

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, August 19, 2019

Minutes

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: Lead; Engage; Succeed; Inspire

Call to Order: Chuck Kunsman

Roll Call:

Chuck Kunsman, Bill Bare, Sarah Tobin, Tina McCauley, Pam Cook, Zach Toothman, Riley McNichols, Vince Colwell, Eileen Bringman, Mark Krusinski, Branden Burns, Allie Vitantonio, Tom Stacy, Paige McCormick

Not in attendance:

Diane Finnerty, Marianne Russell, Erin Crabtree

Conflict of Interest Declarations: None

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: APPROVED

Announcements:

1. Allie Vitantonio attended her first meeting as JR Coaches Rep
2. Congratulations to all Lake Erie athletes and coaches who have participated in the various championship meets of the last few weeks.
3. HOD meeting September 22 at Hathaway Brown School – Stacey Aroney

Action Items:

1. Approval of Jennifer Butler as Open Water Chair – **APPROVED**
2. Approval of Committee divisions – **APPROVED** [Click here](#) for the approved version.
3. Approval of Board manual – Bill Stewart will update using the approved committee divisions & policies/procedures are updated – **APPROVED as is**
4. Approval of [budget for 2020](#) to submit to HOD for approval – **APPROVED**
 - a. Try to have LESI run championship meets at a zero base budget
 - b. Have more positive money coming in than in the past

Discussion Items:

1. HOD Agenda

Reports:

1. Athlete Reps – Paige McCormick, Riley McNichols, Zach Toothman
 - a. Scratching from finals vs intent to scratch from finals – would like an official to come talk at the athletes' meeting to discuss the difference. Would also like to have the intent to scratch process used at prelims/finals meets
 - b. Need to send an email to teams/coaches to get athlete rep info from each team to get more athletes involved. Pam will send an email to all club registrars to get the name/contact info for each athlete rep
2. Coaches Rep – Eileen Bringman, Allie Vitantonio

- a. Suggested to have LC champs as one meet (age group/sr meet together) to save a weekend. It was suggested to do a 4 day format.
3. Admin Vice Chair – Erin Crabtree – No report
4. Sr Vice Chair – Tom Stacy
 - a. There is talk about adding Para Swimming to OHSA HS State Meet – 50 free & 100 back events only – two heats of each during finals only; must have achieved QT during the season; DI & DII will swim together
5. Age Group Vice Chair – Bill Bare
 - a. Age Group (Bill): We had discussion about possibly altering the scheduling bidding process. I need to summarize the discussion and share with Technical Planning. The next topic we will be discussing are the lower than normal numbers for this year's zone team.
 - b. Camps (Tim): no report submitted
 - c. Disability(Liz): no report submitted
 - d. Mid States (Bill): Website is about ready. Qualifying period starts September 1st. I will ask the Lake Erie and Ohio coach reps for help selecting assistant coaches.
 - e. Open Water (Jen): I am working on organizing a committee. Ha! Nice and short. I've reached out to Diane as well as to two athletes who swam open water recently
 - f. Sanction (Nancy): One meet has been sanctioned- LESD season opener
 - g. Zones (Lisa): We had 77 members on the zone team this year. P&L to come shortly but they should all get a small refund.
 - h. Meet Management (Lori): we are hosting a meet management meeting at HOD. Championship meets were successful. For future planning/budget: CSU will be closed during the summer of 2020 for renovations.
6. Technical Planning – Vince Colwell
 - a. LC bids packets are posted and are due August 26
7. Treasurer – Diane Finnerty
 - a. [Click here](#) for Actual vs Budget Analysis of 2019
 - b. [Click here](#) for January – July 2019 P/L
8. Finance Chair – Mark Krusinski
 - a. Vince did a good job keeping down the cost for Sr LC champs. Hospitality cost was significantly lower and there was still plenty of food.
9. Operational Risk – Branden Burns
 - a. New Officials workshop is September 21 at Twinsburg

10. Secretary – Sarah Tobin

- a. Sarah will get the Spring HOD minutes to Pam ASAP.

11. Membership/Registration/Permanent Office – Pam Cook

- a. [Click here](#) for the registration stats as of August 15

12. Safe Sport – Marianne Russell – No report

Old Business

Don't forget! Governance Workshop

Date: Saturday, September 7

Where: Twinsburg Recreation Center

When: 12- 5 pm

LESI Board Self-assessment. This is ANONYMOUS, I don't know who hasn't done it yet! Click [HERE](#) to complete. All board members should complete this even you are unable to attend the workshop. There about 60 questions. Take your time, be reflective, and honest.

New Business – none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Solon Police Station