Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association

2008-09 MISCA Clinic General Membership Meeting

Friday, September 19, 2008

- Call to order: Mike Rado (President) called the meeting to order at 9:20AM
- Mike Rado thanked the general membership for their support and hard work over the past 2 years. Mike turned over the MISCA presidency to Chuck Olson.
- Butch Briggs (EGR) thanked Mike for all his hard work and tremendous communication over his tenure as presidency.
- Chuck Olson (Plymouth Salem) officially took over as MISCA president for a 2 year term. Chuck presented Mike with a ceremonial gavel and shared a few memories of Mike's presidency.
- Acceptance of the 2007 General Membership Meeting Minutes: Executive board will review and approve minutes. No minutes were provided to the general membership.
- Chuck introduced the executive board, chairpersons, and zone VPs.
 - o <u>Clinic</u>: Jim Lawrence has secured the clinic location for Battle Creek through 2012. The hotel has made several updates and improvements to better accommodate clinics and conventions.
 - o Speakers: Greg Phill (Livonia) has worked very hard to secure our speakers.
 - Awards: Cory Bergen (Dexter) has representatives for each state meet to hand out awards and collect ballots. Cory reminded members to encourage all coaches to sign up for membership to save the cost of all state certificates. Cory will collect ballots for Matt Mann and Bruce Harlan awards. 15 and 25 year service awards are ready and coaches are encouraged to contact Cory to receive their awards.
 - Website: Dave Z (Andover) Website is being updated. Members are encouraged to provide feedback on additional services and information. MISCA is working with NISCA to streamline the looks of the site and online registration. NISCA membership must be done separately beginning with the 2008-09 season.
 - Diving: Brad Huttenga reported on the obstacles in securing a diving speaker for this years clinic. Speedo is working with Brad to enhance next years diving portion of the clinic. Diving scores for the 2008 MISCA meet have changed. MHSAA changed the qualifying procedures for regionals. All coaches are encouraged to visit the MHSAA site to better learn the new process. The diving forum will discuss new regional entry procedures and state qualifying process.
 - o <u>Middle School</u>: Damon Roberston reported that Holt will host the meet again and the dates are: 1/30 and 1/31. MS entry procedure will be on the website by the end of September.
 - Academic All State: John Dubois will take care of team awards. An email confirmation will be done this year. Entry due dates will be the same as last year. John is available to assist coaches with entry questions.
 - Academic All State: Darrin Millar (Royal Oak) will take over individual academic all state awards beginning this year. Entry due dates will be the same as team awards. See attachment A for further details.
 - MISCA Meet: Greg Phill (Livonia) reported that meet info will be posted on the website by the end of September. New for the 2008-09 season: All swimmers that qualify will swim in the meet. All diving entries must be sent to Brad Huttenga. Email entries for both swimming and diving are required this year, no paper entries. MISCA membership will be increased for on deck registration. Online registration for MISCA membership will be closed for one week before the meet to avoid book keeping dilemmas. Coaches may still register on the deck.

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Mike Torrey (Zeeland) asked for a meet timeline to see what will happen with a larger group of entries.

- Scholarships: Rick Edwards (Lansing) Chuck Olson officially renamed the MISCA scholarship the Rick Edwards Scholarship. Rick discussed the history of the scholarship dating back to 1992.
 46 different schools have had athletes receive scholarships. Rick encouraged additional participation. Due dates will remain the same. 6 scholarships were awarded for the 2007-08 season. Additional information will be posted on the website
- NISCA: Denny Hill (AAP) and Rick Edwards discussed the dates and locations of this years clinic. Denny discussed that NISCA is going to all online applications and registrations. Kyle Lott's (Lakeview) boys team was recognized as a national champion in their schools zone. All coaches are encouraged to take part in all the awards/recognition programs. Michigan continues to be one of the largest bodies (115 coaches) represented as NISCA members. Over all Michigan was 8th in the nation in Academic All American award winners.
- Treasurer and Secretary: Dave Z reported on behalf of Scott hedges (Cranbrook) that the MISCA bank account has a balance of just over \$4000 and membership as of 9/18 was just over 100 members with over 80 members attending the clinic.
- O Zone VP's: Chuck Olson encouraged each zone VP to continue to promote membership in their area and communicate with their coaches. Bob Crosby (Zone 2 West Bloomfield) will be MCing the award luncheon. Miek Grueber (Zone 3 Wayne Memorial) is continuing to work with zone realignment. Please direct questions and comments about zones to Mike. Kyle Lott (Zone 6- BC Lakeview) takes over as the new VP for the 2008-09 season. Todd Marsh (Zone 7 Grand Ledge) takes over for the 2008-09 season.

Old Business:

- MHSAA denied swimming the exemption for the dead period.
- Rules meetings are not mandatory, but MISCA has asked MHSAA to reinstate a mandatory
 participation. All new coaches are encouraged to attend the meeting and visit the MHSAA website
 for new rules and information.
- MHSAA has officially adopted the suggestion and will allow exhibition times to count towards state qualifying times.
- MISCA Constitution and Bylaws is being revised and executive board will make final changes and wording during the board meeting this weekend.
- 3 divisional state meet sites will begin a rotation starting with the 2008-09 season.
- <u>State Meet Inconsistencies</u>: MISCA has asked MHSAA to create a uniform method for posting state meet results to include splits, prelim and final times, etc.... MISCA has made formal proposals to MHSAA on meet time lines, award ceremonies, championship march before final heat, etc....
- MISCA Representatives at state meets: Liz Hill (AAP) will be in charge of all state and voting for D1, Mike O'Connor (GPN) will take care of D2, and Butch Briggs (EGR) will handle D3.

New Business:

MHSAA is requiring that all coaches submit all state qualifiers in order to better decide on cuts.
 MHSAA is working to create a data base and process for entering times. Penalties for not submitting

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times will be as follows: <u>2008-09</u>: coaches and schools names posted in MHSAA journal. <u>2009-2010</u>: schools will not be able to participate in state finals. Denny Hill reported limited feedback from MHSAA on creating the new system. Mike Rado (Lahser) stated that coaches and schools need to work with MISCA to communicate with MHSAA. Direct contact by schools/teams to MHSAA is giving conflicting information to MHSAA. Gina Mazzolinni will have information available for Friday, September 26th for reporting times. MISCA will link this information to our site.

- MHSAA is requiring that officials no longer use a pistol to signal the last 55 yds of the 500.
- <u>Diving Regionals</u>: Denny Hill discussed realignment of regions to better suit qualifying. Bob Klapthor emailed Denny a proposal outlining each region sending 9 divers to state meet with additional at large qualifying for the next highest score, regardless of region. This allows more talented regions to send the best divers to state meet. See attachment B for further details
 - A vote was taken to approve the above proposal. The proposal was approved unanimously. This proposal will be given to the MHSAA council for approval.
- <u>Dream Team</u>: In an effort to gain further attention for the sport, MISCA is working with local news papers and media to promote a Dream Team. Mike Rado (Lahser) will chair a committee to create and finalize a Dream Team. Each divisional state meet will need a MISCA representative to take a digital photo of possible dream team award winners and pass out a bio form to the athlete. Criteria for dream team will be posted on the website (attachement C).
- Award Winners:
 - o MHSCA 2008 Nominees: Scott Hedges (Girls) Don Kimble (Boys)
 - o MHSCA 2009 Nominees: Eric Talsma (Girls) Kelton Graham (Boys)
 - o Federation: Dunworth, Phil, Lawrence (Girls) Olson, dubois, Ambrose (Boys)
 - o NHSACA: Rado, Olson, Egnatuk

Elections

- NISCA Representative: Liz Hill was nominated by Denny Hill (AAP). The motion was unanimously approved.
- o Matt Mann: 2008 winner Butch Briggs (EGR)
 - Nominations: Dale Rahn for Troy Athens was nominated by Bob Crosby from West Bloomfield. Jim McPartlin from Wayne Memorial was nominated.
- o Bruce Harlan: 2008 winner Larry Tehan (Novi)
 - Nominations: Mike Wagner from Okemos was nominated by Rick Edwards. Buck Smith from EMU was nominated by Larry Tehan (Novi). Brad Huttenga (AA Huron) was nominated Jenni Wilkening (Huron). Eric Best (MSU) was nominated.
- Outstanding Service: Sue Bargole Official, was nominated by Butch Briggs (EGR). Rich Hanson (Royal Oak) was nominated by Darrin Millar (Royal Oak). Darring submitted a bio on Rich (attachment D).
- President Elect: Denny Hill (AAP)was nominated by Mike Rado and seconded by Damon Robertson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was formally adjourned at 10:58AM.

Golf package Winner from luncheon: Brad Jones - Fenton

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Academic All State Individual Awards (Darrin Millar)

Attachment B

Diving regional proposal (Brad Huttenga)

Diving Proposal. To qualify for the MHSAA State Meet, each Diving Region would get 9 automatic qualifying spots, and the other 9 spots would go to the regions with the top 9 non-senior divers at the State meet the previous year.

Attachment C

MISCA Dream Team Criteria (Mike Rado)

Attachment D

Outstanding Service Nominee - Rich Hanson (Royal Oak)

Phone: 248-435-3099

Asst. Coach - Royal Oak Dondero, Royal Oak HS

Volunteer/Board Member - Royal Oak Penguins Swim Club

Computer/Timing System Operator - Dondero/Kimball H.S.

Organized and ran meets for the Oakland Activities Association, Oakland County Championships, Catholic League, and Royal Oak H.S.

Nominated by Darrin Millar 248-217-0099

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Complete this form, have it signed, and mail it to the address below.

All Individual All State Academic forms are due by March 21st

This form is only for individual athletes nominated for academic honors (Print and mail one form per individual athlete nominated)

Athlete's Name:	
Athlete's GPA: I	MUST BE A SENIOR
School:	
Coach:	
Are you a MISCA member:	
School Address:	
City:	
Zip:	
Date of Nomination:	
Division (MHSAA): Signed by Coach:	
Signed by Principal or AD:	
Print Name of Principal or AD:	

Mail to Darrin Millar, 4700 Chapel Drive, Troy, MI 48085

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Must be a Senior.
- 2. Must earn a Varsity letter during Senior year.
- 3. Must have an accumulated G.P.A. of 3.75 or better on a 4.0 point scale. (Convert if necessary)
- 4. Coach must be a MISCA member.
- 5. This Individual Academic All State form must be completed for every individual that is nominated.
- 6. All Individual All State Academic forms are due by March 21st.

Mail to

Darrin Millar

4700 Chapel Drive

Troy, MI 48085

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MISCA DREAM TEAM

A MISCA representative at each state meet site will take and then send photos of all the state champions (including relays). Photos must be received by Mike Rado (mrado@bloomfield.org) no later than 5pm the Friday following the meet.

A MISCA representative at each state meet site will pass out to each state champion, the "MISCA Dream Team" bio form (in a self addressed stamped envelope) which is to be completed by the athletes (for consideration to the MISCA Dream Team) Bios must be returned to Mike Rado, postmark deadline is the Friday following the meet, for consideration to the Dream Team

*Athletes may choose to send their information (pictures and bios) electronically to Mike Rado (mrado@bloomfield.org)
Deadline for electronic information is 5pm Friday following the meet.

Once the information is received (pictures and bios) Mike Rado will then select the MISCA Dream Team using the following selection procedure.

- 1. Selection to the team will be based on state meet performances only and "championship" swims will take precedent over "preliminary" swims.
- 2. The NISCA power point system will be used to determine team selection in each event.
- 3. An athlete may only be selected to the team for one individual event.
- 4. In the event an athlete has the highest power point total in two events, the "Dream Team" selection will be based upon the NISCA power point ranking for the division champion with the next highest NISCA power point ranking.
- 5. Relays will be choosen using the same system with the exception that the same team MAY in fact be chosen for multiple relays and athletes chosen in an individual event MAY also be on 1 or more "Dream Team" relays
- 6. In diving, the diver with the highest point total from the state meet will be the "Dream Team Diver"

(Note: any athlete whose information is received/postmarked after the Friday deadline will not be considered for the Dream Team)