

MSOA Executive Board

Minutes – March 8, 2015

Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Chris Branch, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Zimmerman, Mike Chambers, Duffy Akerley, Eric Noftall, Greg Madore

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 9:31.

- I. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the January 25, 2014 meeting were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Reports for January and February, 2015 were approved.
- III. Old Business
 - A. State Meets Review – Bowdoin has no interest in going back to the morning and evening session. The timed finals format lacks the same energy as the prelims and finals format. The 11 dive format with 11 dives in a row is a concern because of the length of diving in the A meets. Possible proposal is to do 8 dives in the early morning with 3 dives after the 50. Another option is to do the diving prelims at an alternate site on a different (and earlier) date from the state meet. There was a bit of a scramble for officials on Wednesday (Boys A was moved because of weather), but it worked out. Next year there may be a reduction from 12 officials to 10 because of cost.
 - B. Diving is likely to change next year, but we are uncertain how. Riverton Pool may eliminate its board, and the status of the Biddeford Y board is uncertain.
 - C. Peer Review – The peer review sheets have been distributed and are being returned, slowly.
 - D. NFHS Rule Changes – Any proposed rule changes should be emailed to Scott.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Season to Date – There were some “odd” issues that came up early in the season, but things settled down as the season went on. Diving judges generally adapted well to the new scoring system. There were some logo issues with Arena suits purchased in Europe.
 - B. Training of officials – There will be a separate diving test next fall, which judges will have to pass to work the conference and state meets. On the regular test, the rule must be cited but is not scored. There was discussion about using the CSOA test format where the rule citation is a separate multiple choice question. We will continue to use a Level I test for new officials.
 - C. Clinics – Chris will work on outlines for clinic issues for Level I, Level II and veterans.

- D. Patches – The Board authorized the purchase of 300 MSOA patches for a cost of \$300 as long as the Treasurer confirms that he budget will support the cost.

- V. Chapter Reports – Central Maine’s year end meeting will be next weekend. SMSOA and York are in the midst of middle school meets.

- VI. An Honorary Members Committee was established with Mike, Sandy Z and Duffy.

- VII. Dues were set for 2015-16 at \$45, the same as last year.

- VIII. The next meeting will be June 9 at 7 PM in Waterville. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.