

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association *General Membership Meeting - 17 September 2004*

The Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association General Session meeting was called to order by outgoing President, Robert Crosby, at 9:16 a.m. in the banquet room of the McCamly Plaza and Hotel, Battle Creek, Michigan. In so doing, Robert began the 50th year of MISCA's commitment to interscholastic swimming and diving in Michigan.

Quorum:

Approximately 70 members were present in addition to the executive board members. As of September 16, there are 64 active coaches; and, an additional 76 coaches registered for MISCA the morning of September 17 raising the total membership to 150.

Past President:

Past President, Robert Crosby, informed the membership clinic will remain at the McCamly Plaza and Hotel for the next two years. The dates for the 2005 clinic will be **September 16-17, 2005**. Robert also thanked everyone for allowing him to serve for the last two years as president, and looks forward to continuing to work for MISCA in the capacity as past-president for the next two years. Robert also, pointed out the 50-year banner which will be present all MISCA sponsored events.

President:

President Butch Briggs recognized Past President Robert Crosby for his dedication and hard work organizing this year's clinic with the passing of the gavel complements of Maxwell Medals and Awards. Butch also thanked James Lawrence for the wonderful job of planning this year's clinic.

President Butch Briggs formally welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the 2004-2005 MISCA board and zone representatives. (Please see "MISCA Board Members" at www.misca.net)

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Brian Bollone, briefed the membership on the current status of the financial and membership of MISCA. As of September 17, 2004, MISCA has \$14,772.57 in checking and \$12.25 in savings. This net total is \$14,784.79, \$2,730.12 more than a year ago. The major reasons for this increase in funds is NISCA and MHSCA memberships are currently paid through August, not September. The September 01-16 memberships will decrease this total by \$650.00 leaving a balance gain of \$1,960.12 from a year ago; and, MISCA did not purchase clinic bags this year (and addition \$650 expenditure leaving a net gain of \$1,290.12) While the net gain represents a 7.5% gain from last year, it does not represent a high enough value in my opinion to allow MISCA to broaden any of its current expenditure programs. (Just two years ago MISCA had a net balance of \$25,432.00 going into the 2002 clinic, and the membership voted to increase MISCA's expenditures in two outreach programs- MISCA scholarship and NISCA representation- resulting in approximately \$5,300.00 additional expenses each year.) In the next two years, MISCA will need to ask its membership and executive board to re-assess the expenditures MISCA currently has, or look to raise additional funds through increased fees at events.

In 2003-2004, there were 303 members in MISCA. Looking back to the 2002-2003 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.) In the 2002-2003 school year MISCA had 301 members. As of yesterday (September 16) the membership was at 64. And, with the clinic memberships received this morning, MISCA now is at 150 members.

Motion by Tom Belco of Kalamazoo Central, seconded by Richard Edwards of Lansing Eastern, to approve the financial report as submitted by Brian Bollone.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Reports to Membership

MHSAA Swim Committee Report:

Past President, Robert Crosby, began by encouraging all members to talk to their athletic directors about submitting qualified swimming representatives to the MHSAA. Robert noted that coaches/MISCA members can also be nominated and selected for these committee positions- he challenges all of us to become involved in this process.

Robert briefed the membership on what decisions were made at the MHSAA Swim Committee Meeting (March 2004):

1. Recommendation to ban starting pistols in pools was left to local school or the venue.
2. Recommendation for three equal divisions for the Lower Peninsula boys and girls swimming was passed. (Note: Recommendation was not approved at the MHSAA Representative Council.)
3. Recommendation to modify the three player rule was passed. (Note: Recommendation was not approved at the MHSAA Representative Council.)
4. Recommendation for new tournament times was passed. (Butch Briggs and Mike O'Conner provided committee members a model of qualifying standards based upon a three-year average of MHSAA tournament times.)
5. Recommendation to allow for evaluation of MHSAA tournament officials was approved.
6. Recommendation to revise diving regional qualifications was passed. (Note: Recommendation was not approved at the MHSAA Representative Council.)
7. Recommendation to allow local administration to determine whether the diving referee will judge dives or simply supervise the judging panel and determine balks, failed dive, and unsatisfactory dives.
8. Recommendation to allow a site to use TIVO system during diving, only if it is out of the viewing area of the diving judges.
9. Recommendation based upon a data sheet for setting qualification times for the 2004-2005.
10. Proposed final sites for the 2004-2005 finals: Girls I at University of Michigan; Girls II at Eastern Michigan University; Boys I at Eastern Michigan University; and Boys II at Oakland University.

Discussion: Jock Ambrose of East Kentwood encourages all members to work with their athletic directors on changing the three player rule currently in use. Jock stressed the importance of having

both MISCA and the athletic directors association encouraging MHSAA to change its current stance on the three player rule. Jock also encourages MISCA to continue to provide the swim committee a list of recommended tournament times; however, he stressed the importance of using seed times in determining tournament times.

Web Site:

Robert Crosby noted the website is still continuously improving and staying abreast with current information. However, the site can only continue to be successful if coaches pass along information on a timely manner.

Awards Eligibility:

Robert Crosby made a point of order. To be eligible for MISCA sponsored awards (regional or coach-of-the-year) coaches need to be a register by the corresponding MISCA meet.

Presidents Report:

Butch Briggs noted the following observations and areas of improvement:

1. MISCA's ability to encourage change is limited to a degree. However, if MISCA members work with their local athletic directors, then our concerns may also become concerns of the athletic association.
2. MISCA members need to continue to encourage other coaches within our local leagues to become part of this organization, especially new coaches.
3. Members with experience are encouraged to work with new/young coaches- job shadow.
4. Members are encouraged to log in to the website (www.misca.net) on a weekly basis to stay abreast with new developments in Michigan swimming.
5. Members need to continue to meet or exceed time lines for meet entries, especially for the state tournament.

NISCA Report:

NISCA chair, Dennis Hill, noted that his report is posted on the MISCA website. Dennis did share a wonderful idea he got at the NISCA clinic, a parent book, "Swimming Survival for Parents." He will have the book available for members to view all weekend.

MISCA Scholarship:

MISCA Scholarship Chair, Rick Edwards, noted that his report is posted on the MISCA website. Rick publicly thank Mary Ann Egnatuk and Butch Briggs for their help in scoring the applications this past year.

Rick challenged the membership to consider helping out with this committee. The time commitment is one day in April. Any interested coach(s) should notify Rick Edwards prior to April 2005.

The 2004-2005 scholarship forms are available on the website.

Academic All-State:

Academic All-State Chair, John DuBois, noted that last year there was a dramatic increase in applications for a second straight year. John believes the sudden increase in applications is related

to the ease of receiving an application on the web, and the exposure of the winners on the internet. Even with the increase over the last two years, John would still like to have more membership submit applications.

The 2002-2003 Academic All-State forms are available on the website; and, are due one week after the MHSAA Boys State Finals in March.

MISCA Middle School Meet:

Middle School Meet Chair, John DuBois, stated that last spring's meet was just about full and had representation of more than 60 schools throughout the state.

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

MISCA Meet:

MISCA Meet Chair, Chuck Olson, stated the 2004-2005 meets will be held at Eastern Michigan University on the following dates:

Girls Diving- October 22

Girls Swimming- October 23

Boys Diving- February 11

Boys Swimming- February 12

In an effort to encourage more participation, the diving event will include 32 divers; and, the swimming events will allow 60 participants. Information and application forms for the meet are available on the MISCA website.

New Business:

Nominations and Election:

President Butch Briggs opened the floor for nomination for the office of **President-Elect**- this is a six year MISCA board position (2 years each of president elect, president and past-president.)

Robert Crosby's nomination of Michael Rado of Bloomfield Hills Lasher, was seconded by Dave Zulkiewski. Michael Rado accepted the nomination for President Elect.

Jock Ambrose's motion of acclimation, seconded by Richard Edwards, to close the floor for nominations was recognized.

All in favor of Michael Rado as President-Elect: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

President Bob Crosby opened the floor for nominations for the office of **NISCA Representative**- this is a two year position.

Hooker Wellman's nomination of Dennis Hill of Ann Arbor Pioneer, was seconded by Mike Torrey. Dennis Hill accepted the nomination for NISCA Representative.

Robert Crosby's motion of acclimation, seconded by Mick Homan, to close the floor for nominations was recognized.

All in favor of Dennis Hill as NISCA Representative: All

All opposed: None

Abstention: None

Award Voting for 2004-2005

President Butch Briggs directed the general membership's attention to the ballot they received regarding the candidates for the 2004-2005 Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan Awards. Mary Ann Egnatuk of Albion High School was the recipient of the Matt Mann Award and Ron Face of Albion High school was the recipient of the Bruce Harlan Award.

Nominations for 2005-2006

President Butch Briggs opened the floor for nominations for the 2005-2006 award recipients for the Matt Mann Award, Bruce Harlan Award, and Outstanding Service Award.

Matt Mann Award Candidates:

Cory Bergen of Dexter by Mary Ann Egnatuk, seconded by Dave Jolly

Tom Belco of Kalamazoo Central by Paul Hirn, seconded by Jock Ambrose

Ron Pohlonski of Holt by Larry Tehan, seconded by Tom Belco

Bruce Harlan Award Candidates:

David Bale of Fenton by Brad Jones, seconded by Cory Bergen.

Sam Randazzo of Wyandotte by Bret Woodly, seconded by Eric Gale

Outstanding Service Candidates:

Don Knoechel of Kalamazoo was nominated by Tom Belco.

Larry Wagener of Battle Creek Central was nominated by Paul Hirn.

Dave Moore of Corunna by Bruce Buysse.

Other Items:

Motion by Tom Belco of Kalamazoo Central, seconded by Richard Edwards, to adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Discussion: None

All in favor: All

All opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Bollone, Secretary/Treasurer