

MSOA EXECUTIVE BOARD

March 11, 2012

- I. In attendance: Chris Branch, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Sandy Zimmerman, Mary Thompson, Beth Drew and Barry Cohen.
- II. The meeting was called to order by Chris Branch, President.
- III. The minutes of the November (revised) and January meetings were approved.
- IV. The Treasurer's reports for January, February and March, 2012 were approved.
- V. Old Business
 - A. It was moved, seconded and voted to reduce the late payment penalty for dues from \$10 to \$5. Jerry will prepare a constitutional amendment for submission to the membership at the clinics to make the reduction in late payment permanent at \$5.
 - B. It was moved, seconded and voted to set dues for 2012-13 at \$45, the same level as the previous year.
 - C. The 2012 Clinics will be held in Portland on October 14 and at UMaine in Orono on October 21 (hopefully). The Board discussed potential clinic topics, including positioning on deck, stokes and diving, with topics to be refined at the first meeting of the fall..
 - D. The Board reviewed the State Meets. Generally, all four went very well. There was discussion of diving panels, in light of comments received at some of the meets. Most disqualifications occurred on false starts (not relay take-offs) rather than strokes or turns. There was also discussion concerning a US Swim official who touched the head of a swimmer at the conclusion of an event, apparently in response to a perceived conduct issue. There are two concerns – physical contact by an official, coupled with the fact that a US Swim official has no jurisdiction at MSOA meets over swimmer conduct. Chris will address this with US Swim (Maine) before the start of the 2012-13 season.

VI. New Business

- A. Chris will propose to the MPA swim committee the video streaming of state meets. Chris will also propose the live listing of state meet event results and team scores on the internet.
- B. The Board discussed a rule interpretation question involving “inactive status” for a MSOA official. Inactive status may be requested at any time during the year.
- C. The Board discussed temporary tattoos, since there is nothing in the rule book prohibiting a swimmer from having a temporary tattoo. The Board noted that MSOA officials are not required to enforce a “rule” not found in the rule book unless the MPA swim committee has implemented a rule in a manner permitted by the rule book. MSOA officials are not required to enforce rules imposed by teams or school districts.

VII. The next Executive Board meetings will be held on September 9 and September 30, 2012 in Waterville at 9:30 am.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned.