

## **MCSL Reps Meeting Agenda February 11, 2016**

**Meeting called to order at EOB at 8:02 pm by Scott Witkin**

**Teams not signed in as present: Ashton, Bannockburn, Clarksburg Town Center, Franklin Knolls, Germantown, Hallowell, Hillandale, James Creek, Kemp Mill, Lakelands, Little Falls, Long Branch, Norbeck Hills, Olney Mill, Parkland, Quince Orchard, River Falls, Tallyho, Tanglewood, Tanterra, West Hillandale, Willows of Potomac**

**Scott Witkin, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)**

- Welcomes Team Reps and calls meeting to order. Thanks returning Team Reps and welcomes new Team Reps. Introduces members of the Board.

**Scott Bogren, Advertising Chair**

- This evening's presenters include Splendid Portraits, Swimtopia and Zone Swimwear

**Scott Witkin, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)**

- We remain a 91-team league. Scott will work directly with Division O on their schedule.

**Andrew Arai, Treasurer and Handbook**

- Next month we will distribute invoices and approve the league budget.
- Urges Team Reps to update their information on the MCSL website. Try to do so well before the April meeting.

**Jim Garner, Rules, [rules@mcsl.org](mailto:rules@mcsl.org)**

- Goes through each of the proposed rules changes (see attached document).
- These rules proposals (see attachment) will be discussed and voted upon at the March meeting.
- Please check your starting equipment now.

**Scott Witkin, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)**

- Clinics that we have booked are on the website.
- The Advanced Referee course will again be offered on-line, but it is not on the web site yet.
- Please check your officials' lists, the officials database is now live on the website. Any official with a "14" or earlier needs to recertify.

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

- Please make sure your team is represented at the May meeting when we distribute ribbons, handbooks and meet management books.
- We will soon have live on the website a B meet ribbon order form.
- Distributes all-star awards from 2015 season that weren't picked up.

**Kathy Aitken**

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- Advises Team Reps to get familiar with the Meet Managers book (available on the MCSL website).
- New Meet Management book will be distributed at the May Team Reps meeting.
- Check your meet equipment and your meet officials' certifications.
- All officials clinics will take place before the first A meet this season.

### **Marty Cohen, Competition**

- Discusses progress on replacing the Rockville pool scoreboard

### **Bob Hincke, Automation, [web@mcsl.org](mailto:web@mcsl.org)**

- Clinics are scheduled for June 1 and June 8.
- Software for the coming season will be the same as last season.
- Please check your laptops and software.
- We will supply Meet Manager 4.0 to every team.
- Meet Manager 4.0 does work with Windows 10.

### **Around the Horn**

- Eric reminds that teams can advertise for a coach and for B meets on the MCSL website.
- Scott covers what Team Reps can expect for the March meeting — votes on rules and budget.

### **NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2016 EOB, Rockville, MD**

*General meeting adjourned at 8:45.*

*Minutes submitted by Scott Bogren, Secretary*

# Proposed 2016 MCSL Rules Changes

1. For the Divisional Meet, who is responsible for automation.

13.n. Meet program/heat sheet and lane/timer sheets. At the conclusion of the seeding meeting, each team should receive a copy of the heat sheet for the meet listing the lane and heat of each of the team's swimmers. The team that the Division chose to do automation or if no team was selected then the home team shall print the paper copy, if there are hand changes, and the disk (or equivalent compatible device) of each team's meet entries to produce the heat sheet/program and lane/timer sheets.

2. Change age-up date from 6/1 to 5/31 (effective for 2017 season).

9.a. Age of swimmer. A swimmer shall compete for the MCSL season at the age he or she is on May 31. Since MCSL is an age-group, developmental league, swimmers should compete in their own age group (e.g., an 11 year old in the 11-12 age group).

3. Swim-up rule clarification.

9.b. Swim up rule. If a team has fewer than four swimmers of the correct age and gender in an age group expected to be available to swim at the time entries are exchanged and all the entered swimmers not scratched are maxed out on entries (see example below), the team may swim a younger swimmer in an older age group ("swim up") if all of the following apply:

4. MCSL to supply 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbons for dual meet relays and for all relay teams at Divisionals.

11.u. Awards. Ribbons in individual events for the first six places with duplicates for ties. For relays, ribbons for the first four places with duplicates for ties.

13.v. Awards. In individual events, MCSL medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd; ribbons for 4th, 5th and 6th. In relay events, MCSL medals for 1st; ribbons for 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>; ribbons for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th. Duplicates awarded for ties.

5. Timeliness of DQ processing?

18.c. Timeliness. The referee shall get the DQ card to the coach for signature before the next event begins. The DQ card then becomes part of the official record of the meet.

In Guide for Officials (the timeliness is covered in Rules):

12.j. The referee shall review all disqualifications by stroke and turn judges or take-off judges and if he or she concurs, sign the DQ slips and see that they are officially recorded in the meet results. The referee must have the DQ slip signed by the designated person from the affected team as an acknowledgement of notification (not

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necessarily agreement, however). In the event the team designee declines to sign the slip, the referee may make such a notation

6. Use of Video Cameras for review of DQs or order of finish.

18.a new, renumber rest to 18.b through 18.g.

18.a. Use of Video equipment for verifying or over-turning of Disqualifications or Order of finish is prohibited.

7. MCSL Advanced Referee Clinic – also include Starter..

8.d.i. MCSL certification. An individual must attend a position-specific MCSL clinic to be certified as a referee, starter or stroke and turn judge. To maintain certification, he or she must attend an MCSL clinic in that position once every two years. A referee must also be currently certified as a stroke and turn judge. Currently certified referees may maintain their stroke and turn, referee and starter (only if currently a certified starter) certifications by attending the Advanced Referee Clinic.

8. Keeping meet results. Already in Rule Book.

11.v.ii. Kept by home team. The home team retains the following until the end of the season:

1. Each team's meet entries as marked by the clerk(s) of course at the scratch meeting.
2. Cover sheet signed by representatives of both teams that includes the score and the names of all meet officials.
3. Relay cards.
4. Lane/timer sheets.
5. DQ cards.
6. Printed copy of the meet results.

9. Teams not providing their fair share of Officials for All Star Relay Meet and All Star Individual Meet may be barred from swimming at the discretion of the Chairman of the Competition Committee and with endorsement of the majority of the MCSL Board.

Add new 17.a and 18.a and renumber the remaining for both All Star Relay Meet and All Star Individual Meet.

17.a. and 18.a. Teams are expected to provide volunteers for this meet roughly in proportion to the number of entries they have in the meet. Failure to do so may result in the team being barred from the meet. This will be determined by the Chairman of the Competition Committee and endorsed by the majority of the MCSL Board.