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2009 - General Membership Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 18th 2009

Meeting was called to order at 9:15AM by President Chuck Olson (Plymouth Salem)

Health Updates

- Chuck reported that Jim Downs is doing well
- Chuck notified the membership that Bob Crosby suffered a mild heart attack this week, but is doing fine and sorry he could not make the clinic.
- Mike Jones is recovering in the intensive care unit after surgery.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Jock Ambrose (East Kentwood) moved to approve the meeting minutes from the fall 08 clinic. Minutes were approved.

President Elect Report

- Dennis Hill (AAP) has worked with Bob Klaphor on cuts for this year, please consult with Dennis if you have questions.

Clinic Updates

- Jim Lawrence (Trenton) reports that we are set to host the clinic in Battle Creek for the next 3 years
- Gregg Phil (Livonia) reports that Speedo is having trouble scheduling speakers due to the clinic date. Options and new ideas will be discussed in new business.

Awards

- Cory Bergen (Dexter) is working to clean up the awards program and documentation in the banquet booklet.
- Coaches will be receiving service awards for 15 and 25 years of coaching swimming/diving in the state of Michigan (HS or MS)

Website

- Chairperson's emails are now posted on the website links, please email those respect coaches for questions and assistance.

Diving

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- Proposal for equal size regions was turned down by the MHSAA executive council, but will be revisited in 2010.
- Ediver training will take place for coaches this fall at the clinic
- Gina (MHSAA) has clarified that the one suit rule does not apply to divers
- All Regional meets will do entries on line through edive.
- MISCA Diving Meet - entries will be done through edive as a trial

Middle School Meet

- All the information is on the website and current for this winters meet

Academic All State

- Team awards received a record number of entries this past season
- Coaches are encouraged to contact the respective chairpersons for assistance with training.
- Individual Awards - In it's 2nd year Darrin Millar (Royal Oak) reports that the process ran smoothly. Information is posted on the website breaking down winners, schools, etc...

MISCA Meet

- Dates for this years meet are posted on the website, meet packet and entry file will be posted soon.
- Entries were at an all time high last year
- Chuck Olson (Salem) commended and thanked Peter Linn (EMU) for his hard work and his staff's dedication
- Gregg Phil (Livonia) reports that if an athlete qualifies they will be in the meet. Once you have registered for the meet you will be charged the entry fee.

MISCA Scholarship

- Doug Shade had to step down as chairman
- MISCA is actively looking for a replacement, all interested candidates should speak with Chuck Olson

NISCA Report

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- Liz Hill (AAP) has posted the NISCA report
- The 2010 conference will be in Columbus, OH this year and Liz encouraged everyone to make the drive this March

Secretary & Treasurer

- Eric Talsma (Hamilton) has replaced Scott Hedges (Cranbrook) and is busy updating information and files.

Dream Team

- Mike Rado (Lahser) is working with local papers to post the awards.
- All awards will be posted on the MISCA website
- Mike reports that all athletes are submitting bios and pictures
- Criteria is posted on the website, Mike encouraged all coaches to become familiar with the process.
- All 3 divisions will have coach/photographers informing winners

Zone VP's

- Zone VP Reports are posted online
- Coaches should contact their VP's with concerns and questions
- Mike Greuber (Zone 3) is in charge of shifting the team alignment in the zones, please contact Mike with questions/concerns
- Zone 7 has a new VP - Greg Brace from Dewitt HS

Luncheon/Banquet

- Butch Briggs (EGR) is in charge, please contact him
- Winning coaches are encouraged to submit photos for the awards banquet program

Golf Outing

- Rob Damuth has taken over planning the golf outing.
- Information for the 2010 outing is posted online
- The clinic raffle will have 3 golf outing prizes.

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Old Business

- **State Meet Host** paper work was handed out at the general membership meeting. (Notes from the meeting were handed out at the general membership meeting and will be posted on the MISCA website)
 - Chuck met with Gina and all three host site managers to stream line the process and have a uniform set of guidelines for host sites and participating schools
 - All warmup times, start times, and procedure should be scheduled the same
 - All entries are due on Monday at noon (the Monday of state meet wee)
 - Host sites have asked coaches to use non-school emails for entries, due to firewall and security issues
 - Coaches need to have the correct school abbreviations in their Team Manager file. Those abbreviations are posted on the MHSAA website
 - Coaches need to include contact information in their entry email
 - Athletes grade (numbers) need to be correctly entered
 - Entry times must be from an officially sanctioned meet
 - Coaches will receive a confirmation email by Tuesday (week of state meet) at 12 noon outlining all entries, including relay names and alternate names.
 - All mistakes must be corrected by 9PM on Tuesday evening (week of state meet)
 - Psych sheets will be posted at 12 noon on Wednesday (week of state meet). Relays names will also be posted.
 - If a coach wants to wait until state meet to decide on relays, they **MUST** enter all relay alternates. If you receive an error from the software about exceeding entry limits for an athlete, you are to ignore that and make sure that all name are posted.
 - Diving entries for state meet will be done on Ediver. John Pearson (Romeo) will be speaking with the diving coaches about the process. The MHSAA is covering the site license and teams will not be responsible for any costs. The software is posted on MHSAA.
 - Swim Coaches do NOT put divers into your entries for state meet
- **Submitting Times to the MHSAA** - As of Monday, September 21st coaches must submit times to the MHSAA
 - Mike Rado and Chuck Olson asked for volunteers to visit Gina and the MHSAA to discuss formats
 - Greg Brace suggested a format that would accept an sd3 files

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- **MHSAA Rules Committee -**
 - Ruling on suits is posted on the MHSAA and MISCA
 - Rules meetings are all online, coaches need to contact their AD for passwords and login information.
- **Future Clinic Dates-**
 - McCamly Plaza has kindly offered us to change the clinic dates if necessary.
 - Chuck asked for input from coaches to possibly move the clinic date. MISCA and Speedo are struggling with scheduling speakers/presenters and a new date would be beneficial
 - Spring date would allow for combining golf outing and clinic. College coaches schedule is reduced and therefore can present and speak.
 - Spring date (Bob Harding - Westland John Glenn) would hurt attendance since many schools have not hired new coaches at that point in the year.
 - Rob Damuth agreed that the spring clinic would be tough for scheduling with the additional clinics (NISCA, Central States, etc...).
 - “Big Name” speakers have tight schedules and have conflicts with our fall clinic. Speedo contracts are up in the fall which leads to conflict.
 - Votes were taken to gain input from the general membership, but a final decision was tabled for the executive board to determine at a later date.
- **National Awards**
 - Chuck Olson will submit a list of award winners and nominees (to be added later)
- **MISCA Awards**
 - **Matt Mann 2009 - Bob Crosby (WB)**
 - **Bruce Harlan 2009 - Ron Bramble (Portage)**
 - Following the membership meeting it was noted that Ron won the award in a previous year, therefore Ron Welfare will be the 2009 award recipient.
 - **2010 Nominations**
 - Bruce Harlan - Doug Thorn (Grand haven) nominated Hooker Wellman(Ludington).
 - Matt Mann - Hooker Wellman was also nominated for the Matt Mann award. He was nominated by John Hams (GR Catholic Central)

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New Business

- Bob Harding brought up state meet locations and difficulty scheduling and locating hosts.
 - Mike Rado reports that Oakland University has worked out an arrangement with MHSAA for 2009-10, but past that date there may not be a option to host at OU
 - MHSAA has suggested Jenison
 - Eric Gunderson (GPS) mentioned Calvin Colleges new pool
- Chuck Olson mentioned the possibility of MISCA Meet Site rotating

Meeting was concluded at 11AM by Chuck Olson

Raffel Winners

- 1 night Stay at McCalmy Plaza - John Hams GR CC