E. **Evaluation of Officials.** The proposal to evaluate tournament officials was approved. In addition, MISCA will provide the MHSAA a list of recommended tournament officials.

- F. **Three Divisions.** A group of parents (Plainwell, MI) presented a proposal for three equal divisions and supporting rational. The swimming committee approved the proposal and will forward it to the representative council.
- G. **Three Player Rule.** The swimming committee approved a clause to allow the sport of swimming to work within the three player rule currently in use.
- H. **State Meet Sites.** The tournament sites for the 2004/2005 school year are:

Girls Division 1	University of Michigan
Girls Division 2	Eastern Michigan University
Boys Division 1	Eastern Michigan University
Boys Division 2	Oakland University
- I. **Concerns About Meeting.** Bob Crosby is concerned about the level of participation at the swim committee meeting- 7 members were not present. Bob would like to see MISCA draft a letter which will encouraging the MHSAA to involve people who have a swimming interest (some people on the current committee are at schools which do not have the sport of swimming and diving.) Bob encourages all MICA members to talk to their local athletic director about getting a coach or a parent of a swimmer recommended for the swim committee post.
- J. MIAA. The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association has invited a member of MISCA to present a talk at their annual summer conference on July 21, at 3:30 p.m. in Mt. Pleasant. President Elect, Butch Briggs, will represent MISCA at the conference.

3. Newsletter:

Butch Briggs, president-elect, stated that the newsletter was posted in a timely manner. He would like all zone representatives to continue to elicit zone feedback for award selections and special recognition. Butch also noted that this fall will be MISCA's 50th year in existence (founded in 1954).

4. Membership and Financial Status:

As of April 24, 2004, there are 303 members in MISCA. Looking back to the 2003-2004 membership list, there are 111 non-renewing members. This number is fairly consistent to the attrition trend of the last four years (1999/2000 = 91, 2000/2001= 98, 2001-2002= 114, and 2002/2003=111, and average attrition of 103.5 coaches per year.)

MISCA has a financial balance of \$11,962.14. This is approximately \$2,000.00 less than a year ago; however, it is not a major concern- additional funding has been added over the last two years to fund NISCA representation and increased scholarship awards.

5. Middle School Meet:

John DuBois stated the middle school meet is scheduled for February 4 and 5, 2005. As in past years, the meet will have the diving event on Friday night with swimming events on Saturday- boys in the morning and girls in the afternoon.

6. All-State Academic:

All the information regarding academic all-state is posted on the web and will remain the same for the 2004/2005 academic school year.

7. Awards:

The awards program will remain the same for the 2004/2005 academic school year. Bob Crosby is currently reviewing MISCA's bi-laws, constitution, and past precedents to clarify the awards selection process. Once he has reviewed the materials, he will post a comprehensive summary (awards policy) on the website.

8. Diving:

Diving Chair, Arron Pollock, quickly re-capped the positive feedback he has received throughout the past season regarding the changes in the MISCA meet diving format. Currently, he is working to secure speakers for the diving section of the MICA Clinic.

9. Website:

The website as a whole continues to be an asset to MISCA. In an effort to make the membership list more user friendly, it will be listed in rank next year by: zone, school affiliation, and coach. In addition, the date of registration will be listed.

10. MISCA Meet:

The dates for the 2004/2005 MISCA meets have been scheduled and will be for the top-60 swimmers and top-24 divers. The meets will take place at Eastern Michigan University in the following order:

Girls Diving	Friday, October 22
Girls Swimming	Saturday, October 23
Boys Diving	Friday, February 11
Boys Swimming	Saturday, February 12

Currently, Chuck Olson is exploring the possibility of electronic entries.

11. NISCA Report:

Rick Edwards and Dennis Hill both attended the NISCA National meeting on behalf of MISCA. The NISCA meeting went well (see 2004 Winter Newsletter for full details); and, Rick noted that NISCA is making an effort to increase their awards programs.

12. Zone Reports:

The zone reports are presented in the 2004 Winter Newsletter posted on the website.

13. Clinic:

The 2004 fall clinic will be held September 17-18 at McCamly Plaza in Battle Creek. The cost of the clinic will be \$105.00 for pre-registered individuals and \$110.00 on site. The 2003/2004 zone award winners will be presented a plaque at lunch, and recognized at dinner. The 2003/2004 state award winners will be presented a plaque at dinner.

14. Scholarship:

The scholarship report is available in the 2004 Winter Newsletter posted on the website. Rick Edwards, scholarship chair, noted that an additional committee member will be needed next year to help score the applications.

15. Nominations for State and National Awards:

The MISCA board selected the following coaches for nomination:

National Federation Girls Award- Bob Crosby

National Federation Boys Award- John DuBoise

National High School Coaches Award- Mary Ann Egnatuk

16. Elections at Fall Clinic:

The board position of president-elect needs to be nominated and selected at the 2004 Fall Clinic. This position is a 6-year commitment which includes: 2-years as president elect, 2-years as president, and 2-years as past president (may opt out).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Bollone, Secretary/Treasurer