

# MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, September 17, 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, Tricia Saum, Jamie Santa Maria, Riley McNichols, Sarah Tobin, Bill Bare, Diane Finnerty, Branden Burns, Bob Martens, Lisa Downing, Mark Krusinski, Bill Stewart, Marianne Russell, Brian Peresie

**Absent:** Erin Crabtree, Eileen Bringman, Tom Stacy, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Mike Milliken

**Conflict of Interest Declarations:** Bill Bare (GLSS rep)

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

- **Additions to Agenda:** National Select Camp, Waiver Sanctions for LESD, Swim United
- **Motion:** Approve agenda as amended **PASSED**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** Approve the September Agenda and committee reports **PASSED**

1. Minutes from 2018 August Board Meeting
  - **Motion:** Approve agenda from August 2018 **PASSED**
2. Committee Reports for September

**Announcements:**

1. Dates for Athlete Leadership Summit
  - April 24, 2019
2. Dates for Central Zone Work Shop
  - April 28, 2019 in Chicago-this overlaps with our Spring HOD
3. LESI was approved for Leap 3
  - LSC was awarded a little over \$6000-includes \$1 per registered athlete ((\$4K)-awarded at convention
  - We are the only LSC that has achieved Leap 3 status in our Quad

**Action Items:**

1. Partial Sanction Fee Waiver for GLSS HS Preview Meet, LESD, SWIM United
  - LESD is asking a waiver of sanction fees for their donation to the Ronald McDonald House
  - GLSS is asking a waiver of sanction fees for their donation in the name of Stevie Greishammer
  - Swim United is asking for a waiver of sanction fees for their Splash Out Cancer Meet
  - **Motion:** Waive the sanction fee of the amount donated to respective organizations **PASSED**
2. Approval of Liz Hasting as Disability Chair (replacing Eric Peterson)
  - **Motion:** Approve Liz Hastings to replace Eric Peterson as the Disability Chair **PASSED**
3. Approval of Charlie Lownes as Diversity Chair(replacing Caroline Mc Dermott)
  - **Motion:** Approve Charlie Lownes to replace Caroline McDermott as Diversity Chair **PASSED**
4. Approval of at large athlete to BOD to 20% level for current year –Riley McNichols
  - **Motion:** Approve Riley McNichols as athlete at large **PASSED**
5. At Large HOD (non-athlete) appointments
  - a. Julie Bare
  - b. Tina McCauley
  - c. Sarah Tobin
  - d. Marilyn Duman
  - e. Lori Baylor
  - f. Nancy Veto
  - **Motion:** Approve Julie Bare, Tina McCauley, Sarah Tobin, Marilyn Duman, Lori Baylor and Nancy Veto as at Large delegates to House of Delegates **PASSED**
6. At Large HOD Athlete Appointments
  - a. Eric Weidnehofffer (RYD)
  - b. Parker Timken (CCS)
  - c. Tyler Hong (GLSS)
  - d. Madeline Dyer (FAST)
  - **Motion:** Approve Eric Wiedenhofer, Parker Timken, Tyler Hong and Madeline Dyer as Athlete at Large for HOD **PASSED**

## Discussion Items:

1. Swimposium Review
  - Athlete participation was very good but needs more publicity
  - Officials had a good meeting. 21 officials attended
  - next swimposium will be 2021
2. HOD meeting and agenda
  - HOD meeting will be at CSI (1 Eagle Valley Court Broadview Heights)
  - no additions to agenda
  - Safety Training- please email Branden Burns
3. Branding Words (what does LESI stand for)
  - **Lead, Engage, Succeed, Inspire**
4. National Select Camp
  - Will Rose, Kaden Smesko and Felicia Pasadena were invited to participate in the National Select Camp
  - Previously, Board matched the USA Swimming reimbursement of \$200
  - **Motion:** The LSC will match the athlete's team's contribution of up to \$200 for athletes invited to National Select Camp. Total reimbursement will not exceed the total travel expense **PASSED**

## Reports

1. Athlete Reps-Jay Johnson and Paige McCormick, Sarah Bennett (At Large)
2. Coach Reps-Erin Crabtree and Eileen Bringman
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Tricia Saum
  - Hall of Fame Committee needs names to induct
4. Senior- Tom Stacy
5. Age Group-Bill Bare
  - Club Service: points are being tallied as events occur. Committee members and chairs have not yet been listed. As events are concluded, I would appreciate an email from the division head or chair listing the active committee/task force members and any other information that impacts club service points (such as Zones, Championship Meets, Swimposium, Mid-States). I will contact Division heads in February of 2019 to get the names of contributing committee chairs and members.
    - Volunteer recognition: As events have concluded, I have attempted to garner the names of contributing members whose service rises to the level of volunteer recognition.
    - Most of the fall meets have been sanctioned, although there are a few that have not yet been submitted, notably the Freestyle Frenzy (Oct. 20), the STRS Fall Breakout (Nov 11), and the BBSC Fall Breakout (Nov 11).
    - As of September 13, 9 of the meets on the LE schedule have been sanctioned; another Splash Out Cancer is under review.
    - Additionally, 4 meets not on the schedule have been sanctioned, 3 YMCA meets approved, and one club's (PA) meet (Youngstown Showdown) approved.
  - Totals for the 2018/2019 fall/winter season to date:
    - Sanctions: 13
    - Approvals: 4
  - Athletes are needed for different committees
6. Technical Planning-Vince Colwell
7. Zone Chair-Lisa Dowling
  - Location for the Zones will be decided at the Central Zones meeting at Convention
8. Treasurer-Diane Finnerty (no report)
9. Finance- Mark Krusinski
  - There was discussion on the disparity of income to expense and how the LSC needs to make an effort in equalizing the two.
    - there will be legislation proposals that will include increase in surcharge, registration fees and possible fees charged on dual meets
10. Legislation-Bill Stewart (no report)
11. Safety-Branden Burns
  - Coaches should email him for Safety training day of HOD. Be sure to do the on line component as well
12. Officials-Bob Martens
  - There are 5 interested parties in becoming officials

- Jim Holcomb came to Swimposium and talked about team liaisons to help recruit officials
- 13. Secretary-Jamie Santa Marie (no report)
- 14. Membership/Registration-Pam Cook
  - Registration
    - Athletes: 515
    - Non athletes 28
    - Clubs 3
- 15. Safe Sport Coordinator-Marianne Russell
  - Susan Woessner is leaving as Safe Sport Director of USA Swimming
  - Swimposium had successful parent meetings who wanted the Safe Sport program to be built up
  - Parents asked what the reporting procedure is of USA Swimming
- 16. NCAA Liaison- Brian Peresie
  - College Swimming thinking of putting in 25 strokes
- 17. YMCA Liaison- Mike Milliken

**Old Business:**

**New Business:** Erin, Jay and Sara went to Athlete Leadership Convention. Erin is suggesting that next time, the Jr. Coach Rep and the Jr. Athlete Rep should be the one to go. USA Swimming paid for everything for the coach and first athlete.

Athletes need information from Pam regarding representation

**Next Meeting:** Solon Police Department 7:30 pm Monday October 15, 2018

Meeting Adjourned 8:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted