

MSOA Executive Board
Minutes – January 25, 2015
Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Chris Branch, Jerry Crouter, Barry Cohen, Beth Drew, Rick Grant, Mike Chambers, Sara Rushton, Greg Madore

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 9:35.

- I. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the November 16, 2014 meeting were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for November and December, 2014 were approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. State Meets Update – MPA Swim Committee held an appeal hearing with Bangor and MDI concerning time finals and diving scoring, but the Committee decided to keep the format the same. Coaches do not like the format, but it seems that principals and A.D.s do not have a problem with the format.
 - B. Looks like diving will have very few qualify in B, but in A there are a lot of divers who qualified. There is a concern about how the meet will run if there is a huge time gap after the 50 with 15 or so divers doing 11 dives.
 - C. Referees for State Meet are Fran Fox (Boys) and Barry Cohen (Girls) for B, Chris Branch (Boys) and Dean Beaudoin (Girls) for A. Official assignments have been filled for all meets. Duffy Akerley is Meet Director for both B meets; Scott Morrison is Meet Director for A Boys; Chris Branch is Meet Director for A Girls.
 - D. Peer Review – Jerry distributed the peer review sheets by email to each Chapter. The Chapter Reps will distribute to coaches and officials in the Chapters.
 - E. MPA Observed Swim procedures. At championship meet, Meet Director must be notified 24 hours in advance with list of swimmers to be observed and names of officials to be observing.
 - F. Clinic Leftovers – None.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Season to Date – Judges are getting used to the new scoring system. Judges need to remember to use the whole scale.
 - B. Training of new officials – Barry asked what Chapters are doing to train new officials during meets, whether brand new or laterals from US Swim or Y. The key is that the referee must talk to new officials about what needs to be done, and must continue to do this throughout the season.

- C. Positioning Issues continue to be raised by coaches to Chris.
- D. Hy-Tek and Colorado operation continues to be a significant problem.
- E. Test - There were five or six questions that were an issue this year. One possibility is to do a 50 question test, and give one point for T/F and one point for rule citation. When vetting the test, we need to have the answer key.
- F. Chris will talk to Tom about updates to the websites.
- G. Proposed NFHS Rule Changes
- V. Chapter Reports - Reports were made by Central Maine, Eastern Maine and SMSOA.
- VI. There were no other committee reports.
- VII. The next meeting will be January 25 at 9:30 in Waterville. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.