

MSOA Executive Board

Minutes - January 26, 2014

Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Duffy Akerley, Sara Rushton, Scott Morrison, Mary Thompson, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Beth Drew, Eric Noftall, Chris Branch, Sandy Zimmerman, Rick Grant, Damon Wilson and Mike Chambers.

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 9:40.

I. Secretary's Report. The Peer Review sheets have been provided to all Chapter Reps. They will be distributed by Chapter Reps to officials and coaches in the Chapter.

II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for October, November and December, 2013 were approved. We are in the same position as last year.

III. Old Business

A. 2014 State Meet - Scott reported that we are all set for the A meets, and Chris reported that the B meets are in good shape. The Tuesday meet was a little tough to staff because it is a work day. There will be 3 volunteer timers per lane. Starter and Referee will wear white shirt, tie and blue pants for finals.

B. Peer Review - The sheets are out and ready for distribution.

C. MPA Observed Swim Procedure. USA Swim officials may observe swims at conference and states. Chris will communicate with USA Swimming regarding timing of notice of observed swims.

D. Clinic Leftovers. Officials who attend Y clinic and become Level I Y are still probationary for MSOA and need to shadow. Comments from clinic were that pool time was very valuable. MSOA will contribute \$100 to UMaine swimming.

E. Online Assignor. AD's really like it and we will look into using it. There is a per official fee to use it.

IV. New Business

A. Season to Date:

- There have been complaints about one team putting together a dive sheet with 6 dives, but the diver withdrawing before the end of the event because the

diver cannot do 6 dives. There will be a discussion about this with the coaches, because the rules do not permit it.

- The Eastern Maine Chapter ran its own diving clinic at a chapter meeting with good results.

- There have been complaints about starters not being familiar with the starting button. Starting will be a focus at the clinic. We will consider sending questionnaire to officials to ask what items should be covered at the clinic.

- We will explore whether to require participation in a diving clinic in order to judge diving.

B. Rules Interpretation

- Sculling back to the wall on back after missing the wall on flip term is legal.

C. Scott will prepare guidelines for the role of the Chapters in training and communicating rule interpretations to Chapter members.

D. Proposed NFHS Rule Changes

- Scott will propose rule changes to NFHS.

V. Chapter Reports - None.

VI. Committee Reports - None.

VII. Next Meeting will be a at 9:30 in Waterville.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.