

MYST Parent Board Meeting
Friday June 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Robert Council, Michaelanne Hendrixon, Ron Komarek, Missi Nadeau, Gary Oxendale, Julie Resterhouse, Mike Resterhouse, Richard Riopelle, Ray Shetterly, Susan Strobel and Chad Veldhouse. Quorum was established.

Treasurer's Report:

Our current balance is \$6452.32. There are no outstanding bills. We are expecting approximately \$1000.00 income soon for our share of profits from the Conference Meet held in February. One visiting team has yet to pay Grand Haven their entry fees. Grand Haven Y's Aquatic Director told Julie that as soon as the team pays, she will write us a check.

Grand Rapid RAYS scoreboard acquisition investigation

Motion: Moved by Gary Oxendale that the MYST Parent Board tentatively pursue the purchase of the Grand Rapid RAYS scoreboard.

Discussion:

Group present discussed the benefits of buying the RAYS' board, as opposed to buying a new system (digital-\$7777.00, Projection screen-\$6000.00 not including the projector, electronic \$18,000+). Group concluded that the three home meets we have, (two at the YMCA and the Pentathlon at MHS) do not warrant such a huge expenditure.

Motion failed.

Many present expressed interest in channeling funds into ways to increase dryland training for our swimmers and to help pay for guest swimming experts to come in and offer clinics.

Another suggestion was to see if the Athletic Director of MHS would accept a donation (\$1000.00 was suggested), in order to guarantee that the Y could rent the pool and concession stand for three meets per year for a fixed price (\$200.00 was suggested) indefinitely. It was pointed out that we would need to know if we would be expected to hand over a portion of our concession profits to the high school as well. It was recommended that this is discussed at the next meeting and a motion is made to take action on this idea.

Special Committee

Motion: Moved by Missi Nadeau to form a special parent committee to explore the use of MYST revenue for the purposes of training supplies/equipment and guest clinic instruction for our swimmers.

Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Susan to have Missi Nadeau serve as chairperson for the aforementioned special committee.

Motion carried.

Michaelanne Hendrixon, Robert Council and Richard Riopelle volunteered their services as committee members. Anyone else interested in serving on this committee should let Susan know. The first meeting will be some time in July. Susan will notify all parents via email.

Date of Pentathlon

Margie has given us either November 1 or November 15 as possible dates for the Pentathlon. Someone mentioned that November 15 is opening day of deer hunting season.

Motion: Moved by Mike Resterhouse to hold the Pentathlon on November 1, 2008.

Motion carried.

New Business

Amendment to Bylaws

It has come to the members' attention that there are term limits for Parent Board Officers (see Article IV, Section 4). Susan noted that she has served for 2 consecutive years as Vice President/Secretary and therefore would be stepping down from this position. In accordance to the Bylaws, Article IX AMENDMENTS, ten members of the parents present signed a petition to permanently abolish term limits for members of the Executive Board and Standing Committee Chairpersons. The revised Article IV, Section 4, will now read: **“The terms of Officers of the Association shall be one year or until their successor is elected. There is no term limit on any office or committee chair.”**

Nominations for Officers for 2008-2009 Season

The following parents have been nominated for office:

President: Mike Resterhouse

Vice President/Secretary: Susan Strobel

Treasurer: Anna Hunt, Julie Resterhouse

Chairperson of Meets and Membership Committee: Lori McCarthy, Merilee Otto, Sandy Neville

Chairperson of Fundraising Committee: Gary Oxendale

Chairperson of Records and Recognition (Publicity/Awards/Banquet)

Committee: Todd Carlson, Ann Bleakley

These names will be posted on the MYST bulletin board until our next meeting in July, when a final vote will be taken. If any nominee wishes to remove his/her name from the ballot, please inform Susan via email. Also, if anyone wishes to add a nomination, please write the name of that person on the list.

Seaway Run Fundraiser

Vicki invited the Swim Team to come to the Seaway Run and do a fundraiser. In the past the team has had a water-dunking booth and has also sold soda etc. to runners and their families. According to Ray, it's been basically a break-even deal.

Motion: Moved by Missi Nadeau not to have a MYST fundraiser at the Seaway Run.

Motion carried.

Special Bylaws Committee

Motion: moved by Mike Resterhouse to create a Bylaws Committee to make recommendations to revise/update the current MYST Bylaws. Gary Oxendale volunteered his services as Chair. **Motion carried.** Additional volunteer committee members include Susan Strobel and Mike Resterhouse.

Announcements

Website

The website is up and running thanks to our volunteer, Ruth Fox. Mike encouraged everyone to use the website to get information on practice times/changes and all meet information.

Payments at Front Desk

We are not sure if the front desk will be handling meet entry fees and other payments for us this coming season. Vicki will hopefully be with us at the next meeting to discuss the set up for fall.

Next Meeting

Susan suggested she check with Vicki before setting the date for the next board meeting-Vicki would like to make sure she can attend. Hopefully the meeting will be the second week in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Susan M. Strobel