

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, August 20, 2018

Mission: *To enrich the lives of our athletes through the sport of swimming by providing safe and inclusive programming in a culture that encourages competitive excellence and personal growth.*

Vision: *Lake Erie Swimming inspiring the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life.*

Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm

Roll Call: **PRESENT:** Chuck Kunsman, Jay Johnson, Paige McCormick, Erin Crabtree, Eileen Bringman, Tom Stacy, Bill Bare, Vince Colwell, Diane Finnerty, Mark Krusinski, Bill Stewart, Branden Burns, Jamie Santa Maria, Pam Cook, Sarah Bennett

Absent: Marianne Russell, Lisa Downing, Mike Milliken, Brian Peresie

Conflict of Interest Declarations: None

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda:

- Additions to Agenda: Approval of Legislative Chair and discussion of Elaine Miller Fund
- **Motion:** Approve the Agenda as amended **PASSED**

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda: **PASSED**

1. Minutes from 2018 June Board Meeting
 - **Motion:** Approve Minutes from the June 2018 Board Meeting **PASSED**
2. Committee Reports for July/August
 - **Motion:** Approve the committee reports **PASSED**

Announcements:

1. Congratulation to Claire Pophal (LESD) for her selection to the World Junior Open Water Championships in Israel
2. Congratulation to all the participants, winners, record breakers for the variety of championships over the last few weeks including TYR Pro Series; Speedo Sectionals, LESI Age Group and Senior Championships, Zone Age Group Championship, Futures, Junior National and National Championships, and NSCA Meet.

Action Items:

1. Approval of 2019 Budget proposal for October HOD, \$1 surcharge to be added
 - Registration is down
 - Expenses are outweighing Income
 - We have added more reimbursements i.e NCSA and Futures
 - Proposing increase surcharge from \$2 to \$3
 - Propose increasing the registration fee by \$5-\$6
 - There are also proposals of decrease in some of the expense amounts in the budget
 - When Sectionals are held locally, the LSC gives the team host \$2500. Should that be put into the budget?
 - Should the sanction fee be waived for Sectionals-legislation will be proposed
 - Propose a surcharge for dual meets
 - **Motion:** Approve the budget for presentation at the HOD as amended removing Sectionals Sanction fees and US Open reimbursement; adding \$2500 given to team hosting Sectionals and increase in athlete Surcharge fee **PASSED**
 - **Discussion:** There were changes to the line items that would reflect a better assessment of expenses based on past expenditures
2. Approval of By Laws Recommendations for HOD
 - **Motion:** Approve recommending to HOD the revised By Laws **PASSED**
 - USA Swimming wants to change their By Laws to streamline their governance. They recommend that the LSCs do the same.
 - **Motion:** Approve Bill Stewart as Legislation Chair pending his registration **PASSED**

Discussion Items:

1. LEAP 3
 - a. LEAP 3 application submitted and under review. Pam anticipates approval by Convention.
 - b. In association with the LEAP program:
 - i. Branding: these are 5 words that describe LESI's mission and vision

- ii. We need to have posted committee minutes. So any committee that meets should send Pam and Chuck minutes
 - iii. Expenditures should also be transparent and a certain amount should go back towards athletes
 - iv. We do not have enough officials as required for LEAP
- 2. Swimposium
 - athletes asked what to discuss, could mention Claire Pophal
- 3. HOD meeting and agenda
 - Discussion schedule of different workshops on the day of HOD
- 4. Elaine Miller funds financial hardship
 - team pays ½ and LSC ½
 - Will FLEX members be eligible to use Elaine Miller funds
 - most swimmers who qualify for Elaine Miller qualify for the Outreach program
 - swimmers doing Elaine Miller are long time swimmers who come to some financial hardship and would still want to continue swimming
 - There is a cap of \$500/swimmer per year.
 - The Board can have a guiding opinion but the committee should be able to discern whether it is appropriate to award the funds to a certain athlete-the Board would prefer to award year round swimmers unless there are extenuating circumstances to award it to a FLEX swimmer

Reports

- 1. Athlete Reps-Jay Johnson and Paige McCormick
 - Athletes not at 20%, Add Sara Bennett plus 4 others as athlete at large
- 2. Coach Reps-Erin Crabtree and Eileen Bringman
 - get 13/14 50's of strokes into championship meets-they are offered at National Meets
- 3. Admin Vice-Chair-Tricia Saum (none)
- 4. Senior-Tom Stacy (none)
- 5. Age Group-Bill Bare (none)
- 6. Technical Planning-Vince Colwell
 - Scheduling Committee will be meeting and bids for LC will be due soon
- 7. Zone Chair-Lisa Downing (none)
- 8. Treasurer-Diane Finnerty (none)
- 9. Finance-Mark Krusinski (none)
- 10. Legislation-Bill Stewart (pending his registration)
 - revise policies and procedures
 - Board to become smaller per USA Swimming
- 11. Safety-Branden Burns (none)
- 12. Officials-Bob Martens
 - Regarding Official Qualifying Meets (OQM), the Evaluator's travel expense should be covered. Team is required to shoulder half of the expense while the other half is paid by the LSC
 - If we do it for LE Championship meet, the LSC would absorb the whole cost
- 13. Secretary-Jamie Santa Maria (none)
- 14. Membership/Registration-Pam Cook
 - Need committee minutes to Pam and Chuck and Pam post on website
 - we need to reappoint the Nominating committee-recommendation to reappoint present members
 - **Motion** to appoint Eric Peterson, Sarah Tobin, Mike Davidson, Kevin Harrod, Pam Cook, Sarah Bennett, Paige McCormick to Nominating Committee **PASSED**
- 15. Safe Sport Coordinator-Marianne Russell (none)
- 16. NCAA Liaison-Brian Peresie (none)
- 17. YMCA Liaison-Mike Milliken (none)

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department 7:30 pm Monday, September 17, 2018

Meeting adjourned 9:03 PM