

Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association

Executive Board Meeting - Sunday, April 13th 2008

President Mike Rado called the April Executive Board Meeting to order at 12:37 PM at Webbers restaurant in Ann Arbor.

Executive Board Members present:

Mike Rado
Cory Bergen
Chuck Olson
Denny Hill
Bob Crosby

Dave Zulkiewski
Mike O'Connor
Greg Phill
Liz Hill

Jim Lawerence
Shannon Dunworth
Rick Edwards
Butch Briggs

Board approved the meeting minutes from the winter executive meeting. Rick Edwards made the motion, seconded by Bob Crosby.

Treasures Report

- Scott was unable to attend, but sent the following:
- Currently MISCA has \$15,000 in the bank
- The MHSCA lowered the cost of its insurance policy to \$4.25
- Outstanding bills: Scholarships \$6,000, NISCA expenses (Denny and Rick submitted receipts to Dave Z and he will deliver them to Scott), Board Meeting expenses from Webbers (Mike Rado will submit receipts to Scott), misc expenses should be submitted to Scott ASAP.
- Scott expects to have between \$5,000 and \$7,000 in the bank at the end of the year.
- Communication between NISCA and MISCA to ensure proper information and funding is sent to NISCA.

Clinic Update

- Greg emailed the rep from Speedo. Marsh and the diving speaker have not confirmed, but report that the dates look good.
- Outlook for possible speakers looks good and we are looking for RSVPs by May.
- Speedo has promised 3 speakers
- Looking into other session topics, such as a coaches interactive session or having the Coach of the Year from the previous year speak.
- We want to use main speakers to talk on Saturday to keep clinic attendance high on the second day.
- Hotel is being renovated, and all the rooms will be ready for Sept. 1st.
- Social location is planned for the top floor as in previous years.

Awards

- Cory thanked all the coaches that helped with the increase to 3 state meets.
- Cost for all state certificates is \$10 for Non-MISCA members (April 2005 Executive Board Meeting minutes).
- Post something on the website explaining rules/fees for non-members.
- Only 3 out of 8 Zone Coach of the Year have been submitted.
- Zone 7 - Brian Post from East Lansing
- Zone 3 - Bret Woodley from Southgate
- Matt Mann for this fall: Bob Crosby (WB), Butch Briggs(EGR), Tom Belko (Kalamazoo Central).
- Bruce Harlan for this fall: Larry Tehan (Novi), Ron Welfare(Lansing), Bruce Binger(St. Joes)
- Outstanding Service Award: Paul Chaffee
- Nominations for NHSACA (nominations are always good, 1 coach is nominated): Mary Ann Egnatuk Albion

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- Nominations for NHSF for boys & girls (good for 3 years):
 - 2007-08 Girls - Greg Phill from Livonia Stevenson
 - 2007-08 Boys - Jock Ambrose from East Kentwood
- MHSCA boys & Girls (generally comes from State Coach of the Year):
 - 2007-08 Girls Eric Talsma from Hamilton
 - 2007-08 Boys Kelton Graham form AA Huron.
- Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame Apps were handed out to the board. Any general members interested should contact

Website Update:

- Number of visitors has dropped dramatically since end of season
- Most visited pages: Academic All State and Awards
- 80% of all visitors are on the site less that 2min. 12% spend 2-5min
- 50%+ of all visitors use MISCA or Michigan swimming coaches as a search phrase
- February was our highest month for visits since we started the site.
- School hours are still the most visited hours of the day. Oddly enough 3-6PM is the 2nd lowest period behind midnight - 5AM
- Voting possibilities using website.
- Still waiting on Zone Coach of the Year and Zone reports.
 - Should we continue with Zone reports.
 - Reminders need to be sent by the president
- Floswimmer.com - great new site with videos, interviews, blogs, etc... It has been placed in the links portion of the MISCA site.
- GoSwim link
- When should I clear the data base from 2007-08? Check with Scott for good date.
- Errors & down time: Following the boys MISCA meet we experienced some errors and difficulty logging in and uploading information. Some errors occurred from the host site and that technical support was taken care of free of charge. Some errors were from MISCA's side and we did pay for some additional tech support. All issues have been resolved and we will not be billed for any further tech support with that particular type of error.

Diving

- Brad was not present
- Swim Committee Meeting wants to change the qualifying standards for the regional meet. Proposal is moving through the MHSAA for approval.
- Topic of modifying regional layout and zoning was tabled. Bob Klapthor created a formula to help. MISCA needs to get the formula so that we can present that to general membership and for common knowledge.

Middle School

- Damon was not present and no report was sent.

Academic All State

- John was not present
- This years winners are on the site
- 90% question came up. If you don't use all your athletes for the team GPA does the entire team get certificates? Wording needs to be changed or added to clarify that all athletes should be listed and omit the GPA.

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- Darrin Millar for Royal Oak has volunteered to chair an Individual Academic All State Award. The executive board would need to add this as an amendment. Proposal needs to have a line item outlining that athlete must earn a varsity letter. Limit the award to seniors only. Raise the criteria for GPA to 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Team Award: Better indicator of Award winners

MISCA Meet

- Shannon would like some better consistency in entry procedure. There has been too much “back-and-forth” with athletes making the cut, wanting/not wanting to swim, then contacting the next athlete on the list.
- Coaches are allowed to register as a MISCA member on the pool deck. 15-20 new coaches apply on the deck.
- All swimmers will be allowed to swim if they make the cut, no more top 60. Diving will remain top 30 due to time constraints. Swim entries have been at a reasonable level to allow us to run 1 extra heat.
- All diving entries must be paid Friday night. Swimming can be paid Saturday morning.
- An official school representative must accompany all athletes and be a MISCA member.
- 2008-09 Dates: Girls - October 10-11th, Boys - February 13-14th (If MHSAA changes length of boys season dates will be changed).

Scholarships

- 23 applications representing all 8 zones
- Committee meeting will take place as scheduled. Butch Briggs will be heading up to committee and distributing the letters/paperwork. Butch and Scott will handle distribution of checks.

NISCA

- NISCA report is posted on the website
- MI had the highest turnout of coaches at the convention
- Check the NISCA report for an update on rule change proposals.
- Next years location and dates are posted on the report, start making you plans to join NISCA in College Station, TX. Since both men’s and women’s meets are at College Station NISCA is looking at expanding the clinic.
- NISCA is proposing a National Dual Meet. Format, location, and dates are being worked out. The meet would be limited to seniors and MI athletes would be allowed to attend. This does not effect the “All Star” type meet restrictions that are outlined by the MHSAA. Some details are posted in the NISCA report.

New Business

- No word from MHSAA
 - State Cuts for 2008-09 have not been released and MHSAA has not posted them.
 - No update on exhibition swim/dives being counted towards state qualifying.
 - MISCA has asked MHSAA to make rules meeting mandatory again.
- Raffle at MISCA clinic for a trip to the NISCA convention. \$5 per ticket, winner must be a NISCA member. Post a note about this on website. Winner would receive air fare, hotel, and registration for the clinic (which includes tickets for the NCAA swimming/diving events)
- MISCA Clinic Coaches gift: Shannon is exploring possibilities and prices.

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- Hospitality at State Meet sites: MISCA and Different Strokes reimbursed host sites for coaches hospitality. Holland and Oakland submitted receipts. Mike O'Connor will submit EMU receipts to Scott.
- EMU is working with MISCA to accommodate athletes and coaches at State meet, including: awards stand, championship march to music, etc...
- **2008-09 State Meet Locations** (tentative): Both boys and girls will be at the same location.
 - Eastern Michigan University will host D1
 - Holland Aquatic Center will host D2
 - Oakland University will host D3
- President Elect: Chuck and Mike Rado will be discussing possible candidates. The committee asked and encourage Liz Hill. Liz will think about it and get back to the executive board.
- Executive Board Job Descriptions: Some members have submitted. Zone VP's please communicate to establish 1 job description.
- 2008-09 Boys Dream Team: Mike Rado submitted this list to the Detroit News. The news did not reply. Chuck is investigating the possibility of getting a head shot of every state meet event winner at each Divisional meet that MISCA can send to the News.

200 Medley Relay	Grand Haven
200 Free	Morgan Priestley
200 IM	Michael Zenedjian
50 Free	Sam Hoekstra
Diving	Jordan Long
100 Fly	Mario Rusnak
100 Free	Eric Solis
500 Free	Nick Evans
200 Free Relay	Birmingham Seaholm
100 Back	Jeremy Sall
100 Breast	Jason Lintjer
400 Free Relay	Zeeland

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03PM by Mike Rado