

MSOA Executive Board

Minutes – September 9, 2014

Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Chris Branch, Duffy Akerley, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Beth Drew, Barry Cohen, Damon Wilson, Mary Thompson, Sandy Zimmerman Scott Morrison and Rick Grant.

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

I. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting as corrected were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for June and July, 2014 were approved. We are in the same position as last year, which is a good position. Sandy reported that she received a thank-you note from Doretta Callahan.

III. Old Business

A. Peer Review – Chris and Jerry reported on peer review. There were more returns from coaches this year than in past years. The overall return rate remains a challenge, but there were helpful comments for the clinics. Officials rated low will be referred to the Chapter Reps for those chapters. Clinic recommendations included (i) a review of the starting protocol, with emphasis on the second long whistle in the backstroke, (ii) review of dual confirmation on relays, (iii) how a referee should handle a doctor's note, (iv) being sure to treat teams consistently, as in if the start is held for one team because of a swimmer late to the block, the same accommodation must be provided to the other team in a similar situation, and (v) reminder that no-shows or late shows make all of us look bad.

B. Chapter Responsibilities Update. Scott will present at the next meeting.

C. NFHS Rule Changes. Scott reviewed the entire list of rule changes and points of emphasis. 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 the finish.

D. Online Assigner – Scott is working on a demonstration.

IV. New Business

A. Clinic topics and tests for new officials and the veterans were discussed. Jerry and Sandy Z have prepared a Level I test. Duffy will prepare the test for veterans.

B. The Board approved a \$50 sponsorship for the MPA Golf Tournament.

C. MPA Swim Committee - State Meet will probably be timed finals for all 4 meets. A Meets probably will be at Bowdoin (probably Monday-Tuesday in the morning), B at Orono (days and times uncertain), although there is some possibility that all 4 meets will be at Orono. What the diving competition will look like at States is uncertain.

D. The Board discussed and approved constitutional changes, including changes to the certification requirements for Level I, Level II and Diving Judges. Jerry will provide the revised constitution to the membership in advance of the clinics, where the changes will be voted.

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

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

V. Duffy was appointed as the Nominating Committee.

VI. Next Meeting will be September 30 at 7:00 pm in Waterville.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.