

M.I.S.C.A. Clinic 2006-07

General Membership Business Meeting

The M.I.S.C.A. General Membership Meeting was called to order by Past President Butch Briggs at 9:35AM in the banquet room at the McCalmy Plaza and Hotel in Battle Creek, MI. Butch Briggs passed on the presidency to Mike Rado (Lahser H.S.).

- Mike Rado thanked Butch Briggs for an outstanding job done over his presidency
- Executive Board was introduced.

Quorum:

Approximately 96 members were present. As of today there are 86 pre-registered coaches for the clinic and an additional 20 coaches registered at the door.

Approval of Last Year's Minutes

Motion - Greg Briggs

Seconded - Mike O'Connor (GP)

No Discussion

Motion Passed

Reports to the Membership

President: Mike Rado

Discussed the strong tradition and dominance in MI H.S. swimming, Increase membership, and a need to promote the sport and the organization. Need to educate and help young coaches, networking. Mike discussed the roles of Zone VP's in recognizing coaches of the year and submitting reports. Mike encouraged everyone to work with their Zone VP's.

Clinic: Jim Lawerence

After the 2006 clinic we are set to host the clinic here in Battle Creek for another 4 years. The hotel is going through major renovations, but they will not affect our clinic.

Awards: Cory Bergen

Thanked coaches for getting paperwork and bios turned in. Asked for feedback on the use of power points to determine Swimmer of the Year at State Meets. The process has become more objective.

Website: Bob Crosby

Website has been up for 6 years now (www.misca.net). The organization has saved on postage and mailings. Asked for feedback on forums and information that can be printed. Expressed the idea that the website is only as good as the information coming in to the webmaster. M.S. meet will be posted soon. Asked for support in using the classified adds. M.I.S.C.A. meet entries will be done online and those files will/are posted on the website. Thanked the general membership for their support during his tenure as president. Bob will be finishing up his 6 year run as president this year.

Diving: Brad Huttenga

Error in diving regional locations, MHSAA website will be updating information soon. MISCA meet software/hardware troubles are cleared up.

Middle School/Academic All State

Holt will be the new site for the middle school meet. Entry process needs to be double checked for accuracy. Academic All State participation continues to grow, last year was the largest turn out to date.

M.I.S.C.A. Meet: Bob Crosby

Shannon Dunworth (Mercy/Catholic Central) will take over as meet manager. Chuck Olson (Plymouth Salem) was thanked for his hard work and dedication to the meet management. Online entries will be done for the first time. Be patient with the entries this year, there may be some glitches. Coaches must submit entries online and then reply/confirm entries. Once psych sheets are posted no changes will be permitted. Coaches must respond to Shannon's entry confirmation email in order to make changes. Online entries will allow for greater flexibility. If a team does not have Team Manger, visit the Hytek website for the free download of Team Manger Lite.

Scholarships: Rick Edwards

Information is on the website. Rick thanked the committee members that sat in to help sort through the applications. Number of scholarships will be determined by the executive board based on financial standing.

N.I.S.C.A.: Denny Hill/Rick Edwards

Discussed his visit to the 2005 NCAA meet and encouraged members to take part in the 2006-07 NCAA meet and NISCA clinic. Last year's reports are on the MISCA website. Michigan was the second largest participating state in NISCA. The zone MI is in is the largest participating zone in MISCA. Rick encouraged participation in Mythical Dual Meet Power Point Rankings. Mike Keevan is up for a service award this year, please get involved and take part in voting/nominating. NISCA is working on making their website (www.nisca.net) more user friendly.

Old Business**3 Division State Meet**

- Last year the MHSAA allowed swimming to move to 3 divisions with tougher

standards. Only 32 athletes in each event would be allowed to compete at state meet. This would help with the overall size of the meet. Coaches would also have to call times in to MHSAA. Mike Rado and Butch Briggs communicated with MISCA members about their thoughts, overwhelming negative response.

- MHSAA is trying to control the size of meets and MHSAA is asking for feedback. The 2006 Girls Division 2 meet was sighted as a meet that was way too large. State meet should be an elite meet and time standards should be tougher.
- MHSAA has tabled the 3 Division State Meet. Time standards have been established with the help of Bob Klapthor to help control the numbers of entries. Mike expressed the thought that we need to help the MHSAA to avoid going to a regional qualifying. MHSAA is willing to work with MISCA to help promote the sport and meet their needs to run a safe and efficient meet.
- MISCA is still working to get a 3 Division State Meet.
- Butch talked about bringing too many people to the meet (manager, alternates, etc...). We as coaches need to monitor these numbers.
- Coaches need to be responsible and talk with building AD's to get our thoughts across and get a meet(s) that will benefit the athletes.
- Jock Ambrose (East Kentwood): AD's from across the state are voting on decisions and many of those schools do not participate in swimming. So we as coaches need to work twice as hard to get our thoughts/ideas across. Discussed a need to tighten up relay qualifying times. Denny Hill explained his thoughts about the MHSAA wanting more schools to participate and therefore more relays is seen as a positive thing.
- Paul Hirn (St. Joseph) Co-Op schools are effecting the completion and entry process. Small schools are finding it harder to qualify with new standards. Discussion about formulating qualifying times, can not be random process and selection of 32 athletes.
- Mike Venos (Brother Rice): Many complaints are coming from parents concerning parking, seating, etc... Location and time of the meet may need to be changed to address these complaints. Additional issues about possibly going to high school locations would bring up additional concerns and obstacles.
- Mike O'Connor (GP): Concern was addressed about the number of people in the stands and controlling those numbers.
- Pete Hovland (Oakland University): Gave feedback on the numbers his facility has dealt with.
- Jack Michael (Erie Mason): Discussed history of the State Meets and his experience as an AD. Supported Jock Ambrose's thoughts on needing to work harder due to nonparticipating schools voting down new ideas (3 division state meet) for swimming.
- Darel (Otsego): Discussed his AD's role on the MHSAA committees to support swimming. Any school can contact him or his AD with ideas. Otsego AD is supporting swimming's decisions in his role with the MHSAA.
- Marc Fazio (Country Day): Expressed thoughts on going back to top 12 finish to allow MSU to get back into the rotation on hosting the meet. With 3 state meets we would recognize 18 All State Athletes. Proposed working with Saginaw Valley to get them a working timing system which would allow their facility to host a

- state meet.
- Mike Rado (Lahser): MISCA continues to strive for 3 divisions and will work with the state to accomplish this.

New Business

Diving

- Brad Huttenga: Discussed regional qualifying for state meet. Diving coaches would like to see additional competitors at the regional. Rule Change: Season Ending Invitational's will now allow additional divers to move onto regionals based on the number of teams competing plus the number of returning state qualifiers from the year before.
- Questions and concerns from the general membership about alternatives to qualifying and increasing the size of the regional meet.

Swimming Qualifying Times

- New times are in place to help MHSAA with the size of the meet.
- Bob Klaphor has a formula that we have adopted to aid in the decision on qualifying times.

17 Days of Competition

- Diving does not count towards the total number if it is run on a separate day. Prelims is considered 1 day and finals is 1 day.
- Regionals and State Meet does not count.
- League Meets and invitational's do count towards the total.
- Could a team run multiple meets on the same day?
- Junior Varsity: as long as you have an organized JV team they will have their separate 17 days of competition and it will not conflict with the Varsity days of competition.

Rules Changes

- No discussion on the Br pullout or DQ rules.

Awards & Nominations

President Elect for MISCA

- Butch Briggs (EGR) nominated Chuck Olson(Plymouth Salem)
- Copeland seconded
- No Discussion
- Chuck Olson was unanimously voted in as the President Elect.

MISCA Representative

- Due to MISCA bylaws Rick Edwards (associate member of MISCA) can not hold office. Rick has 1 year left of his term. General Membership must decide on allowing Rick to stay on and complete his term. General Membership would also need to submit an amendment to allow associate members to hold office.

- General Membership approved Rick staying on to complete his term for the 2006-07 season.
- Discussion about allowing volunteer coaches to hold office was brought up.

Matt Mann

- Ty Parker (Kalamazoo Central) nominated Dave Digger Kalamazoo Central
- General Membership unanimously approved

Bruce Harlan

- Paul Hirn (St. Joseph) nominated Bruce Binger (St. Joseph)
- General Membership unanimously approved

2006-07 Award Winners

- Matt Mann:
- Bruce Harlan:

Motion to adjourn made by Jason Fish (Ionia)
Seconded: Jock Ambrose (East Kentwood)

The 2006-07 MISCA General Membership Meeting was officially closed at 11:05 AM on Friday, September 15th.