

MCSL Reps Meeting Agenda March 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at EOB at 8:00 pm by Scott Witkin.

Teams not signed in as present: East Gate, Kemp Mill, Long Branch, Olney Mill, Tanglewood, Waters Landing, Willows of Potomac.

Scott Witkin, President, president@mcsl.org

- Welcomes Team Reps and calls meeting to order.

- Discusses PDF that was sent to reps which provided an overview of items normally discussed at the March meeting. If there are questions about any of the items listed, please let the Board know.

- Reviews the agenda order for the meeting.
 - Advertisers
 - Invoices and Budget
 - Rules Proposals

- Drones are not allowed during competition and the following verbiage will be added to the handbook:
"In the interest of safety, all MCSL meets should be considered no drone zones and Team Reps and meet officials should do their best to prohibit the use of drones throughout competitions."
This is a flow down from the recent passage of a USA swimming rule on drones.

- Reminds teams to have a representative attend the April meeting where each Division determines division responsibilities, including Relay and Divisional hosts. Teams not in attendance may end up with a job they do not want.

- Reminder that next month's meeting will be held on April 20th (vice the second Thursday) due to MCPS Spring Break.

Kristine Frohman, Sponsors, ads@mcsl.org

- Please support our advertisers. This evening's presenters:
 - Cassels (tentatively planned to open March 20th)
 - Joe Flaherty
 - Dolfen
 - Metro Swim
 - Swimtopia

Andrew Arai, Treasurer and Handbook, treasurer@mcsl.org

- Advises that all updates to team information should be on the website by **April 7th** in order to be included in the handbook

- Invoices are due by **April 20th**, which is the next MCSL meeting. Note that for 2017, each team received a \$50 discount. Dues will be assessed each year and it's recommended that teams budget \$400 for next year as the discount may not be offered.
 - Dues may be paid this evening or mailed to Andrew at the address listed on the invoice.
- Presents the 2017 budget and reviews items.
 - Vote to adopt the 2017 budget passes

Jim Garner, Rules, rules@mcsl.org

- Jim reviews the proposed rules changes and Rules Committee recommendation on each. Proposals approved will take effect with the 2017 Season.
- **Vote #1 – Swimmer Eligibility and Transferring Teams:** A poll is taken to first determine if Reps are for or against changing the current rule.
 - Vote to keep as is: Does not pass
 - Vote to change (either Option 1 or 2): Passes
- **Vote #2 – Swimmer Eligibility and Transferring Teams--Option 1- Swimmer must apply for Board approval:**
 - Numerous questions were raised regarding the application deadline of 1 May. Marty advised that the Board will be flexible the first year as we understand the new rule will have to be socialized.
 - Vote to approve Option 1: Passes

**With a clear majority voting for Option 1, Option 2 is not brought up for a vote*
- **Vote #3 – Country Club Swim & Dive Association (CCSDA) S&T Clinic reciprocity--S&T judges certified by the CCSDA will be recognized by MCSL:**
 - Vote to approve: Passes
- **Vote #4 – Swimmer Attire for Dual Meets/Divisionals/Relay Carnival--Swimmers are prohibited from wearing a suit or cap bearing the name, insignia, or logo of any team other than the MCSL team they represent:**
 - Questions on the consequence if a swimmer is not seen in other team attire until after their swim.
 - Vote to approve: Passes
- **Vote #5 – Relay Carnival Ribbons awarded for second through sixth place (vice second & third as is the current rule):**
 - Vote to approve: Passes
- **Vote #6 – Signature Requirements for Relay Early Take-Off Violations--The signature of both the Lane Take-Off and Side Relay Take-Off judges is required on the DQ slip for early take-off violations.**
 - Vote to approve: Passes
- **Vote #7 – Require current season's times for seeding dual meets:**

- Question to clarify that times from Time Trials would be included.
- Vote to approve: Does not pass

- Vote #8 – Delete Rule 18.e.ii (Running Starts) for relay exchanges:
 - Questions to clarify the intent of the rule and discussion that running starts for relays does not provide any competitive edge.
 - Vote to approve: Does not pass

- Vote #9 – Distance Change Proposal for 15-18 age group events: A poll is taken to first determine if Reps are for changing the current distance of events.
 - Vote to approve changing the distance of 15-18 events: Does not pass

**With a clear majority opposing any distance change, the proposal to decrease 15-18 events, and the proposal to increase 15-18 events were not brought up for a vote*

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20th, 2017, EOB, Rockville, MD

General meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Reed for Scott Bogren, Secretary