

MINUTES OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Monday, December 15, 2014  
Rusty Bucket

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:42 PM

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tina McCauley, Tom Stacy, Diane Finnerty, Nancy Veto, Pam Cook, Eva Hernandez, Mike Milliken, Sean Jones

**Absent:** Vince Colwell, Rich Szczepinski, Chuck Kunsman, Al Kominek, Brad Burget, Steve Woods, Dale Craddock, Brian Peresie, Ross Palazzo, Cole Clampffer, Mary Motch, Mark Krusinski, Jessica Bonezzi, Lauren Heller

**Conflict of Interest Declarations:** None

**Addition to and Approval of Agenda:**

**Additions to Announcements:**

1. USA Swimming Announcement
2. Swimposium

**Motion to approve additions to Announcements: Seconded and Passed**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from 2014 November Board Meeting

**Motion to approve Minutes from November Board Meeting: Seconded and Passed**

**Announcements**

1. LSC Officials Chairs Meeting - May 29-31, 2015: Al is going to the meeting
2. Carl Shallenberger: Carl is stepping down as Age Group Chair.
3. USA Swimming Announcement:
  - As of January 1, 2015, non-athletes will have to have Level 2 background checks instead of Level 1.
  - Pam will email announcement to the LSC
4. Swimposium:
  - Al Kominek will be stepping down from the Swimposium Committee. Michael Sokolich will take his place.

**Strategic Plan**

**1. Athletic Performance:**

- A. Senior Swimming-
  - a. Raise IMX Score – get a score

**There are 2 swimmers who are in the Top 3 for their Age group in IMX scores: Will Chang and Giovanna Cappabianca**

b. Increase National level participation.

**Participation in the national level meets is up**

c. Increase average ranking of Clubs in the Virtual Champs:

**Scores are improving. We now have 7 teams in the LSC that are in the top 500 in the country**

d. Increase college involvement.

**B. Age Group Swimming**

a. Increase Zone qualifiers.

b. Increase National Age Group % (B,BB,A,AA)

c. Athlete mentoring program

**2. Volunteer Development**

A. Increase Officials – double the current number

B. Active Committees

C. Permanent Office

**Action Items**

1. Pam's permanent office title- Office Manager? Need for USA Swimming Directory

**Motion to approve Pam's title as Business Manager: Seconded and Passed**

2. Safe Sport Conference- paying flight for an additional committee member to attend

- Pam and Yvonne Dixon will be attending the Safe Sport Conference

**Motion to approve paying for Yvonne's flight to conference: Seconded and Passed**

- LESI will be piloting a Safe Sport Program

3. 14U Champs Friday Order of Events

10 & Under 200 IM
13-14 200 Medley Relay
12 & Under 500 Freestyle
13-14 200 Free Relay
11 -14 400 IM
11 - 14 1650 Freestyle

- Parents emailed some members of the Board saying that the schedule of events for Friday evening was not favorable to distance swimmers.
- There was a request for the 200 IM to be placed between the 400 IM and 1000 Free. This way, the swimmers who might want to swim the 2 events can have more rest.
- The reason to put the 200 IM first is so that the younger kids can go home earlier. This was discussed and agreed upon during the previous Board Meeting.
- Sharon's email is attached outlining the points as to why the order of events as it stands should be kept as is.

- Suggestion was made to put a 10 minute break between the 400 IM and 1000 free

**Motion to add a 10 minute break between the 400 IM and 1000 Free so as to allow swimmers more rest. Seconded and Passed**

#### **Discussion Items**

1. Update on Coaching Mentoring Program 2015 Grant
2. Age Group Chair
  - With Carl stepping down, names were mentioned as to who would like to be Age Group Chair. Tina wants to see if someone who is not a coach might want to do it.
3. Hamachi Swim Warrior Team Info Sessions: Great exposure opportunity for LSC
  - a. Dec 20 : Pam
  - b. Dec 28- Chuck, Pam, Eva, Tina
4. Awards Program- Need by March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - a. Community Service Award - in the past, clubs have been asked to apply for this. Application form should be on the web
  - b. Forkapa
  - c. Board Award
  - d. Tina will send out an email asking for recommendations  
The Board could publish the criteria for Forkapa and Board Award and ask for nominations from the membership.

#### **Reports: See attached reports**

1. Athlete Reps- Ross, Cole
2. Coach Reps- Eva and Vince
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Tom
4. Senior- Mike
5. Age Group-
6. Technical Planning- Brad
7. Zone Chair- Steve
8. Treasurer- Diane
9. Finance- Rich
10. Legislation- Sean
11. Safety- Chuck
12. Officials- Al
13. Secretary- Nancy
14. Membership/Registration- Pam
15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Pam
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian
17. YMCA Liaison- Dale

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Next Meeting:** Solon Police Department Monday, January 19, 2015 7:30 pm