

Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association

September 21, 2007

General Membership Business Meeting

- Call to order: Mike Rado 9:40AM 9/21/07
- Acceptance of 2006 General Membership Meeting minutes
 - Don Mason Bloomfield Hills motioned
 - Bob Harding Westland John Glenn seconded
 - Minutes were unanimously accepted
- Executive Board introduced and reports given
 - Awards: Cory Bergen Dexter discussed awards and reinstatement of 15 and 25 year service award. Members need to sign up and an award will be mailed out at a later date.
 - Power point system for state swimmer of the year is working well.
 - Coach of the year awards still has smaller voting, coaches are encouraged to turn in ballots at state meet in a timely fashion
 - All award winners were encourage to get bios and pics turned in so the awards program can be put together in a timely fashion.
 - Clinic: Jim Lawrence Trenton discussed the clinic. We will be in Battle Creek for 3 more years. Jim would greatly appreciate email feedback.
 - Website: Bob Crosby WB finished his tenure as webmaster and turned over everything to Dave Z (Andover). Feedback is encouraged and should be done through email.
 - Diving: Brad Huttenga discussed Diving qualification process for diving. Very little was done, but new software and qualifying process is in the works.
 - MISCA diving format may be changed based on new state alignment and coaches feedback
 - MISCA meet may use online software for the MISCA meet
 - Middle School Meet: Damon Robertson reported on the MS meet. Last year meet was moved to Holt and it was the largest turn out on record.
 - Damon is asking for all electronic entries, no more paper copies.
 - Future dates and meet info will be online soon
 - Academic All State: John Dubois reported that the Academic All State awards will reflect the change in state meet format. There will be 3 top ten rankings based on state meet.
 - MISCA Meet: Greg Phil discussed the MISCA meet. All information is online and future dates are posted on the website. The meet software is set up to not allow entries if the time is not at qualifying standards. Coaches must reply to the confirmation email that the meet manager will be sending out.
 - Jock Ambrose- East Kentwood brought up the later meet date for the boys season and it effecting league meets/championships.
- Scholarships: Rick Edwards reported that last years scholarship information isn't posted on the website, but it will be updated shortly.

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The scholarship entries are increasing and several new schools are winning awards for the first time.

- NISCA: Rick Edwards reported that the national clinic dates were incorrect and the new dates are available on the NISCA website. Participation in the national convention is strongly encouraged. This year's convention will be held in Washington State this year. NISCA has made several updates to the website. Membership benefits were discussed and highlighted. NISCA recognizes 15 and 25 yr service, if you are eligible please visit the website and send in your paperwork. Denny Hill -AA Pioneer promoted visiting the national convention. Denny asked that if there are any pools in Michigan named for a coach, please notify NISCA.
- Zone VPs were introduced and the new zone realignment was pointed out.
- President Elect: Chuck Olson

Old Business:

- MHSAA Dead Period was discussed. Mike Rado (Lahser) highlighted the idea behind dead period and that all summer swim leagues are greatly affected by the period. Mike Rado asked that all summer leagues send feedback to the MHSAA and then read the MHSAA's response to the letters. Baseball and Softball have been given exemptions and the MHSAA has not given any insight on how swim coaches can become exempt. Mike will attend the next MHSAA rep council meeting and ask that the letters submitted to the MHSAA be presented. Many inconsistencies in the interpretation of the dead period were discussed.
 - Mike O'Connor (Grosse Pointe) brought up the impact that the dead period is having on all USS, HS, and MS coaches. Mike brought up possible ideas to get MHSAA to listen to swim coaches needs (legal representation, etc...).
 - General discussion about coaching contracts ending at the end of the season. Hazel Park wrestling coach controversy. The MHSAA says that the dead period is "very well received" yet many coaches feel differently. Several members pointed out that their summer leagues support the coaches and do not agree with the MHSAA. The baseball/softball exemption is unfair. Letters and requests have received little response. Butch Briggs (EGR) encouraged contacting MHSAA rep council to represent swim coaches point in an effort to gain exemption. Bob Harding asked for MISCA executive board to pursue the MHSAA rep council.
- MISCA Constitution & Bylaws:
 - Removal of water polo chair and official chairperson for the MISCA board. Tabled for future discussion

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- Duties of the officers: Rewording of Presidents duties and receiving a stipend to say “may receive a stipend”
 - Approved by the members
- Members will not receive a bill from the membership chairperson. Membership is available through the MISCA meet dates and will be encouraged. Website acts a dues reminder to alleviate postage.
 - Approved by the members
- Rewording of all awards to reflect the MHSAA’s shift from Classes to Divisions
- Divisional Listing: Sites are posted.
- State Meet Procedures: Entry meet procedure and guidelines are still pending. MHSAA has not given any feedback. MHSAA is working on electronic entries and the glitches that occurred last year.
- State Meet Results: Consistent reporting of results. Complete results including prelims.
- Scholarships: Additional scholarships are being awarded based on MISCA being “fiscally responsible”

New Business

- MHSAA Spring Committee Meeting Updates: use of exhibition swimmers was discussed.
- Timely payment of dues. All members are encouraged to turn in checks ASAP. A team entering the MISCA meet will be responsible for entry fees if they do not show up. Make sure you scratch if you aren’t coming.
- Coach of the Year: New format was suggested. Executive board is asking for feedback for a better method. MISCA wants more votes and participation. Mike Keevan discussed his experience and working with local papers to recognize the awards. MHSAA will not allow MISCA to announce winners until after the meet. Possibility of using the website is being explored.
- State Qualifying Standards will be discussed during Saturday’s session. No discussion was made at this time.
- Zone Realignment: Mike Grueber presented new realignment that is now grouping leagues instead of geographical locations.
- All State Awards: explore a more effective method of awarding All State awards to reflect the change in state meet format. Possibly reflecting a method similar to NISCA Top 16.
- Diving Regionals: 9 regionals is what the diving coaches asked for.

Elections & Nominations

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- NISCA Rep: Denny Hills term is on going for one more year. Nomination for Rick Edwards was made by Bob Crosby (WB) and seconded by Dale Rahn (Troy Athens). Unanimously passed.
- Secretary and Treasurer: Nomination for Scott Hedges was made by Chuck Olson (Salem) and unanimously passed.
- Matt Mann: nominations are good for 3 years. You may be re-nominated.
 - Butch Briggs (EGR) was nominated by Bob Crosby (WB)
 - Bob Crosby (WB) was nominated by Mike Venos (Brother Rice)
 - Ron Pohlonski was re-nominated.
- Bruce Harlan: nominations are good for 3 years. You may be re-nominated.
 - John Hovey (Cranbrook) was nominated by Don Mason
 - Larry Tehan (Novi) was nominated by Bob Crosby
 - Ron Welfare was re-nominated.
- Outstanding Service Award:
 - Howard Comstock (coach and official) was nominated by Marty Pohl.
 - Bob Gray was nominated by Mary Ann Egnatuk (Albion).
 - Rich Hanson (meet manager and coach) was nominated by Mike Venos (Brother Rice).
 - Glenn Alday (Battle Creek area) was nominated by .
 - Paul Chaffee (official Owosso area) was nominated by Jason Fish.
 - Bios must be submitted before the winter executive board meeting.
- 2007 Matt Mann award winner: Dave Diget Kzoo Central
- 2007 Bruce Harlan award winner: Trsita Solis Holt

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 by Mike Rado

Marty Pohl - Holt won the 1st golf package

Cory Bergen - Dexter won the 2nd golf package

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Coaches Discussion Session

- More publicity for Swimmer/Diver of the Year to reflect “Mr. Basketball” type awards.
- All State Team instead of 8 All State awards in each division.
- Use power points to establish a “Dream Team.” Using power point allows the process to be more subjective.
- Bob Klaphor will experiment with some of the ideas
- State Meet locations and acceptable presentation of the meet (parade of champions, music, awards presentation, etc...).
- MHSAA needs to establish a standardized state meet format. Efforts have been made, but with little response from MHSAA.
- Information getting to the news papers. If the papers aren’t interested then MISCA or one of it’s sponsors could purchase an add in the paper and post a “Dream Meet.”

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MISCA Finances 2006-2007

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Awards	\$126.65	
Clinic	\$7,266.06	
Exec Board Meetings	\$1,156.34	
Meetings		
Shirts		
MHSCA Dues	\$3,200.00	320 coaches
Misc	\$1,804.25	480-Namesnik Fund 180-reimbur Rado for clinic hotel 224.25-website hosting 500-church/Talsma Family 400-Crosby website
MISCA Meet	\$5,140.00	
t-shirts		
EMU's Dev. Fund		
NISCA Delegates	\$4,021.63	
NISCA Dues	\$3,550.00	
Postage	\$484.80	
Printing	\$182.42	
Scholarships	\$6,000.00	

\$32,932.15

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
Aug 1 - Oct 10, 2006	18,460.00
Oct 11-Jan 8, 2007	8,366.00
Jan 9-Apr 16, 2007	10,077.00

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