



Meeting Minutes – November, 2009

Members Present: Mike Resterhouse, Gary Oxendale, Margie Collison, Luke Seward (YMCA CEO), Jeannette Bytwerk (YMCA Aquatics Director), Amy Barton, and Shari Ralston

Meeting called to order: 6:35 PM

1. October meeting minutes were approved; Motion by Luke, Second by Margie, Passed
2. Pentathlon Update – We are struggling with low entries from teams in our conference. The only confirmed team attending is the Grand Rapids Rays (35 swimmers); Margie’s waiting for the entries from the Grand Haven YMCA and St. Joe. Teams not attending are Lansing, Niles and Sturgis. The parent group agreed that combining the morning and afternoon sessions was financially in the best interest of the team. Mike took the action item of contacting MHS to see if they would reduce the pool rental and custodian fee. Margie took the action item of contacting Sturgis, Niles, and Lansing to verify that they were not attending. MYST will need to consider making this an “open” meet next year to attract some of the area USA and recreation teams. The second weekend in November is traditionally the weekend of a USA meet called the Fall Fiesta hosted by Rockford. If we choose to make it an “open” meet we’ll need to consider moving the date so we don’t conflict with another local meet.
3. MYST is required to have permits issued by the Muskegon County Health Department per a State law in order to operate concession stands serving hot food. Gary Oxendale tried obtaining a 9 month license for \$112 versus obtaining 5 permits at \$32 each. The kitchen at the YMCA did not pass the inspection due to a leaky roof. Luke indicated that the roof will be fixed in early 2010. Until then the team will need to serve pre-packaged and cold food items at meets in order to comply with the State Law.
4. Fundraising – We will not be pursuing the “Muskegon Area Checks”. Two of the twelve area businesses will not be accepting them. As a back up Gary has started the Yonkers program and will also get some Wesco popcorn buckets. In order to keep program costs low, the team needs to generate roughly \$5000/year for expenses not covered by YMCA team fees. Mike took the action item of signing the contract for the Swim-a-thon. MYST will use the

proven USA Swimming program to generate funds. A successful Swim-a-thon could eliminate the need for all additional fund raising for the 2010-11 season (except for another Swim-a-thon). The Swim-a-thon will be Jan. 23 following the Lansing Meet. The event will last till midnight. Kids can be picked up at 10:00 PM and midnight.

5. Team Spirit:
 - a. Team Apparel Sale – we will have the ordering information at the Pentathlon.
 - b. Annual team bus trip – Sturgis. \$10 Swimmer, 47 seats for swimmers.
 - c. Swim-a-thon – January 23.
 - d. Buffalo Wild Wings, Sam's Joint and the Coffee House were suggested to replace the Fricano's Friday that was cancelled due to lack of interest.

6. Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM