

MSOA Executive Board
Minutes - November 16, 2014
Waterville Boys/Girls Club

In attendance: Chris Branch, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Eric Noftall, Mike Chambers, Sara Rushton, Damon Wilson

Chris Branch, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30.

I. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the September 30, 2014 meeting were approved. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved, as amended to note that Kristie Adams and Harold Wing were granted waivers.

II. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report for October, 2014 was approved. We are in the same position as last year.

III. Old Business

A. A \$100 donation will be made to each of the swim teams at UMaine and the Portland Y. Jerry to get address for the Y.

B. High School State Meet. Coaches at their meeting asked MPA to reconsider timed finals, but after inquiry to Bowdoin no change will be made to timed finals. Diving scoring has not changed, and diving will be done in full after the 50. Could be more divers because scoring has changed but the qualifying is the same as last year, despite the increase in the scoring ranges.

C. Referees for State Meet are Fran Fox (Boys) and Barry Cohen (Girls) for B, Chris Branch (Boys) and Dean Beaudoin (Girls) for A. Officials' fees for states are the same as last year. Twelve officials per meet. Duffy Akerley is Meet Director for both B meets; Scott Morrison is Meet Director for A Boys; Chris Branch is Meet Director for A Girls.

D. Peer Review - Chris and Jerry have talked to Chapter Reps about raising constructive criticism for those identified as having problems.

E. There was discussion of people who left the clinics early without any stated excuse. The chapter is responsible for addressing those issues directly with the offenders.

F. MPA Observed Swim procedures. For dual meets, must be approved observed swim from USA Swimming at the national level, in writing (email is acceptable). Only need to observe those events where stroke rules are different, like breaststroke and fly touch, breaststroke pull out and backstroke turn. At championship

meet, Meet Director must be notified 24 hours in advance with list of swimmers to be observed and names of officials to be observing.

IV. New Business

A. Test - There were some issues with the test this year. The Level I test was very challenging but was a good learning experience. Newer "veteran" officials have been challenged by the 60 question test.

B. Membership list - The membership was corrected after discussion.

C. Dive of the Week - The list will be posted on the website.

D. If problems occur with Hy-Tek or Colorado, Scott Morrison or Tom Branch can help by phone. Phone numbers are on the membership list.

E. Chris reported on a swimsuit inquiry from Presque Isle. There is no limit on the number of school names or school logos on suits.

V. Chapter Reports - Reports were made by Central Maine, Eastern Maine and SMSOA.

VI. There were no other committee reports.

VII. The next meeting will be January 25 at 9:30 in Waterville. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.