

Minutes
House of Delegates
Maryland Swimming Inc.
April 16, 2016
Bryn Mawr Club, 5602 Cottonworth Ave. Mt. Washington
12 PM

- 1) Featured Speaker: [David Benzel, *Champions for Life*](#)
- 2) Roll Call: J. McDonough, GC, called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

Teams and athletes were asked to sign in for roll call.

Teams represented were: ACA, ACSS, ASC, BAAC, Barracudas, BCSC, BST, BVA, CAA, CAC, CATY, CBAC, CGA, CST, EST, FAST, FSC, GBSA, GMAC, GTAC, HAGY, HFY, HOCO, JCC, LBA, MAC, MAS, MSC, NAAC, NBAC, OPST, PEAK, RAC, ROCK, SPRC, SPY, YCM and YRAC (38 TEAMS!) There were athlete representatives from 35 teams.

- 3) Reading, correction and adoption of previous minutes
The minutes of the previous HOD meeting were posted on the website for 30 days prior to the meeting. A motion to accept was made by R. Fox, seconded by B. Claus. Motion passed, minutes accepted as written.
- 4) Presentation and Approval of the Budget
The proposed budget is contingent upon finalizing other business items such as where championships will be held. A motion was made by C. Swensen to accept and defer final approval. Motion passed.
- 5) Old Business
There was no unresolved business from the previous HOD.
- 6) Elections
There were no elections for 2016. The Nominating Committee was charged with beginning to create a slate for 2017 HOD elections.
- 7) New Business

J. McDonough reminded all of the USA Swimming facilitated Strategic Planning Session to be held on April 30, 2016 at the BWI Marriott from 9 am to 5 pm.

- 8) Athlete Scholarship Awards

Scholarship awards of \$1000.00 were presented by A. Summerfield, A. Hu and E. Yu. There were 19 applications, six chosen by blind review. Award winners included:

- 1) Merritt - Julia Cherin
- 2) Navy - Karlie Quinn
- 3) Frederick Area - Zachary Starr
- 4) NBAC - Rapahel Abectal
- 5) EST - Ben Scopick
- 6) Retriever - Erin Daughtery

Athletes will notify the committee of the college they will attend and checks will be submitted to the schools.

9) Maryland Swimming Service Recognition Awards

Awards chair, J. Frediani Thanked athlete reps, A. Hu And E.YU for their outstanding contributions to MSI and recognized that athlete participation has increased

She presented Rising Club awards to: Mariners, SPRC, CGA, FOX, & YCM . She recognized

Coaches for years of service. There were 15 with 5 yrs; 9 with 10 yrs; 8 with 15 years and 1 with 30/35/45 to Brooks Ensore from OPST!. She recognized the volunteers of the years as: Nicole Roberts & Dan Phelps (Naval Academy) and Anna Summerfield

10) Swim Biz workshop report

John Mason verbally reported for Michelle Davis. She brought back many ideas and will share them with P. Kaplan to post on the website. She was the only minority representative at the meeting.

11) US Swimming Women's Conference report

Doretta Davis verbally presented her report and also for Heather MacQuilliam, and Stephanie Shepard on the activities and shared her poster of the work done by each person at the workshop. MSI was able to send these three representatives because of our LEAP 3 status.

12) Charge to the 2017-2018 Nominations Committee

See Elections

13) Reports of Officers

- R01 General Chair
- R02 Admin Vice Chair
- R03 Sr. Vice Chair
- R04 Age Group Vice Chair
- R05 Treasurer
- R06 Athlete Reps
- R07 Technical Planning Chair
- R08 Board of Review

All reports were accepted using Consent Agenda. The Technical committee report was verbally reviewed as it was not posted for 30 days prior to the meeting.

There were questions about the lack of zone meet participation by MD Swimming. It was decided that a future business item will be to look at giving funding to the first and second place championship meet winners under the performance award program to attend a differ but same level of competition meet.

Meet Announcement Management Language: M. McDonough proposed to add language to meet announcements to allow, with approval of the Technical Committee Chair, the Meet Referee and with advanced notice to all clubs, that session could be added to a meet that did not alter the order of events to allow teams to stay within the 4 hour session limit.

Declaration of Intent: Much discussion ensued and motions were defeated. J. Mason proposed an ideas to conduct a pilot projected to trial the plan for one year. Motion defeated.

C. Kaplan proposed and B. Kirkner seconded:

"If your meet is undersubscribed compared to the previous year with sessions under 3.5 hours, per MD Swimming regulations, you are only required to reserve spaces for the MD teams who attended the previous year and space for only the total number of MD swimmers who attended the previous year"

Motion carried.

M. McDonough announced a Coaches Recognition program for Gold, Silver, Bronze achievements. The Coaches Committee will work with Awards to set up the program. There are still many open dates on the calendar. Please contact the Technical Planning Chair if we are interested in hosting a meet.

Champs proposed location in 2017: Naval – Senior St. Mary's 14&u

There was a motion by J. Beaver and Second by R. Fox to adopt a Championship Order of events like the Buffalo Sectional meet except for relays and distance events. Motion passed.

14) Reports of Committees and Coordinators

R09 Awards

R10 Equipment

R11 Officials

R12 Safe Sport

R13 Safety

R14 TIMES

R15 Webmaster, Office

R16 Club Development

R17 Coaches and Camps

R18 Open Water

R19 Diversity

R20 Disability

R21 Hall of Fame

15) Resolutions

a) Meet Schedule 2015-2016

A motion to accept the proposed meet schedule was made by B. Kirkner and seconded by J. Mason. Motion passed.

b) Revised MSI Meet Entry Fees and Surcharges

A motion was made by G. Verheyen and seconded by M. McDonough to accept the published change for MSI to collect a 2.00 surcharge pass through fee and lower the fee from clubs to 10% from 15%. A friendly amendment to have the 2.00 fee waived for OutReach members was accepted. Motion passed.

c) Modification: MSI Performance Awards Program

A motion was made by J. Cadigan and seconded by T. Himes to modify the published resolution to strike the 2nd sentence and insert may return to **ANY** MSI club. USA unattached rules still apply. Motion passed

16) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Kirkner, seconded by John Cadigan. The meeting was adjourned by J. McDonough, GC, at 5:00 pm