

MSOA Executive Board

Minutes - March 8, 2014

Waterville Boys/Girls Club

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

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

I. Secretary's Report. Minutes for the January meeting were approved. The Peer Review sheets are coming in, slowly.

II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for January and February, 2014 were approved. We are in the same position as last year.

III. Old Business

A. 2014 State Meet Review - Tuesday meet at Bowdoin was timed finals because of the weather. Some schools in B had to pay for hotel rooms not used because of the shortened meet, and Chris will talk to MPA about trying to make weather-related decisions 24 hours in advance.

B. Diving Review - Many complaints this year about diving judges. Eric is willing to develop the diving video further, but will wait until after the MPA meeting in May.

C. Website has been updated. State results posted live were very popular.

D. NFHS Rule Changes. Scott is presenting recommendations to NFHS at March NFHS meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Season review and clinic preparation:

- Need to think carefully about curriculum for clinics. Need specific checklist for items to cover, many of them basics. Issues involve basic starter obligations, positioning, moving on deck.

- Discussion about substandard officials. Schedulers within the chapters will be encouraged to consider whether and how frequently to schedule officials who are mediocre.

- We will consider a return to closed book tests for moving from Level I to II, and a separate exam for Level I.

- Sandy Z suggested four stations: S&T, Starting, Refereeing and Diving. We will focus carefully on this at a meeting in June.

B. Dues for 2014-15 will be \$45, the same as this year. Late fee will be \$5.

C. We will discuss changing Constitution to require additional time to become a Level II. Jerry will prepare a proposed set of amendments for discussion at the June meeting. Jerry will prepare a new official open book test also for discussion in June.

V. Chapter Reports - None.

VI. Committee Reports - None.

VII. Next Meeting will be on June 11 at 9:30 in Waterville.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05.