

WMSL Winter Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 25

1. September 25, 2017
2. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM Monday, September 25, 2017.
3. Officer's Report:
 - a. Secretary: update contact information, last season meeting minutes on the website
 - b. Treasurer: See Kris Smith's budget handout
 - c. Medals are here - grab them - would like to get rid of old medals from years past.
 - i. Move to use leftover non-dated medals for bronze medals. Look for them in the bunch.
 - ii. Motion seconded by Brandon
 - iii. ***Motion approved***
4. Review of League Guidelines for the Winter
 - a. Winter - 13/14 scoring must be agreed upon by both clubs.
 - b. Turn in entries on time for conference meets.
 - c. Look into practicing whistle starts with Home Meets.
 - d. By Laws and Policies are up to date.
 - e. Reminder that new start time to qualify for an A cut begins on October 1, rather than December. Qualifying times can be made in non WMSL meets, but the athlete must participate in at least one WMSL meet to be able to participate in the A meet (and also have the qualifying time).
 - f. Brandon Converse suggested that the summer A meet possibly be moved forward due to the lateness of the meet, and the close time proximity to the 12 and under state meet. It also conflicts with other local summer meets. The meet was approved and the times were used for State Meet this summer, but no guarantee that they will be considered next year under the same circumstances.
 - g. Jim from MLA suggested the possibility of 8 and under Mixed Relays. This evolved into a discussion on how to increase relay participation in the younger underrepresented age groups.
 - h. A motion was made to add 8 and under Mixed Relays at both the A and B Championship meet by Eric Talsma. The mixed relays must consist of two genders. This will constitute a C heat. This is a one season trial for the winter and we will see how it works. The 8 and under can only participate in one medley relay.
 - i. Motion seconded by Kris Smith.
 - ii. ***Motion was approved for this one year trial.***
 - i. A motion was made by Alex Brinks to move all 8 and under events to the B meet, and there will be no 8 and under events at the A meet. The A meets youngest age group will be 10 and unders. An 8 and under must make a 10 and under cut to qualify for the A meet. The 8 and unders would be split into A and B swimmers at the B meet so they can have appropriate competition.
 - i. Motion was seconded by Mike Cutler.
 - ii. Motion was open for Discussion
 - iii. Ian Kobes made a motion to table Alex Brinks' proposal and encouraged Alex to submit in written form prior to the next WMSL meeting.
 - iv. Alex seconded the motion.
 - v. ***Ian's motion was approved and Alex's previous motion was tabled.***

5. League dues: \$5/swimmer.
6. Follow NHSF new 2017-2018 Swim/Dive Rule Book.
 - a. Using new starting dates for Fall Season.
 - b. A meet packet to be distributed by the first group of duals. Mo doing great here!
 - c. New Business Email to president 30 days prior to the Meeting date so I can distribute items for the meeting ahead of time.
7. Championship Meets
 - a. A Meet Hosts:
 - i. MLA will take the 11-14 Friday night session (2/9).
 - ii. KAC will host the 10 and under session on Saturday (2/10).
 - b. B meets Hosts (2/3)
 - i. Hamilton
 - ii. Northview
8. Winter Invites:
 - a. Jenison: Wildcat Winter Invite - December 28. USA Approved.
 - b. Zeeland: Zeeland Classic - December 16. USA Approved.
 - c. KAC: Rock the Blocks - December 2. USA Approved.
 - d. Hudsonville: The Holiday Meet - December 9. USA Approved.
9. Adjournment