

MCSL Reps Meeting

February 8, 2024

Teams present (by abbreviation): A, ARH, B, BE, C, CA, CB, CCR, CG, CLK, CLM, CS, CTC, D, DA, DF, DT, FH, FM, FO, FV, G, GER, GM, GP, H, HA, IF, JC, K, KFM, KL, KM, LB, LF, LM, MB, MCF, MCT, MM, MO, MS, MW, NCC, NGV, NH, NMC, NO, NWB, OF, OG, OM, P, PA, PGL, PL, PLT, PW, QO, QV, RC, RE, RF, RH, RS, RV, SB, SG, SL, SO, TA, TB, TF, TH, TN, TW, UC, W, WCF, WG, WHI, WL, WLP, WM, WTL, WWD (86 teams in attendance). Poplar Run was also in attendance.

Absent: EW, FR, LLD, PO

The meeting was convened by MCSL President Kristine Frohman at 8:03 p.m. Approximately 136 reps were present.

Board members introduced themselves to the reps. The new officers for this year (voted after last season) are Kristine Frohman (President), Jessica Moore (Vice President), Rebecca Fayed (Treasurer), and Tom Allison (Secretary). Other board members Liz Novatny, Scott Witkin, Eric Smith, Jim Garner, Tom Lang, Marcie Ament, Andrew Arai, Gabe Ossi. Tom Donley was not able to attend.

Sponsor presentations:

Elli from SwimTopia. Swim team management software. Over 65% of teams in MCSL use SwimTopia. There is a promotion for new teams. See www.swimtopia.com for more info.

Enser from Sport Fair. Points of contact are Gary or Enser. On-site appointments are offered for sizing. Suits, goggles, special equipment are offered. Graphic designer is available, complementary for teams using Sport Fair. E-commerce store available. See www.sportfairusa.com. Popup store at Old Farm this summer. Email sales@sportfairusa.com or enser@sportfairusa.com.

Michael Morris for Capital Sport and Swim (Kensington). Wide variety of services. Mike was cut off and we hope he will be able to return next month.

Stephanie (National Sales Manager) from Dofin. Stephanie is supporting local vendors of Dofin products including some of our advertisers. Discounts are available through local vendors. New prints, etc. Lots of options including red, white, and blue for the Olympic year.

Thank you for supporting our sponsors! Reach out to Marcie (ads@mcsl.org) for more info.

President's Update – Kristine Frohman

Proposed New Team in MCSL

Tobii Mason presented information about the Poplar Run Penguins. This team has been partnered with Middlebridge since 2019. They have hosted many A and B meets, Relay Carnival, and Divisionals. Currently Poplar Run has more than 60 swimmers and more than 4 officials. They have team reps, a treasurer, and automation ready to go as well as timers, etc. A breakdown of age groups was presented. Their HOA is supportive. They have funding for team equipment. They are enthusiastic about joining MCSL.

Kristine Frohman: This plan has been in process for some time (prior to covid). There was always a plan to split from Middlebridge on the part of both teams. The board supports Poplar Run's bid to join the league.

A vote was held via Google Forms. The result of that vote was in favor of Poplar Run being admitted into MCSL. Welcome Poplar Run!!!

The division assignments including Poplar Run were presented by Eric Smith. The changes in the division assignments were presented by Kristine. Division O is a 7 team division. The board has a recommended schedule for competition. The reps from division O teams were invited to stay online after the meeting for further discussion.

The updated division assignments will be posted to the website shortly.

Future meetings

The May meeting will be held in person. All other meetings will be held via Zoom.

Vice President's Report – Jessica Moore

Proposed Clarifications and Rule Changes

An additional rule 7.m is proposed to be added to clarify the relay composition requirements for events 10 & 11 in the Relay Carnival. The current rule 7.m will become rule 7.n.

Rule 19.a will be modified to more clearly state the responsibility of the referee regarding protests.

The first proposed rule change addresses the process by which CCSDA stroke and turn officials transfer to MCSL. They will be required to take the same test as MCSL stroke and turn officials. A sentence will be added to rule 8.d.6 to this effect.

The second proposed rule change would prohibit swimmers 12 and under from wearing technical suits. The new language in rule 2.e.12 would align with USA Swimming rules. Rule 2.f adds rule 2.e.12 to the penalty for suit violations.

Discussion on the new suit rules:

- Suits with the green checkmark are allowed.
- Suits worn for religious reasons are allowed by MCSL. This rule would not affect this.

The proposed rule changes will be voted on during the March meeting. Clarifications do not require a vote. The slides presented by Jessica are included with these minutes.

Transfer Window

The transfer is open now. You do not need approval to transfer if you have moved, if you did not swim at an A meet last year, or your former pool is no longer in MCSL. Transfer decisions are made by the board on a rolling basis and are final. Information is available via the website.

Treasurer Report - Rebecca Fayed

The budget will be presented and voted on at the March meeting.

Awards - Liz Novatny

A meet ribbons are supplied by MCSL and will be distributed at the May meeting (this is why we meet in person). B meet ribbons are available for sale through MCSL. This is optional. Liz is happy to answer any questions (awards@mcsl.org). B meet ribbon information will be available on the website on March 1st. Tom Donley will handle B meet ribbons and these can be picked up at his house like last year.

Clinics – Scott Witkin

The clinic schedule is posted. There will be in-person stroke and turn and starter clinic offerings. Registration for in-person clinics is available now. Registration for online clinics will be available in April. Dates and locations for clinics are available online now. We are offering 3 clinics per position (2 for advanced referee). This is more than we have ever offered, including a “last chance” clinic. Please make sure to check the website and get your official recertified if needed. We have very little room to offer additional clinics prior to the first A meet, so make sure that your officials are attentive to the schedule and attend a clinic. We do not plan to add additional clinics. Make sure that new stroke and turns officials do not attend a clinic for recertifying stroke and turn officials. The content is different and it is important to attend the correct clinic.

The coaches’ clinic will be held on Sunday, May 19. All coaches MUST attend the first portion of the clinic. We highly encourage coaches and reps to stay for the remainder of this clinic to discuss important information including the website, scratch process, etc. Get this on your coach’s calendar now! Email clinics@mcsl.org or Scott directly if you have any questions.

SSL Hours/Starter Equipment – Jim Garner

Please check your starter unit now. Make sure it is charging correctly and is otherwise in working order. Let Jim know (email at colorado@mcsl.org) if you need any equipment. He will distribute pricing next month. MCSL gets a discount and adds no markup, so this is a great way to purchase starting equipment.

For SSL hours, proof of liability insurance is needed as well as a list of tasks for students seeking SSL hours. Tasks cannot be something you would usually pay for. SSL applications need to be completed each year.

New MCSL Website/Automation – Eric Smith

We are using Meet Manager 8 again this year. If you need a copy, contact Eric (automation@mcsl.org). Check your computers now. Make sure you can run the Meet Manager software.

The automation clinic will be held on Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. There are lots of great videos linked on the website. These are recommended for anyone doing automation.

Make sure your team abbreviation is properly set up in Meet Manager. The new website will not accept results with incorrect team abbreviations. If this is set up correctly, this should not be a problem.

If you have any issues with the new website, send email to Eric (web@mcsl.org).

New division assignments will be available by this weekend.

Only 45 people have logged onto the new website. Please check this now. A password reset is available. Email web@mcsl.org if you have problems.

Please make sure to update your various email addresses on the website. Also, make sure your team URLs are up to date.

The new scratch system will email the coaches and reps, so make sure these email addresses are up to date.

Check the website for B meet information under "Team Announcements." Coach ads are also placed there.

Instagram/Facebook – Rebecca Fayed

Follow swimmcsI on Instagram and Facebook!

There will be a new email address distributed next month for sharing photos, etc.

Closing Remarks

We will be meeting monthly on the second Thursday of the month through July. Meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. See the website for details. This information will also be included in monthly emails from the MCSL Secretary.

The next meeting will be held on March 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Allison
MCSL Secretary