

FALL MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Saturday, September 30th
Hawken Lower School
5000 Clubside Road, Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124

Admin Officials' Meeting 1:00pm
Stroke/Turn Officials Meeting 1:30pm
Athletes Meeting 1:30pm
Coaches' Meeting 1:30pm

House of Delegates 3:00pm

Minutes - Draft (to be approved/edited at Spring HOD)

Call to Order 3:02pm

Roll Call - Tom Stacy, Anthony Petruzzi, Steve Lukco, Seth Kelly, Michael Bleggi, Branden Burns, Isaac Chernisky, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Erin Crabtree, Cindy Dial, Kim Long, Kristin MacPhail, Alaina Pizarro, Sarah Tobin, Jelani Watkins, EJ McIlduff, Jen Butler, Sofia Jimenez, Time Hable, Mac Lewis, Mark Rogers, Kellie Douglas, Mike Holtzapfel, Dennise Holtzapfel, Will Turnbull, Patrick Kennedy, Pat Jancura, Doug Nist, Avery Crabtree, Carl Shallenberger, Marie Brilmyer, John Tiernan, Mike Griggs, Nathan Reigle, Briella Hewitt, Mel Badziong, Margo Burke, Dan Budin, Kara Dennis, Tom Grieshammer, Jill Herbst, Sam Stankivicz, Amanda Boswell, Jack Gardner, George Libecco, Eric Peterson, Chris Marquiss, Ryan Folger, Melissa Bateman, Lily Woodard, Anna Fialko, Mark Lanter, Hallie Gustin, Jana Gustin

Absent - VSC, AAC, BBSC, CAQ, KS, PWRS, PCP

Approval of minutes from 2023 Spring HOD Meeting

Announcements

1. Operational Risk and Meet Marshall Webinars
 - a. Webinars will be taking place throughout the season to disperse information in the most efficient way possible.
2. USA Swimming Updates
 - a. Legislation Update
 - i. Composition of National HOD is still in progress for one more year
 - ii. Observed meets requirements changed. Posted on LESI Website
 - iii. Accommodations and modifications are more defined for Deck Referees for Swimmers with a Disability at meets
 - iv. Officials required training must be in line with national standard, no additional certification shall be required by a club or LSC
 - b. USA Swimming Network
 - c. New Coaches Training and CLBMS
3. LESI Updates
 - a. LC Championship meets posted for review and feedback
 - b. Committee Involvement - if you are interested in being a part of a committee please contact a committee chair to get involved.
 - c. LESI HOD Contact List - update your emails on the contact list in order to receive Spring HOD information

- d. Central Zone Updates - There are updates coming to the Policy and Procedure at the end of October
- e. New Team Services Rep, Nate Chessey, nchessey@usaswimming.org

Reports Requiring Action:

- 1. Approval of Proposed Legislation - Vince Colwell

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION REQUIRES 90% APPROVAL FROM THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.

P-1 Approved Amended Rejected 30 yes-19 no Tabled

Proposed by: Zone Committee

Purpose:

To allow families the flexibility of travel & finances, along with direct supervision of the well-being of their swimmer during the Zone Meet. To allow for compensation to Coaches and Staff putting in time and effort for the Lake Erie Zone Team to attend Zones.

1 **Effective Date:** Immediately

2 7.7.1

3 C. The Zone Team Committee shall be responsible for administering the
4 affairs of the Zone Team, including but not limited to arranging for
5 uniforms, transportation for Coaches & Zone Coordinator, booking
6 team hotel block & lodging for Coaches, meals for Coaches & Team
7 meals, and team entry.

8 D. Unless the Board determines that sufficient funds are unavailable, the
9 Zone Team shall be funded by LESI in the amount of ~~\$80~~ \$50 per day
10 of Zone Team competition and travel for each Pool Swimmer and \$80
11 total for each Open Water Swimmer, by participant fees, and by
12 donations.

13 G. ~~All 11 and Over swimmers and coaches of the Zone Team must travel,~~
14 ~~lodge and eat with the Zone Team until withdrawal from the Team or~~
15 ~~the conclusion of the Zone Team trip. All 10 and Under swimmers~~
16 ~~may will~~ travel with their families, stay with their families at the team
17 hotel and arrange their own meals unless a team meal is being held, in
18 which team meals will be mandatory, and pay a LESI Policy and ‘
19 Procedures lesser participant fee. ~~LESI Board may grant exceptions to~~
20 ~~this policy with the agreement of the Zone Committee.~~

21 1. All swimmers will attend prelims & finals of each Zone
22 session for their age group, excluding Sunday, in which
23 swimmers may leave at the end of the prelim session, if
24 their personal competition schedule is over for the meet.

25 2. Barring extenuating circumstances, no swimmers will be permitted
26 to declare a false start during the meet or scratch from finals
27 without permission of the Head Zone Coach.

28 H. The following will be covered by LESI for Coaches (up to 4) and the Zone Chair:

29 1. Hotel Room-Coaches of the same gender will stay two (2) people to a

- 30 room when possible
- 31 2. One Rental Car/staff
- 32 3. Team Shirts
- 33 4. \$40/day for food ~~with the team~~
- 34 5. Cost of flight, if applicable
- 35 6. Coaching Stipends
- 36 A. Head Coach \$750
- 37 B. Assistant Coach \$500
- 38 C. Zone Coordinator \$500

P-2 Approved- unanimously Amended Rejected Tabled

Proposed by: Mid-States Committee

Purpose: To provide compensation for work done prior to and during the Mid-States All-Star Meet

- 1 Effective Date: Immediately
- 2 7.7.2
- 3 .2 **Mid-States Team Ohio:** Swimmers from LESI and Ohio Swimming will be selected
- 4 based on times achieved from September 1 of the current short course season through the
- 5 deadline established by the planning committee. ~~The previous season's times will not be~~
- 6 ~~used for selection purposes unless, in the judgment of the planning committee, qualified~~
- 7 ~~swimmers from the current rankings are not available.~~ The selection process is based on
- 8 the criteria established and posted by the committee.
- 9 A. In the event of a tie-breaker when two applicants are tied for the last
- 10 qualifying position, the previous season's long course time will be used to
- 11 break the tie.
- 12 ~~A~~ B. Coaches will be selected by both the Age Group Vice-Chair and ~~by~~ Ohio
- 13 Swimming Age Group Vice-Chair.
- 14 ~~B~~ C. Swimmers are responsible for their own travel, hotel, and meal
- 15 arrangements
- 16 ~~E~~ B. Mid-States Coordinator Stipend \$500
- 17 ~~D~~ C. Coach Compensation
- 18 1. Hotel Room
- 19 2. Mileage
- 20 3. Team Shirts
- 21 4. \$40/Day for food

- 2. Approval of 2024 Long Course Schedule – Sarah Tobin
 - a. [2024 LC Schedule](#)
- 3. Approval of the 2024 Budget
 - a. [2024 Budget](#)

Reports Requiring No Action:

- 1. Admin Vice-Chair – Kristin McPhail
 - a. No report
- 2. Senior Vice Chair – Cindy Dial
 - a. Winter sr champs, LC finals. Friday timed finals LC. Spring sectionals are in Indianapolis again, please reserve a

spot before it is opened to outside section teams. Time standards have been updated and emailed to the coaches.

3. Age Group – Erin Crabtree
 - a. We are in need of a Mid-States Chair. Thank you to Bill Bare for his service. This may go to Ohio to run if we do not have a chair in place ASAP. Central Zone is looking at a potential change of dates, sites, event format, cut times etc for the 14U championship meet. Any changes will be approved at a Special Meeting of the Central Zone in October. Updates will be sent out if there are any changes.
4. Coach Reps – Jelani Watkins
 - a. Established a coaches meeting schedule through the spring, please see Coach Meeting Minutes for those dates/time. Camps webinars are coming, if you have any ideas/topics please send to Jelani or EJ.
5. Athlete Reps – Natalie Brindley, Evan Calvert, Alaina Pizarro
 - a. Big Fish Little Fish Clinic was a success. 30 swimmers attended. This clinic was run by LESI athletes for younger LESI athletes. Athletes Committee volunteered at a cancer run as their annual service project. Athlete Summit was attended by a few athletes in the spring to learn how athletes can better serve their LSCs.
6. Technical Planning – Sarah Tobin
 - a. No report
7. Treasurer – Kim Long
 - a. Attach the balance sheet in minutes
8. Finance – Kyle Kiffer
 - a. No report
9. Operational Risk – Branden Burns
 - a. Trying to put out more information via webinars to better educate LSCs.
10. Secretary –
11. Membership/Registration – Pam Cook
 - a. Membership numbers for 2023
 - i. Athletes Premium Athletes – 3035 (includes Upgrades)
 - ii. Flex – 235
 - iii. Seasonal – 240
 - iv. Outreach – 30
 - v. Single Meet - 4
 - vi. TOTAL – 3544
 - vii. Non-Athletes – 336 Clubs – 36
 - b. Observed meets will be approved at the LSC level, no more paperwork to USA swimming. 4 officials are needed. Observed meets should be posted to the LSC website so please fill out applications ahead of time. Clubs that are renewing, be sure to go to forms on LESI website and fill out 2024 club application form and email to Pam along with a check for 30 dollars, this is the LSC fee that is not collected when you register your club online.
12. Safe Sport Coordinator – Sarah Ondrejka
 - a. No report
13. DEI – Sonja Haywood
 - a. No report

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting of HOD: Tentatively April 28th, 2024 at St. Noel's Banquet Center. Final date/time to be emailed.

Adjourned - 3:54pm