

WMSL Winter Meeting 2018-2019

Monday, September 24, 2018, at 7pm at Hudsonville High School

1. WMSL winter meeting clubs missing – Fremont (Marissa Lindahl), Manistee (Brooke Lee), MLA (Jim Whitehead)
2. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM on Monday, September 24, 2018
3. Officer's Report:
 - a) Secretary (Nicole Redder): update contact information, last season meeting minutes are distributed
 - i. Meeting Minutes from winter 2017-2018 are approved
 - b) Treasurer (Kristen Smith): see treasurer's report
 - i. Financials are 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 at home dual meets
 - d) League By-laws should be updated to reflect the age up dates. The Bylaws still reflect the old language of Dec. 1 and June 1, and the language should reflect Day 1 of the Championship meets as it is stated in the policies. Suggestion: You could have your "age up" swimmers swim at that age the entire season by setting up in Hy-tek.
 - i. League By-laws have been updated. Article VI. E. Cut-Off Dates-- A swimmer's age is determined by the first date of the A Championship meet.
5. League Dues (\$5/swimmer)
6. Follow NHSF new 2018-2019 Swim/Dive Rule Book
7. New Business
 - a) All proposals must be submitted 14 days in advance of the W.M.S.L. seasonal meeting. It must be sent to all representatives no less than 10 days prior to the meeting date. Any proposal presented at the meeting not following this procedure may not be voted on at that meeting unless it would jeopardize the operation and finances of the WMSL.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
 - ii. League By-laws have been updated.
 - b) Proposal for no tech suits for athletes 12 and under. Discussion of how we would police tech suits, due to the large amount of tech suits on the market. USA swimming is also trying to create a definition for the tech suits. Good discussion promoting the ban of these suits for 12 and unders, the league unanimously favors the banning of tech suits, but at this time are unsure of how to police this ban. We will wait to hear what USA swimming leads with.
 - i. The motion is tabled for future discussion.
 - ii. If USA swimming does define the ban, Ian proposes an electronic vote amongst the WMSL members on this topic.
 1. Motion passed Unanimously.
 - c. Mid-Season transfer discussion:
 - i. This applies to swimmers that participate in a meet with one team, and then transfers to another club within the WMSL.
 - ii. Proposal was that the swimmer is unattached for 120 days per USA swimming rules.
 - iii. Proposal that the swimmer must swim a meet with a team to use that time at the A meet.
 - iv. Formal proposal to be written by Caroline Clement of JAWS to be voted on electronically 14 days after the formal proposal is submitted.
8. A Meet 2 Host Sites, 2 B Meet Host Sites
 - a) B Meets Date and Location: Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Hamilton, Northview

- b) A meets Date and Location: Friday, February 8, 2019 at 11- 14 West Ottawa
Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10 and Under Zeeland

Separate start dates on each date for Age Up.

9. Winter Invites

- a) Kentwood Rock the Blocks December 1
- b) WMS December 15 Zeeland Classic
- c) Jenison Wildcat Winter Invite December 27
- d) Hudsonville January 4

10. Teams that lack representation at the WMSL meeting will be put in a division together and will determine their schedules independently.

11. Leagues:

- a) Jenison, Byron Center, Grandville, Hudsonville
- b) Rockford, Ludington, Calvin, Grand Rapids
- c) Northview, Wayland, Kentwood, East Grand Rapids
- d) West Ottawa, Zeeland, Grand Haven, Hamilton
- e) Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics, Manistee, Fremont