

# MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Minutes

Monday, November 19, 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.*

**Branding words:** *Leadership; Engagement; Sportsmanship; Inspiration*

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Paige McCormick, Riley Nichols, Erin Crabtree, Eileen Bringman, Tom Stacy, Bill Bare, Vince Colwell, Mark Krusinski, Branden Burns, Jamie Santa Maria, Pam Cook, Chuck, Kunsman, Sarah Tobin

**Absent:** Tricia Saum, Bob Martens, Bill Stewart, Mike Milliken, Marianne Russell, Brian Peresie, Diane Finnerty, Lisa Downing, Jay Johnson, Sarah Bennett

**Conflict of Interest Declarations:** None

**Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda:**

- No additions to agenda
- **Motion:** Approve the agenda: **Approved**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from 2018 September Board Meeting
  - **Motion:** Approve Minutes for 2018 September Board meeting **Approved**
2. Committee Reports for November
  - **Motion:** Approve Committee reports **Approved**
  - **Motion:** Approve Consent Agenda **Approved**

**Announcements:**

1. Dates for Athlete Leadership Summit April 24-26 (same weekend as HOD)
  - Attendees going
    - Coach: Eileen Bringman
    - Athlete: Paige McCormick
2. Awards Banquet and HOD: April 28, 2019 St Noel Banquet Center
3. Central Zone Work Shop: May 17-19

**Action Items:**

1. Approval of cancellation of Beachwood Meet with no penalty
  - They only had one team entering their meet; Other host teams were able to accommodate the entries from that team
  - They asked Vince ahead of time because there is a fine if they just cancel without letting LSC know
  - **Motion:** Motion to waive the fine for cancellation of Beachwood Meet: **Approved**
2. Approval to fund travel for Central Zone Workshop
  - a. Possible attendees; Chuck, Marianne, Charlie (?), Bob (?), Pam, Branden
  - Funding for workshop is travel because USA swimming will fund room and food
  - Airfare is currently \$250. There was a suggestion to drive to Chicago
  - The parameters for funding for this workshop should be the same as going to Convention except for those who are not required to be at the meetings i.e Charlie
  - **Motion is postponed until January when more information is available**

**Discussion Items:**

1. Swimposium Recap
  - Positive feedback especially from coaches who wanted more in their sessions.
  - LESI is on the schedule for 2021 with LESD as host
2. Flex members can participating in Regional Meets
  - A lot of clubs have Flex members looking at doing a 3rd meet
  - Pam has been sending out notices to upgrade memberships if needed
  - It was decided that 8 and under was not going to be considered a championship meet to allow Flex members to participate in that meet
  - USA Swimming does not consider the 8 and under Champs as a true Championship meet

- What about Regional Meets? Can Flex members go to one meet and the Regional meet?
  - **Motion:** Allow Flex members to participate in a Regional Meet as one of the 2 meets they can attend **Approved**
3. Budget:
    - The budget approved during the HOD was different from the budget that was approved by the Board
    - Correct budget will be the one approved by Board
  4. New By Laws
    - Please read the new By-Laws which will come to effect January 2019.
    - Total compliance will take a year because composition of Board will change
  5. All Star Meet
    - Current athletes entered: 33
    - Everything is in place
    - Bill has heard from 3 coaches

### Reports:

1. Athlete Reps- Jay Johnson and Paige McCormick, Sarah Bennett Riley McNichols
  - There were many teams that did not send athlete reps at the last HOD
  - Paige wants to know if she should contact them. Pam will send her a list
  - Athlete reps need to be voted on by or at HOD and they can not be from the same team
2. Coach Reps- Erin Crabtree/Eileen Bringman
  - Notice for Jr. Coach Rep has been sent out
  - Mike Davidson requested partial airfare for his trip to Select Camp with his swimmer. The funds were available, so his request was granted.
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Tricia Saum
  - Awards committee has met and we have designated our members respective tasks. Maybe the board can give us ideas on who to approach as guest speaker.
  - Board needs to decide on some Board awards:
    - A. Forkapa Award
    - B. Lake Erie Swimming Board Award
    - C. Julie Bare Governance Award
    - D. Community Service Award- teams need to apply and notice should go out
    - E. Life Members of USA Swimming Granted by BOD
  - Club Service:
    - Points are being accumulated as they occur or as Julie is notified.
  - Volunteer Recognition:
    - A list will be put together in March with names pulled from the club service files.
4. Senior- Tom Stacy (none)
5. Age Group- Bill Bare
- **SANCTION REPORT**
  - With the exception of the Jan 12-13 LSSC meet, all scheduled meets up until Feb 3, have been sanctioned. The LSSC meet is under review.
  - Totals to date (since Sept. 1, 2018):
  - Sanctioned: 30 (one of which was cancelled)
  - Approved: 5
  - 3 other meets currently under review.
- Disability (Liz) - I have been corresponding with Tricia Culotta who has a son swimming with CSI. She and her son went down to Augusta, GA last month to have him classified for para swimming. She said it was an amazing experience. She has been struggling to find para events close to home. It would be good to know how many para athletes are in Lake Erie Swimming. Soon, I will reach out to LE teams for feedback and also contact someone from OH. If the numbers warrant such, it may be good to run an event closer to home.

- Meet Management (Lori) -
  1. All LESI meets have meet directors.
    - a. SC Age Group at CSU: The BOBs
    - b. LC Age Group at SPIRE: 2/3 of the BOBs are confirmed. Kat is likely "in" but still tentative, pending Joey's college choice etc.
    - c. LC Senior champs at CSU: Marianne Russel has agreed to be meet director. Nancy Veto will assist in the pre -meet work
  2. Since LC champs is at SPIRE, please advise if the district will be providing housing /or housing stipends for the meet directors as they have in the past.
  3. Looking forward into 2020, I would like to re-initiate a discussion with FAST to host LC Senior champs again. I have some ideas that we can discuss later.
- Mid States (Bill) - Website is up and registration is open. We already have 21 applicants as of 11/15/18 with nearly a month to go before the deadline. I am working with Aquatic Outfitters on apparel things. I asked both LESI and Ohio Swimming coach reps to send out a note to coaches that they should send me a message if they are interested in being a coach this year. I have heard from 3 Lake Erie coaches so far, but no Ohio Coaches. My intention is to pick the coaches during Thanksgiving weekend, provided that I get confirmation that the Ohio coach sent the message out to the Ohio coaches.
- 6. Technical Planning- Vince Colwell (none)
- 7. Zone Chair- Lisa Dowling
- A refund of \$55 was given each swimmer.
- 8. Treasurer- Diane Finnerty (none)
- 9. Finance- Mark Krusinski (none)
- 10. Legislation- Bill Stewart (none)
- 11. Safety- Branden Burns (none)
- 12. Officials- Bob Martens (none)
- 13. Secretary- Jamie Santa Marie (none)
- 14. Membership/Registration/Permanent Office - Pam Cook
- REGISTRATION
  - Athletes - 2584
  - Non Athletes - 155
  - Clubs - 20
- 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 December 17, 2018 (meeting can be a video conference call) or January 21, 2019

