

## MCSL Reps Meeting

### MCSL Reps Meeting Agenda February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at the Rockville Executive Office Building (EOB) at 8:01pm by Kathy Aitken, MCSL President

**Teams not signed in as present:** Bethesda, Tally Ho, Robin Hood, Germantown, King Farm, Hollowell, Rock Creek, Poolesville, West Hillandale

Kathy Aitken, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)

- Kathy welcomed and thanked all the Team Reps to the new MCSL season
- Kathy introduced herself as the new President of the league
- All Board members introduced themselves and the committees they are part of (see MCSL website, under MCSL Executive Board for full listing)

Kristine Frohman, Advertising, [ads@mcsl.org](mailto:ads@mcsl.org)

- Introduced 4 advertisers/sponsors for the evening's meeting
  1. Capital Sport and Swim
  2. JFD
  3. Pools Patios and Porches
  4. Sport Fair
- Please patronize our advertisers throughout the season. They do a terrific job for the MCSL. Our Gold and silver sponsors can also be found on our MCSL website.

Kathy Aitken, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)

- As the outgoing Chair of Records, Kathy gave out 5 certificates for new MCSL records set last season:
  - Bethesda – Kris Lawson, Tally Ho – Phoebe Bacon, King Farm – Joyce Wu, Damascus – Carly Sebring, and Rockville – Adriano Arioti
- Kathy reminded the team reps that MCSL posts all meet results. We have a new statement we are posting on our website and putting in our handbook. This statement can be found at the end of these meeting notes\*. Reps may wish to include this language in their registration materials.

Liz Novatny, Vice President, [rules@mcsl.org](mailto:rules@mcsl.org)

- Liz discussed three proposed rule changes to the league. We will be voting on these proposed rule changes at next month's meeting in March. Please see the main page of the MCSL website for the summary of the three proposed rules changes and supporting documentation.
  - 1. Re-arrange the order of events to follow the order of events at the Coaches LC meet. The Rules Committee is neutral on the proposed rule change.
  - 2. The deletion of section 7.g.ii (waiting list rule for team transfers)

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- 3. Relay Side Take-Off Judge rule change. In last year's rules review, there was a proposed rule change that side take-off judges be certified Stroke & Turn officials. That proposed rule was voted down last year. This year, a different proposal for side take-off judges was submitted. The proposed rule change only covered the Relay Carnival meets; but the first thing the Rules Committee did was to amend it to make it applicable to dual meets and divisionals for fair and consistent judging. Scott Witkin explained the proposed rule change. The proposal is more in line with how USA Swimming performs relay judging. The Rules Committee is in favor of this proposed rules change.
- Liz also told the membership that the Rules Committee is looking to better clarify the swim-up rule (i.e. better wording). This is not a rule change but a clarification.
- Liz reminded the membership of the League's Transfer rule:
  - To transfer from one pool to another, swimmers have to apply within the window of March 15-May 1. Decisions will be made by May 15. The Parent/guardian must fill out the application for transfer. The application for transfer form will be on the MCSL website.
  - This rule was added a few years ago to stop recruiting. Kathy Aitken, MCSL President, clarified and stressed: most of the time transfers are approved without any problem. In the last four years, only one transfer was not approved.
  - If there are families who know they are on a waiting list to transfer, but are not 100% sure, there is no harm in going ahead and applying for transfer. We try to be very flexible with requests for transfer.
  - As a reminder, Team Reps are asked to report to the MCSL any new swimmers who have transferred to their teams. Transferred swimmers are defined as those who swam A meets for a different team the previous summer (not new swimmers to the League or swimmers who did not compete in A meets). The team reps form will be due by June 15.

Liz Novatny, Awards, [awards@mcsl.org](mailto:awards@mcsl.org)

- Team dues pay and cover all A meet awards.
- You will get A meet ribbons (for 1-6<sup>th</sup> place finishes), divisionals and relay carnival awards. Finisher ribbons are not provided.
- A meet ribbons have your team name on it. Liz stressed that they are not for B meets. Please talk to your B reps to ensure the A meet ribbons are not used for B meets (more A meet ribbons will not available to order).
- B meet ribbons are available for order, as are Finisher ribbons. The order form is on the MCSL website.
- If you order B meet ribbons, they will say MCSL on them. They will not have your team name on them.
- Order forms may be emailed to Liz with multiple options available for pick-up (either at her house, upcoming reps meetings, etc.).
- All team dues must be paid before ribbons are given out.

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- Ribbons prices are going up slightly this year. They have not increased in the last 10 years, but due to increases by our vendor, prices will go to \$0.30 per ribbon from \$0.25 per ribbon. The pack of B meet ribbons will cost \$15 per pack.
- Ribbons, awards, DQ cards, handbooks, green books, etc. will all be given out to team reps at the May meeting. **Please make sure you have someone from your team at the meeting in May to pick up your team bag.**
- Extra packs of DQ cards are also available online for \$5/pack.

Beverly Reed, Treasurer, [treasurer@mcsl.org](mailto:treasurer@mcsl.org)

- At next month's meeting, the membership will vote on the proposed budget
- Teams will also receive their annual invoices. Teams may pay their invoices either by check or PayPal (please note that PayPal does have a convenience fee assessed)
- Please email [treasurer@mcsl.org](mailto:treasurer@mcsl.org) if any questions

Scott Witkin, Officials & Clinics, [officials@mcsl.org](mailto:officials@mcsl.org) and [clinics@mcsl.org](mailto:clinics@mcsl.org)

- The official's clinic schedule is now on the MCSL website. Now is the time to look at your officials list. If an official has a 2019 by their name, they are still current in certifications. If there is a 2018 by their name, they are up for renewal. Please reach out to your officials to remind them of the upcoming official's clinics.
- Advanced Referee clinic is available on May 19 (classroom) or on May 28 (online). This is only open to certified referees, not new referees. Participants must be both certified as a MCSL referee and S&T official, with a 2018 or 2019 next to their name to attend. If the referee is Starter certified, attendance at this class will also renew the Starter certification.
- Something new for this year will be a Coaches Clinic. Coaches will still be expected to attend the MCSL June meeting on SafeSport. But a separate coaches clinic will be held to get coaches up to speed on MCSL rules and what they need to do for dual and championship meets. It is targeted for newer coaches or anyone needing a refresh.

Bob Hincke & Eric Smith, Automation, [web@mcsl.org](mailto:web@mcsl.org)

- Every team has a login to the MCSL web page. Please update your team information now. This login is also used to do your scratches for Coaches LC and All Stars.
- If you do not know your team login, please email [web@mcsl.org](mailto:web@mcsl.org).
- On the automation front, now is the time to get your computers out and make sure they work. The league may upgrade this year to Meet Manager 8.0.
- If you are not able to find your software from last year, email [automation@mcsl.org](mailto:automation@mcsl.org).
- There will be two MCSL automation clinics on May 27 and June 3, 6:30 pm at KSAC. This information is on the MCSL website. Please pass this to your automation leads.

Jim Garner, Rules & Competition, [rules@mcsl.org](mailto:rules@mcsl.org), [competition@mcsl.org](mailto:competition@mcsl.org)

- As a reminder, MCSL is a tax-exempt organization (501c3). Teams that wish to give out MCSL hours need to email Jim with the following information: what the kids will be

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doing, plus copy of the team's liability insurance. Jim will then send the EIN number that can be used for granting SSL hours. SSL info should be sent to Jim no later than June.

- Now is the time to find and test your Colorado starter. Please take it out, plug it in and ensure it is working. MCSL will be placing a league order for new starters and accessories in May so they are here for time trials. Jim will provide pricing at the next meeting.
- To clarify: the MCSL EIN number may only be used by member teams for SSL hours, nothing financial

Kristine Frohman, Secretary, [secretary@mcsl.org](mailto:secretary@mcsl.org)

- Please remember to update your team information on the MCSL website. The distribution lists for all team rep emails and communications comes from the MCSL website.
- Please sign in on the sign-in sheet for attendance purposes

Jessica Moore, SafeSport, [safesport@mcsl.org](mailto:safesport@mcsl.org)

- Safe Sport is in place for the safety of our minor athletes
- There are three policies up on the MCSL website that team reps can review

Kathy Aitken, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)

- Kathy noted that Swimmingley is a vendor which has an automated timing system (using cell phones)
- They were a Gold sponsor of the league last year; they have indicated preliminarily they will not be returning as a sponsor this year
- Teams should know that we are not currently able to use the Swimmingley system for A meets. Teams are free to do what they want for B meets
- We will also have final logistics for divisions N & O by next month, once we know final number of teams in the league

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2020 EOB, Rockville, MD

General meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristine Frohman, Secretary

### **\*New Language on Posting of Meet Results:**

By virtue of participating as an athlete in the Montgomery County Swim League, a swimmer's name, age, and gender may appear on the league web site and/or in other league and/or team published materials, including, but not limited to, any of the following: weekly meet results, league all-star rankings, and MCSL invitational meet psych sheets and meet programs.