

<p style="text-align: center;">Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association <i>Executive Meeting – 15 January 2006</i></p>
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The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Winter Executive Board meeting was called to order by President, Butch Briggs, at 1:22 p.m. at the McCalmly Plaza Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Executive Board Members present:

Butch Briggs	Mike Rado	Bob Crosby
Scott Hedges	Rick Edwards	Cory Bergen
Jim Lawrence	Dave Z	Chuck Olson
Dennis Hill	Liz Hill	Dennis Neat
Brent Pohlonski	Brad Huttenga	

- Review of September meeting minutes were discussed:
 - o No contact has been made yet by Rick Edwards to NISCA asking for them to sponsor a speaker for our next fall clinic, Rick will contact them and report at the next meeting.
 - o The \$3000 needed funding to EMU has been resolved, they have the new equipment and are up and running, only a few small software issues to iron out
 - o Bob Crosby will attend a MHSCA meeting next week and learn of the details of the new insurance policy we are considering. Questions we developed are:
 - When are our members covered, when their MISCA dues are paid?
 - When is the policy calendar year?
 - When do we pay the premium?

Motion set by R Edwards to approve minutes, J Lawrence seconded, no opposed, passed

Action Items Discussed:

Proposals for 2006 Swim Committee Meeting

Modify 3-player rule

- we need to find out if other professional coaching organizations are in support of this, word on the street seem to lean towards some are and some are not.
- There was a letter written to MHSAA stating that many coaches are currently in violation of this rule, it was signed by the Michigan Swim Community (anonyms cowards)
- If a coach wants to coach their swimmers outside of the HS season they must complete and submit the proper form to MHSAA for their approval, not all requests have been granted approval.

Additional Diving Qualifiers

- diving coaches want the rules to be each conference/league may send to Regionals a group of divers that equals the number of schools participating in the diving event PLUS the number of returning divers that finaled, top 16, at last year's state meet

3 Divisions for State Meet

- looks like there is a strong chance this will pass, Butch still isn't 100% sure (nothing ever is with MHSAA)

- MHSAA has said they want 32 entries in each event at states for each division. Gina has stated she is considering having her office handle state meet entries in the same fashion as our MISCA meet to allow control over the total entries per event. As an organization we are against this effort of having her office handle the entries to state meet.
- Butch passed out a sheet that showed the number of returning state meet swimmers from the girls 2005 meets. This shows that we won't have many more competitors if we move to 3 divisions in the entire state at the state championships. MHSAA looks at this as an opportunity to allow more honors to be awarded.
- Butch also passed out a sheet showing a three year history of the D2 qualification times to pass out to swim committee members to use as a guide to set next year's times.

Officials serve as diving judges at states

- there have been a variety of different methods used to make the diving judging fair, the current system is what seems to work best.
- Our decision was to not send this on to the swim committee for their review.

Swimming Qual. Times

- if we go to 3 divisions decisions will need to be made on the state meet qual times. It was decided to have all the info sent to Bob Klaphor for his opinion. Butch will email him.

Committee Reports

Website – B Crosby

- all but one zone report is turned in and posted
- Rick Edwards commented that a note needs to be posted about his new address. The address on the scholarship application is incorrect. Instead of changing the application he would prefer to add a note stating the new address.
- Question was asked if we could design the site to allow visitors to sort and manipulate the membership list, Bob will look into it. Maybe add a button that allows you to simply click and then download the membership list right to your hard drive.

Membership – M Rado

- an email was sent to all zone VP's asking them to let Mike know contact information of schools in their zone not currently members. He will then make contact with the schools/AD's/coaches.
- Liz Hill sent a letter to the 19 schools in her zone that were not members – 5-replied saying they don't have a swim team, 9-no responses, 3-became members (these numbers don't add up so I missed something, sorry)
- This summer I will send out postcards to the membership encouraging attendance at fall clinic and reenrollment.
- As we learn of schools no longer with swim teams I will remove them from our membership database.

MS and Academic All State – J DuBois

- no word from John, so we'll assume no news is good news.

Awards – C Bergen

- thanks to all the coaches that helped out at states
- awards at states went smoothly, there was a mixture of reactions but no major concerns about the new format for swimmer of the year.
- It was clarified that each MISCA member may vote for COY, not just one vote per school

- Bios are already in to be used for the awards luncheon – clarification was given that zone VP’s need to get these and forward them on to Cory
- Emails went out to each award winner congratulating them
- J Lawrence will send the actual award to the athlete’s school

Scholarship – R Edwards

- starting to received applications – he encouraged zone VP’s to encourage athletes in your zone to apply
- there will only be 4 scholarships awarded this year.

Diving – B Huttenga

- already covered in minutes review, basic goal it to get more participation at Regionals

MISCA meet – C Olson

- there were a few problems with some team’s entries, bottom line...Chuck is always as fair and consistent as possible, he holds to the rules and deadlines posted for all coaches
- discussion of a different entry procedure – it was decided the current procedure will be kept

NISCA – D Hill and R Edwards

- state records are updated, listed are the old Class A and B, the current D1 and D2, and an overall “best in the state” record is listed.
- National meeting is March 21-25, 2006 in Atlanta, GA

Zone Reports – Zone VP’s

- Dave Z – Andover will not be hosting Regionals due to pool closure
- Rick Edwards – ask if Kevin Hafner will continue. Butch emailed with him, he said he would like to but to let him know if Butch has someone else in mind. Butch does, so he’ll let Kevin know the new VP for his zone is Mike Gruebe from Wayne Memorial HS. It was also noted that Kevin is not a current MISCA member.

Clinic – J Lawrence

- Dates – all at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek
 - o 2006 – Sept 15-16
 - o 2007 – Sept 21-22
 - o 2008 – Sept 19-20
 - o 2009 – Sept 18-19
 - o 2010 – Sept 17-18
- he went ahead and entered into a contract up to 2010 in case the hotel is sold, we can always back out of the contract but our contracted prices/cost are now set through 2010.
- The Friday night social will be in the bar on the top floor of the hotel in 2006
- Discussion about more ways to allow interaction among the attending coaches. Liz Hill will do some brainstorming and report with some ideas at the spring meeting.
- I will add a second page to the clinic registration form/membership app that allows coaches to share sets/workouts, challenges, rewards, games, etc. This will be shared with all attending coaches and also used for drawing winners of the various door prizes.
- Goal with speakers is to have one swimming and one diving speaker from Speedo. We are pushing hard for Rand Reese.

- There was also again discussion about having a HS coach speak
- A list of past COY award winners will hopefully be developed
- M Rado has been contacted by TYR. They want to discuss possibly sponsoring our clinic in some way. Mike will talk with them and see what they can offer and report back at the spring meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

- M Rado gave a motion to create a PR position as a committee head and place Shannon Dunworth in the position, seconded by B Huttenga, no opposed, passed
- Liz Hill presented several membership ideas. This will be a topic of discussion at the spring meeting. Topics she presented – Bring a Coach, Quick Introductions, Involve Members, Collect Information to share.
- MISCA Rep for each State Meet site – Butch will write up something that helps outline what would be helpful of the host site and meet manager, he'll share this at the spring meeting
- Scott Hedges' questions –
 - o MISCA shirts – I'll contact Shannon Dunworth and find a possible way to have members contact him to get a shirt
 - o Shared that several members mentioned at fall clinic they wouldn't mind if dues were increased to keep certain MISCA offerings, such as 6 scholarships. This is something that will have to be passed by general membership.
 - o Award winners attending the luncheon are encouraged to bring a guest, free of charge for lunch.
 - o A discussion on how the zones were established. Originally it was geographic and has since adapted and changed. It was agreed that these need to be looked at again. Bob will post a note on the site asking for feedback from coaches and begin any possible zone changes.
 - o We will continue to ask coaches on the membership application how many years they have been coaching, just for the hell of it. We used to give years of coaching certificates; this seemed to end in the mid 80's.
- Spring meeting date – Sunday, March 19, 2006
- Eric Namesnik Memorial Fund – the board passed to give a \$500 donation to this fund for Snik's Kids (motion presented by D Neat, seconded by B Crosby, no opposed, passed). I will also add to our membership app/clinic registration form for personal donations from coaches. We will then submit another donation check in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Scott Hedges, Secretary/Treasurer