

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Patty Miller	Date/time of meeting:	4/23/2018 8:30pm ET
Minutes recorded by:	Greg Danner		

Actions Taken:

1. Approved: Ratification of email vote approving the March 19, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting minutes.
2. Approved: Nominate the expected USA-S nomination for the FINA Bureau Rep position.

Number of committee members present:	22	Absent:	5	Other Delegates:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Patty Miller - President; Peter Guadagni - VP of Administration; Chris Colburn - VP of Local Operations; Donn Livoni - VP of Programs; Frank (Skip) Thompson - VP of Community Services; Greg Danner - Secretary; Ralph Davis - Treasurer; Maria Elias-Williams - Legal Counsel; At-Large Directors: Tom Moore (Breadbasket); Dave Diehl (Colonies); Rob Copeland (Dixie/Past President); Lianne Crittenden (Oceana); Ed Coates (South Central); Dan Cox (Great Lakes); and Laura Winslow (Southwest); Dawson Hughes - CEO; Past Presidents: Nadine Day (Immediate Past President), Nancy Ridout, Jim Miller, Tom Boak, and Ted Haartz; Dale Ammon (USA Swimming Liaison to USMS).					
Not present: At-Large Directors: Sarah Welch (Northwest); Past Presidents: Jeff Moxie, Mike Laux and Dan Gruender. Mel Goldstein is recused from the Board due to his contractor position with USMS.					
Guests: None.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 pm ET.

1. Agenda review and conflict of interest declarations (Patty): No conflicts reported.
2. Minutes and approval/ratification (Greg): Ratification of email vote approving March 19 Board minutes: **MSA to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. CEO's report (Dawson):
 - a. Membership – As of April, we are 5.8% behind where we were same time last year. This is an improvement over last month, so we're hopeful for a positive trend.
 - b. Winter Fitness Series recap memo issued earlier in the day. Registration for the Summer Fitness Series will begin May 1st. No questions from the BOD.
 - c. CCS – The season concluded with 4,500+ registered swimmers, a success by all accounts. The National Office continues to work on a bridge between CCS and USMS. A survey was issued to CCS members regarding USMS membership.
 - d. USMS Spring Nationals – There are 2,378 registered swimmers, an all-time high. Planning for the UANA Pan Am Championship is on track.
 - e. Local Program Beta – Previously discussed during the Winter BOD Meeting, this will be starting the first week of May in Carmel Valley, San Diego.
 - f. Staffing updates:
 - i. Laura Hamel will be leaving USMS, in a full-time capacity, after Nationals. A job posting will be out soon.
 - ii. A front-end web developer has been hired.
 - g. USMS 3.0 update:
 - i. There was no downtime on critical business functions, but there were bugs. Most bugs were corrected and there have been a variety of functional updates as well.
 - ii. As a reminder, there was a strategic decision to not notify all members before the website upgrade, to not overwhelm the National Office with support requests.
 - iii. Over 5,000 users have created myUSMS accounts without any assistance.
 - iv. For security reasons, the separate (dual) login credentials will remain for users with admin/volunteer access. A communication to those users will clarify that situation.
 - v. Members are encouraged to report existing and new issues to the National Office.
 - vi. Tom Moore stressed the importance of continued communication efforts with the membership.
4. Club structure proposal (Dawson): Dawson posted a memo on this topic and asked the BOD for their level of agreement, list of objections, and so on. Several BOD members contributed to the online discussion prior to today's conference call. The proposal aims to improve club definitions. Rob made a motion to explore new opportunities within USMS programs at the club and member level, which was seconded by Chris. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus is that the existing club

structure needs to be improved for the benefit of the organization. However, the club structure proposal did not garner enough support to proceed in its current form. The Board recognizes that the National Office is working to clarify the club structure from a marketing and membership perspective, but noted some concerns with respect to FINA rules and the necessity for precise communication with our membership. The motion and second was withdrawn and there was no motion with respect to the club structure proposal, but the Board agreed that there is significant value in continuing to consider proposals with a similar intent.

5. Nomination of FINA Bureau Rep (Patty): Background information on a proposed nominee was provided to the BOD. The proposed nominee is expected to be officially nominated by USA-S and will remain confidential until that time. **Motion to nominate the expected USA-S nomination for the position. Approved unanimously.**
6. Nominations to UANA committees (Patty): USMS may nominate a person or persons for the UANA Masters Technical Committee. Mel Goldstein and Jim Miller have served in that role for several years, with Mel being the current chair. Nadine is also on the committee, appointed as the Athletes Representative. Although a tougher route, USMS may also choose to nominate persons for UANA Specialized Commissions - Athletes, Coaches, Sports Medicine, Legal. Zone 3 (USA) gets one person on each. This will be voted on in September. Patty asked for volunteers to be on a task force to accept nominations for vetting. Greg, Chris, and Rob offered to be on that task force. USA Swimming will nominate people for other committees. Patty suggests that by USMS nominating people for committees (other than Masters Technical) on behalf of masters, we could set a precedence for being involved.
7. New business: It was noted that the next BOD meeting will be the last before legislation proposals are needed.
8. The next Board call will be 8:30pm ET on Monday, May 21, 2018. The next EC call will be 8:30pm ET on Monday, May 7, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Danner, Secretary