

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

Winter Executive Meeting - 18 January 2004

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Winter Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Robert Crosby, at 1:23 p.m. in the banquet room of the McCamly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Role:

Members present: Greg Phill, Bob Crosby, Jim Lawrence, Mike Torrey, Richard Edwards, John DuBois, Butch Briggs, Aaron Pollock, Chuck Olson, Dennis Hill, Liz Hill, Brad Jones, Mike O'Connor, Kevin Hafner, Brent Pohlonski, and Brian Bollone.

Members absent: Mike Venos and Lisa Manwell

Action Items Discussed:

1. Review and Approval of Fall 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 John DuBoise, seconded by James Lawrence, to approve the minutes as posted on the website.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

2. March Swimming Rules Committee Proposals:

There 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.** There is a need to select qualifying times using a statistically based format. Currently, a selection committee is assigned the task of setting the standards with only past results to work off of. It was decided that MISCA submit a suggested listing of qualifying times to the MHSAA based upon a statistical analysis of three years of data based upon the 27th and 32nd place times. Butch Briggs, John DuBois and Jock Ambrose (pending) will submit suggested times for division 1 and 2.
- B. **Three Divisions.** Currently the MHSAA is not looking at making swimming and diving a three division sport per John Robert's communication to Robert Crosby on 14 May, 2003. There are a number of reasons for this decision, however the three primary obstacles. These include site costs, insufficient number of adequate venues, and pending litigation (gender equities law suit). In an effort to help alleviate these obstacles, the executive council will look into the availability of high school venues which are able and willing to host MHSAA tournaments.
- C. **Diving.** Aaron Pollock is working with diving coach throughout the state to propose a new diving qualification for regional participation.
- 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.

- E. **Evaluation of Officials.** The MHSAA should allow the sport of swimming and diving the opportunity to evaluate tournament officials. Many MHSAA sports currently require coaches to evaluate tournament officials, and swimming would benefit for a similar program.

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.

4. Website:

The website continues to serve the Michigan high school swimming community. Up-dates and special information is routinely posted in a timely manner including team/individual rankings. In February, a site reporter list will forthcoming and shared with the membership.

5. Middle School Meet:

John DuBois stated the middle school meet is scheduled for February 6 and 7. As in past years, the meet will have the diving event on Friday night with swimming events on Saturday.

6. Membership and Financial Status:

As of January 17, 2003, there are 251 members in MISCA. By the end of the school year, membership should just top the 300 mark. MISCA has a financial balance of \$12,153.15. 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.

7. All-State Academic:

All the information regarding academic all-state is posted on the web and is not due until March 15, 2004.

8. Awards:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Bollone, Secretary/Treasurer