

## MSOA EXECUTIVE BOARD

March 21, 2010

- I. In attendance: Barry Cohen, Sandy Labelle, Jerry Crouter, Tom Riker, Sandy Zimmerman, Lonie Brown, Beth Drew, Chris Branch.
- II. The meeting was called to order by Barry Cohen, President, at 9:35 a.m.
- III. The minutes of the January 24, 2010 meeting were accepted as corrected.
- IV. Treasurer's report for February and March, 2010 were accepted.
  - A. Dues – There was discussion of whether dues should be increased to support the costs of website administration. It was moved and seconded to set the 2010-2011 dues at \$20 for MSOA and \$20 for insurance. Approved unanimously.
- V. President's Report
  - A. Barry on behalf of the Board congratulated Lonie on having the state meets dedicated to her.
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Championship Meets – The University of Maine is working on increasing the spectator capacity available for state meets. The board discussed relay awards and the award blocks, in light of the accident at the Class B boys meet. At Y States, a room was set up with televised coverage of the meet to further increase capacity. Spectator numbers were higher for the Class A boys meet than the girls meet. There was discussion of observed swims for US Swimming, which requires two officials observing the swims.
  - B. Amendments to the MSOA Constitution – after extended discussion, it was moved and seconded to recommend to the membership the proposed amendments to the Constitution, with the addition of a letter of recommendation from an officer of the state association for NFHS officials from other states. Approved unanimously.
  - C. There was discussion whether to propose additional amendments to the Constitution that shadowing should be required before an official may serve as Starter and/or Referee, and addressing Honorary certification. It was moved and seconded to require some form of shadowing under the supervision of a Level II official approved by the local chapter president, and to modify the "recommended for" section of Honorary officials, and proposed Constitutional amendments will be included accordingly.

## VII. New Business

- A. Pay Issue – Tom Riker brought to the Board’s attention a delayed payment problem. Chris recommended communicating with Scott Morrison as representative to the MPA Swim Committee who will address the issue with the MPA representatives for communication to the affected school.
- B. Formal Complaint – The Board discussed a formal complaint. The President assigned Jerry Crouter to serve as Chair of the Evaluation Committee to commence an investigation as required by the MSOA Constitution.

## VIII. Chapter and Committee Reports

- A. Chapters reported on events taking place in their Chapter.
- B. Meet Summary Committee – overall, meet summary sheets (71 returned) were satisfactory.
- C. Rules Interpretation
  - 1. Butterfly kick – Sandy Zimmerman raised a question of a “scissor-type” kick in the butterfly, but which is not a flutter. Sandy will write the national federation.
  - 2. Four whistles and backstroker jumps in the water. DQ? If person gets up on the block for a forward start after the four whistles, not a DQ. Unless there is justification (e.g. confusion at the start end), the rule provides for DQ.
  - 3. Swimmer late getting to starting end and enters the water after start of race. Called a false start, not entering the water without permission.
  - 4. Two suits on divers. Sandy Z will refer this to the national federation.
- D. The Peer Review Committee proposed a peer review evaluation methodology for the end of season, involving coaches and officials. After discussion of additional suggestions, it was agreed that the Board will address the proposal at the next meeting.
- E. Clinic Committee – Next year’s clinics will be held on October 17 (South) and 24 (North).
- F. Graphics Committee – Sandy L met with Thomas Branch at the state meet. Jerry will provide the proposed minutes of this meeting, dues (due June 30), constitution, proposed constitution, Executive Board members (and officers).

- IX. A special meeting of the membership will be held on May 2, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in Waterville to address proposed amendments to the MSOA Constitution.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on May 2, 2010 in Waterville immediately after the special meeting.

- X. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.