

## **MCSL Reps Meeting Agenda February 21, 2019**

**Meeting called to order at EOB at 8:02 pm by Andrew Arai**

**Teams not signed in as present:** Bethesda, Mill Creek Towne, Robin Hood, King Farm, Flower Hill.

**Andrew Arai, President, [president@mcsl.org](mailto:president@mcsl.org)**

- Welcomes Team Reps to the 2019 season and introduces himself.
- All Board members introduce themselves and their roles on the Board.

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

- We will have sponsors attend each meeting to talk about their services/product.
- Introduces six advertiser/sponsors for the evening's meeting:
  - Capital Sport and Swim
  - Dolfon Swimwear
  - Agon Swim
  - Panama Jack
  - Sportfair
  - Swintopia

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**Liz Novatny, Treasurer, [treasurer@mcsl.org](mailto:treasurer@mcsl.org)**

- The current bank balance is about \$39,000 after paying for the scoreboard last year.
- Invoices for annual dues and All-Star splash fees will be distributed at the March meeting and are due in April (but must be paid no later than May.)
- In order to pick-up your team's bag in May, your dues must be paid!
- Teams will now have the option to pay dues via PayPal. In addition to the dues, a 3% convenience fee will also be incurred. For example, if your team only owes dues (\$400), the total cost would be \$412.

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

- Liz discussed the difference between "A" meet and "B" meet ribbons. "A" ribbons should not be used for "B" meets or you will run out and not have enough for your home "A" meets.
- The order form for B Meet ribbons and MCSL Finisher ribbons is available on the MCSL website. Fill out and submit on-line. Orders *must* be paid in full before or at the time of pick-up.
- Be sure to send a rep to the May meeting as the "A" Ribbons and other items will be distributed at that time.
- Extra DQ cards will now be available for sale in packs of 100 cards. You will be able to place your order via the ribbon order form.

**Kathy Aitken, Rules, [rules@mcsl.org](mailto:rules@mcsl.org), [records@mcsl.org](mailto:records@mcsl.org)**

- Kathy reviewed the four rule changes. The Board will take questions to clarify the proposed changes, but no discussion or debate until the March meeting. Please socialize with your teams. Reps will vote on the rule changes in March.
  - **Proposal #1a** - Improve staffing of Relay Carnival for take-off exchanges
    - Recommend use of 4 side take-off judges (like PVS), vice lane take-off judges and opposite end take-off judges.
    - Take-off judges would be certified S&T officials.
  - **Proposal #1b** – Propose that the timer with the dual role of timer/TO judge be a certified MCSL S&T official.
    - ◇ *Rules Committee – Not in favor of the proposals.*
    - ◇ *Coaches Advisory Committee – Not in favor of the proposals.*

*[Note: 1a and 1b will be voted on separately]*
  - **Proposal #2** – Recommend that the “A” meet Order of Events be changed so they are completed in ascending age order by type of event (mirroring the order used at Coaches Long Course.) This would allow more rest time for swimmers, will be easier to follow and track, and will decrease the movement of timers.
    - ◇ *Rules Committee - Will be tabled this year, but Reps should discuss with their Coaches and team. Will consider the rule change in 2020.*
    - ◇ *Coaches Advisory Committee – In agreement of discussing this year and voting on the change in 2020.*
  - **Proposal #3** - Recommend that the swimmer’s name be included on the DQ card to eliminate errors in recording which swimmer received the disqualification.
    - ◇ *Rules Committee – Not in favor of the proposals.*
    - ◇ *Coaches Advisory Committee – Not in favor of the proposals.*

*[Note: Should this rule change pass, any old DQ cards used at meets will need to include both the athlete and team names when submitted to automation.]*
  - **Proposal #4** – Recommends changing the scoring of the freestyle events and limiting a team to scoring points for 3 positions (any finish in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place). This will limit a team’s ability to score by sweeping all five scoring positions. Ribbons would still be awarded for the order of actual finish, only the points would change.
    - ◇ *Rules Committee – In favor of proposal.*
    - ◇ *Coaches Advisory Committee – In favor of proposal.*
- Kathy reminded Team Reps about the Team Transfer rule.
  - Familiarize yourself with Rule 7, particularly 7g & 7h (page 62 in the 2018 MCSL handbook).
  - The transfer application window will open 3/15/19 and close 5/1/19. If we find there is a need to extend the window, we have some flexibility to do so.

### **Scott Witkin, Clinics**

- Reminded the Reps to check the team's officials list to see who has expired and will need to attend a clinic this year to re-certify (a 2017 or earlier date). The clinics are listed on the website under the "Officials Certification" tab. Please get the word out to your officials.
- All clinics will occur prior to the first "A" meet. There will be **no additional clinics** once they have concluded!!
- Clinics Schedule:
  - Advanced Ref clinic: Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm @ Olney.  
The on-line Advanced Ref Clinic will be scheduled the following week, date TBD.
  - Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> & June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am @ Olney – Referee, Starter, Stroke & Turn.
  - Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm @ Flower Hill -- Stroke & Turn only.
  - Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm @ Connecticut Belair -- Referee and Starter only.
  - Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm @ Germantown – Stroke & Turn only (last clinic!)

### **Eric Smith, Automation, [web@mcsl.org](mailto:web@mcsl.org)**

- Eric reminded Team Reps to test their computers and software before the season begins.
- Every team should have an MCSL log on. If you do not, send an email to [web@mcsl.org](mailto:web@mcsl.org) to obtain one
- MCSL will be using Meet Manager 4 – the same as last year.
- Automation training will be held at KSAC on the following dates:
  - May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **Beverly Reed, Secretary, [secretary@mcsl.org](mailto:secretary@mcsl.org)**

- Reminded Reps to sign in on the attendance sheets at their tables.
- Update Team contact information on the website. Email lists are generated from that information and if not updated, the wrong people will continue to receive the messages.

### **Around the Horn**

- Colorado Orders -- Jim Garner reminded the Reps to check their starters to see if everything works. Let him know if you need a new starter, tripod, microphone, etc. Email [rules@mcsl.org](mailto:rules@mcsl.org). He is waiting to hear back on prices but should be similar to last year. Orders will be placed in May so that the equipment arrives prior to Time Trials.
- Jim also reminded Reps to please help us put tables and chairs back in their places and pick up any items left from the meeting.
- Gabe Ossi – advised new reps to become familiar with the "Meet Management" section of the Green Book. New copies will be distributed in May, but if you need one, it can be found on the MCSL website.

### **NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2019 EOB, Rockville, MD9**

*General meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.*

*Minutes submitted by Beverly Reed, Secretary*