

**Lake Erie Swimming Board Meeting
February 21, 2011
Solon Police Station Community Room**

Present: Eric Dennis Marilyn Duman, Frank Campbell, Diane Finnerty, Tom Stacy, Julie Bare, Morgan Cohara, Dave Olivier, John Elliot, Kim Stewart

Absent: Brenda De la Cruz, Laura Tryzbinski, Julie Knurek, Chuck Kunsman, Jimmy Dagley, Mike Gaudiani, KJ Stang, Craig Yaniglos

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m..

Kim Stewart has a conflict of interest with appeal for additional funding for SC Junior Nationals.

Motion to approve December minutes approved.

Motion to buy extensions for lap counters passed with 13 yes votes, 5 no response via email.

Consent Agenda approved.

Action Items:

1. **Selection of Forkapa Award winner.** The Forkapa award is the award presented to someone who no longer has a personal involvement in the sport but still contributes. Chuck Duchon and Sue Lutkus were mentioned as possible recipients. Motion to award Sue Lutkus the Forkapa award passed.
2. **Selection of Board Award winner.** The board award is given to someone whose achievements don't fall under other award categories. Mary Ann Bencic and Sam Seiple have been suggested. Sam has done a lot with Make a Splash. Motion to award Sam Seiple the Board Award passed.
3. **Funding of Wrist Bands.** Chuck asks that we fund the wrist bands for coming SC season. 10,000 would cost roughly \$400. Motion to purchase wrist bands approved.
4. **Funding to Officials Chair Meeting .** Officials Chair is already in the budget, but we just want to verify funding for airfare to the meeting. USA Swimming pays all else. The meeting is June 17-19, 2011 in Kansas City. Motion to fund airfare for Officials Chair Meeting approved. Either Frank Campbell or Bob Burwell will attend.
5. **Appeal for additional funding for SC Junior National.** Diane has included a statement in her reports. One team had a swimmer and coach who could not get back to Cleveland due to a flight cancellation. They paid for another flight back to Cleveland instead of waiting for standby as the coach had to be back for practice and the swimmer had school. Motion to reimburse half of the flight cost from Atlanta to Cleveland for SC Jr. Nationals for a total of \$350.75 approved.
6. **Request to use Sectional funds for Grand Prix.** Matt Davis wants to know if he can use the money set aside for Sectional funding (\$70 per swimmer) for Grand Prix. John Elliot also has the same question. There is a Grand Prix in Indianapolis in March and Ann Arbor in April. We should give kids a choice of going to either Grand Prix or Sectionals when these meets are in close proximity date wise. Motion to fund either Grand Prix or Sectionals meet taking place in the same season. Athletes may not receive funding for both in the same season. Julie will make sure this is publicized on the web site.
7. **Penalty for membership not in good standing.** There is a swimmer who has an outstanding fee for an unpaid \$25 meet fine and the appeal date has passed. George Bare sent notice to the club involved. The athlete is Sydney Chicaricci from Hudson. Diane says she is fairly certain that she has seen this check. Diane will get back to Julie on this particular case. Julie does not think

these cases should result in suspension of an athlete from competition. Motion to suspend athletes from representing club in competition for unpaid fines approved.

Discussion Items:

1. **New Cable Harness – should we have a rental fee?** Frank says we just purchased a new cable harness and it was less expensive than originally thought. The cost was somewhere around \$640. Frank thinks we should consider a rental fee as this is new equipment. In the past we have charged \$25 for extension and \$25 for harness as rental fees. Motion to charge \$25 for use of new cable harness until the harness is paid off approved.
2. **Lap counters with extensions – rental fee?** We have purchased the extensions and they will be stored at Pam's house. There was agreement that we should purchase them, but not about a rental fee. Lap counters themselves are very expensive. Tom feels we should rent them to any team in or out of our LSC using Cleveland State. There was some discussion about using them at another facility, but most felt use at Cleveland State was most appropriate. Motion to charge \$25 for rental of lap counters and extensions at Cleveland State passed. Use outside of Cleveland State must have board approval first.
3. **Amount of mileage reimbursement for volunteers.** \$.50 reimbursement per mile of travel for volunteers seems too high. Some volunteers are making a profit and this takes funds away from our athletes. Motion to reimburse travel for volunteers at double the current IRS rate passed. This will go into effect immediately but will not be retroactive.
4. **Use it lose it – coach visitation and coach of the year.** Only one of the two coaches who were approved for coach visitation to another club actually followed through with a visit. The coach who did not use the funding by the end of the year forfeited the funding. The coaches of the year are selected at LC champs. The money now has to be spent before the end of the next calendar year. The money can be spent for ASCA clinic or dues. Receipt for dues or clinic needs to be turned in for reimbursement.
5. **Finance Manual** – Julie recommends everyone read through this. Everyone may not agree with the policies or feel that there is enough flexibility. Comments should be sent to Craig. Dave is particularly concerned about Zones. Credit card policy will need to be addressed.

Reports

Morgan does not have anything to report, but wants to know who helps with voting. Sarah Tobin or Julie Knurek can help copy ballots for the athlete rep. Athlete of the Year also needs to be voted on .

Tom says he thinks OTC camp is set. Athletes are committed, although at least one may be injured. Tom says he hasn't heard from OTC in awhile, so he will contact them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Kim Stewart.