

Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association

Executive Board Meeting – Winter – January 10, 2021

Present:

Greg Phill	Eric Talsma	Michael McHugh	Damon Robertson
David Zulkiewski	Mike Harfoot	Rob Damuth	John Pearson
Brad Jones	Darrin Millar	Ian Kobes	Maureen Murrett
Greg Brace	Cory Bergen	Brad Huttenga	Kyle Stumpf
John Burch	Andi Oosters		

Meeting called to order by President Brad Jones at 11:05 am via Zoom Meeting.

Fall Exec. Board Meeting Minutes 2020 approved unanimously

Andi Oosters, MHSAA

Busy week at MHSAA getting ready for championships

Thank you to the MISCA Board for the work of making the state champs happening

Testing – 13,000 tests performed so far – 99.6% returned as negative

2 football teams and 1 volleyball team have had to opt out due to positivities

No spectators at swim and dive champs – some parents upset

UP swim finals – Feb. 20 – bumped to Feb. 27 – May get pushed back to March 13

No plan shared from MDHHS on winter sports as of today

Feb 4 for swim committee/rules meeting

More full meet information including warm-up times, etc. will be posted as soon as they are collected from all three sites.

Meet committees will be formed hopefully today – they will be charged with handling anything that happens on deck including results/covid issues/entry issues. – Have Andi on speed dial if needed.

Treasurer: Eric Talsma

Rough fall and early winter with lack of registrations and no MISCA Meet(s).

Currently at only 140 members – Normal would be around 300+ before MS and HS Boys MISCA Meets.

Around \$11,000 in the bank right now. Typically we would be double that right now.

More reminders to sign up for registrations/All State Certs/etc. leading up to the girls meet this weekend.

Take memberships via paper registration on deck at the state meets.

Clinic: Greg Phill

No 100% yes yet if the hotel can host an event in the spring – April 16?

Virtual clinic?

Likely easier to get some great speakers

Financially makes sense

Saturday clinic or Friday night/Saturday

Approved to go Virtual Saturday, April 17 – Possibly a Friday night session as well.

Darrin will reach out to those that had virtual clinics through MHSCA and report back

Coach Insider

Maybe have an in-person option if things open up as well as virtual

Greg will have the hotel hold our deposit for next fall's clinic
Push out information through NISCA to invite coaches from all over

Clinic Speaker: Michael McHugh

Michael will reach out with our new date to the Speedo contact to get to work on speakers

MISCA Meet: Ian Kobes/Eric Talsma

Awards: Cory Bergen

Distributing the awards at the meet - \$5 per award for non-members

Announce how they'll be handed out during the coach's meeting

Membership open through Thursday at midnight

Send full MISCA roster to awards people Friday morning.

COY Voting

Collect nominations on Monday after meet through Wednesday night

Send ballot out Thursday to vote by Saturday night

Maxwell – Plaques, etc. – Greg is telling them to hold them for now – how do we get them out to the individuals.

Webmaster: Dave Z.

All up to date

Looking at doing an Instagram account

2 coaches spotlights posted – Would like to get a February, March, April if possible

Podcast has been going great – State Champs has worked well with Z

Always looking for new ideas of guests for the podcast

Diving: Brad Huttenga

Not much going on

Need to revisit regional qualification

Diving person needs to be included in Feb 4 MHSAA meeting

Run conference meet diving on the Saturday of a normal conference meet so they are ready to roll for regionals

Middle School: Damon Robertson

No updates...no real way to run a MS MISCA Meet with the current guidelines

Only chance would likely be moving MS Swim to spring – not likely to happen

Academic All State Team: Kyle Stumpf

Link is up

Great participation this past spring

April 4 deadline to have applications submitted

Academic All State Individual: Darrin Millar

The online application has been opened. I have received a couple of paper applications so far. We should have enough certificates for this year.

Edwards Scholarship: John Burch

Still giving 10 scholarships this year
Current application deadline is March 31st. May extend the deadline.
Coach must be a MISCA Member

MHSCA Rep: Darrin Millar

- Like other organizations, we are concerned about the number of coaches that did not register with our member sports. Hockey has joined the MHSCA. Soccer is looking like it may join as well.
- Hall of Fame selection meeting in February. Want to get more swimming and diving coaches on the master list. Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan awards count as a letter of recommendation.

- **Notes from the MHSCA meeting 11/8/2020**

- Basketball, football, and wrestling are all having (or just had) a virtual clinic. They all said it went very well. They used Coach Insider as a platform and were very happy with it.
- MHSCA is looking to post something in their monthly newsletter announcing 'In Memorial' for coaches that have passed. They are asking for information from their member associations.
- Ski Association has assigned a handful of board members as their COVID spokespeople. That way if questions arise, these people are tasked with giving a consistent message from the association.
- Hall of Fame: We had two swim coaches that went in for 2020 (Bob Oliver and Tim McGinnis). We have deserving people on the list waiting. Always looking for more! The 2021 Hall of Fame will have the 2020 inductees and the new 2021 inductees (induction selection meeting in [FEB 2021](#)). We are discussing if we have the full allotment of 15 new inductees for 2021 or a smaller number. **There are people on this E Mail that are very deserving and need to submit. Don't be shy/modest, get in touch with me about this.**
- MHSCA, like other associations, is concerned about the loss of revenue (dues) for this year and will it translate into continued losses in years to come.
- eSports has been endorsed by the Principal's Association.
- Hockey has joined the MHSCA.
- We voted to add to our constitution that associations are with the MHSCA are athletic associations rather than activity associations in nature.
- **MHSCA is looking to purchase a premium Zoom account for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. We could get up to 500 people on the Zoom. Looking to buy this and share with member associations. I thought this was an amazing idea. There are many Athletic Directors that do a poor job with communicating. In a rapidly changing athletic landscape, I think this would be great for us. If something changes with the MHSAA, we can send a link to all our members and share this information, so ALL our members get it firsthand.**
- The Coach of the Year banquet was supposed to be [yesterday \(NOV 8\)](#). Steve Bowyer and Brad Jones already made their acceptance videos. Just waiting for other associations to get their video(s) completed.

- These videos will be released on the MHSCA webpage and Twitter account.
- Many organizations are upset with the inconsistent message/actions from school to school. They want the MHSAA to come up with a document that can be at every school and every venue stating what MUST HAPPEN regarding masks, social distancing, and spectators. Host school personnel are tired of being 'the Covid' police.

Dream Team: Michael McHugh

Still planning to do Dream Team this year

Additional contacts for media?

Take a picture of each champ

Take a picture of division team champ and email to Andi

Top Times List: David Zulkiewski, SwimCloud

Using SwimCloud to do entries, etc. can be used to create a roster and do entries, etc.

Quite a few new coaches joined SwimCloud this year

Parents that act as meet managers that are requesting SwimCloud access – As of now Z has not allowed them access to upload, etc.

If an official was at the Tuesday Time Trial they are allowed to be up on SwimCloud – No official means the results can not be uploaded.

New slideshow available for some of the features of SwimCloud

Just added records – we can add as much or as little information as we want

Pad malfunctions (i.e. :15 50 free) will have to be monitored by Z

Z stays in pretty constant communication with the admin of SwimCloud

Golf Outing: Rob Damuth,

Booked in the townhomes

May 20-23 including Antrim Dells

How great was the weather this past May for the weekend we would have been golfing

\$315 – Must be registered and pre-paid prior to arrival

Zone Reports: Get zone reports turned in on time!

Zone 1: John Pearson –

Zone 2: Mike Harfoot –

Zone 3: David Le – Absent

Zone 4: Mojo Murrett –

Zone 5: Ian Kobes –

Zone 6: Corrin Buck – Absent

Zone 7: Gregg Brace –

Zone 8: Brad Jones –

Zone 9: Erik Johnson – Absent

MHSAA State Meet

Girls/Boys

Hospitality

D1-Steve Bowyer

D2-Rob Damuth

D3-Eric Talsma

Awards

Steve Bowyer

Cory Bergen/Michael McHugh

Eric Talsma

Dream Team

Steve Bowyer

Brad Jones

Eric Talsma

Old Business:

- April Clinic Agenda/Speakers
 - Covered above
- Boys MISCA Meet – Calvin
 - Boys MISCA Meet – Shoot for February 19 and 20
 - Holding on decisions that will come from above us
 - Andi believes there may be some movement on the four team limit, etc.
 - Decision to not cancel now and wait and see
 - Push the date back to last weekend in February?
 - ET will check with Calvin on the date
- Boys state meet sites/rotation – EMU back in the rotation?
 - They want to be back in the rotation if at all possible
 - Andi will be reaching out to them – Jones and McHugh may also reach out
- State Champs – Covered above
- Speedo Contract/lost money from April
 - Damon got a response from Alexis at Dolphin with a proposal
 - Reach out to Jones or Damon if you would like to see further info
 - Speedo contract provides more – Ryan Hammer has been good to work with
 - Board polos will be handed out at girls state meet for those present
 - Speedo is trying hard to keep us
 - Kobes has had some initial discussions with TYR
 - A lot of requirements from them (control and communication to members) to make it happen
 - Kobes is working with them on a team contract...in a bit of a holding pattern with that as well until the sport opens up more.
 - Do we reach out to Arena as well
 - We are in a great spot with Different Strokes
 - Would need to find another vendor if we went with TYR or Arena
- End of Season – Covered above

New Business:

- MISCA Clinic – Covered above
 - Format
 - Speakers
- Boys MISCA Meet – Covered above
 - Possibility of running a East/West or East/Central/West split of the MISCA meet
 - EMU/Calvin
 - EMU/Calvin + a site in the middle of the state
 - EMU might be a stretch due to the restrictions within the Ann Arbor area
 - Damon (AO) can take care of entries and merging results.
 - Diving Friday at a single site
- Boys State Meet – Would love to get Calvin in the rotation, EMU wants to get back in as well
 - ET will be reaching out to Calvin
 - Depends on site improvements at EMU – Andi, McHugh, Jones will be checking on them.
 - Possibility of running three regional meets for the MISCA – could be an opportunity to dip a toe in the EMU waters

- Holland Aquatic Center is likely out at least for the near future
- Speedo Contract – Covered in Old Business

Spring Executive Board Meeting in conjunction with the Spring Clinic April 17 – Details to be shared at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09