

MSOA Executive Board

Minutes - June 11, 2014

Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Chris Branch, Duffy Akerley, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Beth Drew, Eric Noftall, Mary Thompson, Sandy Zimmerman and Sara Rushton

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

- I. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the March 8, 2014 meeting were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for March and June, 2014 were approved. We are in the same position as last year.
- III. Old Business
 - A. Peer Review - Jerry compiled results and summarized the results as generally positive.
 - B. Chapter Responsibilities Update. Scott is Chair of the ad hoc committee and hopefully will be able to report back at the fall meeting.
 - C. NFHS Rule Changes. Biggest changes are increasing top range of deficient score in diving to 4 1/2 and clarifying that backstroker must have some portion of the body out of the water at all times after coming to the surface on the start and turns.
 - D. Online Assigner - no update.
- IV. New Business
 - A. MPA Swim Committee, May 2014 - State Meet will now be timed finals for all 4 meets. B Meets probably will be at Bowdoin (probably Monday-Tuesday in the morning), A at Orono (days and times uncertain). Uncertain when the diving will be held. A number of people are pushing to have diving eliminated for states. Compromise decision was that only one diver per team can score. Medals will be distributed by point score, but only one diver counts on the team score.
 - B. Average cost for officials at each state meet, including mileage, was \$2000.
 - C. The Board discussed changes to the certification requirements for Level I, Level II and Diving Judges. More revisions will be made for the next meeting, for approval and presentation to the membership.

D. Training - we will work on a standard curriculum for the clinics. Chris will ask Tom Riker to develop a curriculum.

E. Chapters will be encouraged to bring officials from other chapters for training of new officials.

F. We are continuing to discuss training and evaluation requirements for officials.

G. The clinics will be on October 19 at Portland and October 26 at Orono.

V. Chapter Reports - Sandy reported a rumor that Harvey Wheeler has retired from Bowdoin. Beth reported that Eastern Maine awarded two scholarships. Mary reported that on a trip to California she visited Lonie, who is doing well.

VI. The Board approved a \$50 contribution to Maine Special Olympics in honor of Doretta Callahan's son, who was killed in an automobile accident.

VII. The Board discussed developing criteria for honorary membership.

VIII. Next Meeting will be September 9 at 7:00 pm in Waterville.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.