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| Committee Name: | Board of Directors | Session #: | Report #: |
| Committee Chair: | Nadine Day | Vice Chair: | n/a |
| Minutes recorded by: | C.J. Rushman | Date/time of meeting: | 03/25/2013 at 8:30 pm EDT |

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA – To approve the over budget request for the Open Water Insurance Surcharge Rebate Program as presented by the Finance Committee.**
2. **MSA to approve the February 25th Board of Directors minutes.**
3. **Motion to Table the discussion of the waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships until further cost analysis has been completed.**
4. **MSF – to disallow non-sanctioned events posted on the USMS site.**
5. **MSA to approval of the USMS Electronic Media Communication Policy.**

Number of committee members present: 20

Absent: 8

Number of other delegates present: 0

Committee members present: Nadine Day – President; called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. EST. Also present were: C.J. Rushman –Secretary, Dave Diehl-VP of Programs, Michael Heather -VP of Administration, Ralph Davis- Treasurer, Patty Miller-Legal Counsel, At-Large Directors; Chris McGiffin (Colonies), Phil Dodson (Great Lakes), Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket Zone), Maria Elias Williams (Dixie), Hugh Moore (Northwest), Jim Clemmons (Oceana), Phil Whitten (Southwest Zone), Jill Gellatly (South Central), Jeff Gudman – USA Swimming Liaison to USMS, Executive Director - Rob Butcher; Past-Presidents, Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout, Rob Copeland, and Ted Haartz.

Not present: At-Large Directors; Jody Smith-VP of Community Services, Ed Tsuzuki- VP of Local Operations, and Past Presidents: Tom Boak, Dan Gruender, Mike Laux and June Krauser. Mel Goldstein is recused from BOD due to contractor position with USMS. Jeff Moxie -Immediate Past President has been granted temporary leave from the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM EDT.

As recorded by vote through email; **MSA – To approve the over budget request for the Open Water Insurance Surcharge Rebate Program as presented by the Finance Committee.**

MSA to approve the February 25th Board of Directors minutes.

President's report: Nadine conducted the annual visit with the national office. Rob B and Nadine met and discussed his annual review; the BOD has already approved his bonus for 2012. Rob B and Nadine will be working on further developing communication with staff and volunteers.

1) OPEN WATER discussion regarding the relationship USMS want to take with Open Water. USMS supports open water and wants to continue to offer and support events for the members. The Open Water committee is progressing forward with safety education webinars, which will be hosted April 7, 21 and May 5th by Jim Wheeler. The Open Water committee is also progressing with safety officials at open water events and will be updating and asking the BOD for approval by the next BOD conference call in April. Chris asked if fees can be assessed based on the risk level of the event. Rob B said that was discussed with the underwriter.

1a) There was a recommendation to the BOD from the Long Distance Committee to Waive the USMS insurance surcharge for the 2014 USMS OW Championships. The explanation: USMS does collect a national championship per swimmer surcharge, the 2014 bids have already been awarded; the LDC has to inform the 2014 bidders and wants to start approving the safety plans and initiate the sanctioning process. **Motion to Table the discussion of the waiver of the USMS insurance surcharge 2014 USMS OW Championships until further cost analysis has been completed.**

1b) Discussion on allowing NON Sanctioned events on the USMS Events Calendar. Some LMSCs have policy that does not allow non-sanctioned events on their LMSC calendar and the LMSC sanction's chair approves the posting of the event on the USMS calendar. Can USMS post the event on the USMS Calendar without support from the LMSC? **MSF – to disallow non-sanctioned events from being posted on the USMS site.** However, we need to ensure that there is NO perception that USMS is hosting the event or even supporting the event.

Discussion regarding sanction issue in an LMSC allowing NON USMS and NON USA Swimming participants in conjunction with a USMS Sanctioned event and best way to handle going forward. Patty will discuss situation with the underwriter and report back to the Board regarding the risk assessment by April 8th.

2) **MSA to approval of the USMS Electronic Media Communication Policy.**

3) FINA Masters Legislation Issue Update on Unattached Swimmers – Chris gave brief update where issue stands with Registration.

4) IT Update for the BOD – CJ & Chris gave an updated on the project overview. They will be conducting a second call this week with registration committee to talk about timing of up-coming testing and programming bug tracking needs.

5) Governance Update – No report filed.

6) February Financials: Please follow up with Susan your weekly volunteer hours for 2012.

7) Other Old Business – none discussed

8) Other NEW Business;

- Nadine brought up there was recommendation from the National Office to use the term “workout groups” versus “chapters”. This was deferred to the April agenda.

The next Board of Directors call will be April 8th at 8:30 pm EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 PM EDT.