

## SPRING MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES

2:00 pm, Sunday, April 28, 2024

*St. Noel's Banquet Center*

*35200 Chardon Rd*

*Willoughby Hills, OH 44094*

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER - 2:02 pm

**ROLL CALL** - GUSTIN-BBA, HABLE-BBA, LEWIS-BBA, TAYLOR-CCS, M. HOLTZAPFEL - CCST, D. HOLTZAPFEL-CCST, EISENTRAUT-CFYN, TURNBULL-CYFN, TURNEY-CFYS, SZCZEPINSKI-CLES, REBER-CSI, NIST-DYP, CRABTREE-FAST, SHALLENBERGER-FAST, BRILMYER-FAST, SAMMUT-GLSS, TIERNAN-GLSS, GRIGGS-GYB, PARRISH-GWA, HEWITT-GWA, AGEE-HEAT, BADZIONG-HEAT, BUDIN-HTS, MCPHAIL-LESD, KATZ-LESD, GRIESHAMMER-LESD, SIMCOX-LRST, WOHEFEIL-LRST, STANKIVICZ-LSSC, ORJUELA-LSSC, MAY-MRAY, PETERSON-NCAT, LOWNES-NCAT, FOLGER-PA, BATEMAN-PA, WOODARD-PAC, FIALKO-PAC, CARRICO-PAC, CALVERT-PWRS, PECCHIA- PS, LISY-RAZR, STACY-SWIM, PETRUZZI-SWIM, GEROLD-VSC, LUKCO-WHAT, CHELF-YWRC, COLWELL-LSSC, COOK-UNAT, DIAL-FAST, HUGHES-BBA, LIBECCO-NCAT, LONG-FAST, MCILDUFF-HEAT, PIZARRO-LESD, TOBIN-BBA, WATKINS-LESD, BUTLER-LESD, KUNSMAN-UNAT, JIMENEZ-BBA, TOOTHMAN-BBA, CERONE-FAST, LOCHRIDGE-FAST, TUTTLE-SWIM

**[MINUTES FROM FALL 2023 HOD MEETING](#)** - *Sent prior to meeting via email*

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - PASSED**

#### Announcements:

1. USA Swimming Updates
  - a. R9- uniformed officials training. Get involved!
  - b. SafeSport training: We are offering \$100 off club registration for teams the successfully complete this.
  - c. New MAAPP Sept 1: Be prepared for updating your policies.
  - d. USAS is exploring a new easier simpler meet format. The report will be brought to September Annual Business Meeting with findings.
  - e. For Coaches:
    - i. Regional coach clinics are back
    - ii. Coach Network
    - iii. Exploring senior zones is coming back
2. BOD or Committee Vacancies
  - a. Admin Vice-Chair
  - b. Age Group Vice-Chair
  - c. Open Water Chair
  - d. Legislation Chair
3. LESI/OSI Merger Update

- a. Reviewed Potential gains
  - i. Statewide unification to provide high quality programs and services
  - ii. Enhanced competition
  - iii. Enhanced relationships with service providers.
  - iv. More efficient operations, doing stuff twice
  - v. Stronger financial position
  - vi. Energy throughout the state
- b. Reviewed what has preceded meeting date
  - i. October: Jim, Steve and Vince connected over initial thoughts
  - ii. Third Sunday of the month Monthly meetings between boards starting in December.
    - 1. Dec - let's continue discussions
    - 2. January - Identified differences, had key members make contact on differences to create a thorough document.
    - 3. February - Held 3 town halls to get feedback and questions from memberships, added these thoughts to our discussion. Finance has met three times to discuss financial considerations. Permanent offices in discussions to make a possible transition seamless as possible.
    - 4. March - competition structure meeting. Met with Ohio legal counsel on next steps.
- c. Reviewed where we are now - Functional Board structure determined, initial large board with merging of members.
  - i. CPAs are doing audits and connecting
  - ii. Attorney representation secured on both sides
  - iii. Champ Meet proposal coming together, surveys distributed to coaches
  - iv. Created bylaw working group
- d. Reviewed what is next:
  - i. Bylaw meetings working group - goal is to get a first draft of new bylaws in a month before...
  - ii. Boards meet in May
  - iii. Transition plan arises from bylaws.
  - iv. Legal check boxes with state and USAS
  - v. Certified financial statements
  - vi. Town Hall for discussion and put more info to membership
  - vii. Send Vince an email with questions, check our board meeting minutes.
- e. Overall Summary from Vince: There are 5 main pillars - bylaws, financials, legal, bylaws, and champs. Lots of energy has been created, and we are already seeing service providers more willing to work with us as a state LSC. Our collaboration of ideas in governance has shown we can raise our ability to help our athletes. Financials look great.

**Reports Requiring Action:**

- 1. [Legislation](#) – Also attached via email

- a. (Adjustments)
  - b. **MOTION:** Approval of the P-1 legislation as proposed. **PASSED**
2. [2024-25 Fall/Winter Schedule](#) – *Also attached via email*
- a. We will add the USA Swimming hosted meets (Sectionals in March).
  - b. **MOTION:** Approval of the schedule as amended. **PASSED**

**Reports Requiring No Action:**

- 1. Admin Vice-Chair - N/A
- 2. Senior Vice-Chair - Cindy Dial
  - a. Meet updates were provided, and all can contact Cindy for
    - i. Sectionals 7/18-21 @ OSU (info posted)
    - ii. Futures 7/24-28 @ Futures (info posted)
    - iii. US Open 12/4-7 @ Greensboro
    - iv. Winter Juniors 12/11-14 @ Greensboro
    - v. Pan American National Games 7/17-20 @ CSU
    - vi. Clevelandmasters2024.com
- 3. Age Group Vice Chair - N/A
- 4. Coach Reps - EJ McIllduff, Anna Fialko
  - a. No report.
- 5. Athlete Reps - George Libecco, Alaina Pizarro, Natalie Brindley
  - a. New Jr. Rep: Avery Crabtree
  - b. New At-Large Athletes: Marie Lochridge and Sofia Jimenez
  - c. Weekly meetings with Zach have been taking place for conversations and planning surrounding the merger. Athletes as a committee shared pros related to the merger. There is a potential mission and vision statement and logo that has been crafted.
- 6. Technical Planning - Sarah Tobin
  - a. Sarah shared information about championship meet format options for the merger and recommends coaches look
- 7. Treasurer - Kim Long
  - a. No report
- 8. Finance - Kyle Kiffer
  - a. No report
- 9. Operational Risk - Branden Burns
  - a. No report
- 10. Secretary - Jelani Watkins
  - a. Communicate with
- 11. Membership/Registration/Permanent Office - Pam Cook
  - a. Registration stats provided and numbers closely mirror those of 2023.
  - b. There is a new meet template under "Forms" that should be used for teams planning to host meets in the coming year.
  - c. There is no longer a need for a follow up sanction number of time trials. They just need to happen in a different session.

12. Safe Sport Chair - Sarah Ondrejka
  - a. No report
13. DEI Chair - Ronae Hughes

**Old Business:**

1. None

**New Business:**

1. None

**Next Meeting: Adjourned at 2:27 PM**