

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, April 20, 2015
Solon Police Department

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Tina McCauley, Mike Milliken, Eva Hernandez, Bill Bare, Diane Finnerty, Al Kominek, Chuck Kunsman, Pam Cook, Brian Peresie, Dale Craddock, Ross Palazzo, Cole Clampffer, Jessica Bonezzi, Mary Motch, Nancy Veto

Absent: Tom Stacy, Vince Colwell, Sean Jones, Brad Burget, Rich Szczepinski

Conflict of Interest Declarations: None

Addition to and Approval of Agenda:

- **Discussion:** Sectional Reimbursement

Approval of Consent Agenda: **Approved**

1. Minutes from 2015 March Board Meeting
2. Committee Reports
3. Addition to Agenda

Announcements

1. Flights for Safe Sport and Safety Workshop
 - This is already in the budget so no need to vote on it.
 - Pam also mentioned that there is still a credit with United for \$45.20 after using a previous voucher
2. Officials credential cards will no longer be printed
 - Just like coaches, the officials can go on line and print their cards.
3. Nelya Schasfoort's mother emailed thanking the board for supporting her daughter at local meets and financially support her. She has qualified for the Paralympic Pan Am Team.

Strategic Plan: **Nothing New**

1. Athletic Performance

- A. Senior Swimming-
 - a. Raise IMX Score – get a score
 - b. Increase National level participation.
 - c. Increase average ranking of Clubs in the Virtual Champs
 - 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. Waiver of sanction fee for PA due to the move of Westlake to Medina. 32 athletes 126 individual events. \$5.00 per event (\$680) admission \$5.00 per person \$3.00 heat sheet

Motion: Credit \$544 of PA's sanction fee due to move of Westlake to Medina during Regional Meet- [Seconded and Approved](#)

Discussion:

- o Westlake wanted to be assigned to a closer site. Since it was too late a request, it was not fair to shuffle other teams to accommodate their request.
 - o PA then lost revenue as calculated above.
 - o The credit would amount to \$544. This is based on keeping 80% as income they would have generated and the 20% of \$680 which is \$136 that would be paid to LESI. So they keep \$544 of their sanction fee.
2. Fall House of Delegates Location: Piranhas (Salem Community Center), LESD (Hawken Lower School), CCS (Sam volunteered site if no one else bid on it)*
 - o Pam made the suggestion that sites should be rotated annually based on Eastside, Westside and Southside locations. This would make it more equitable travel wise for everyone. Last fall, it was held at CCS (South). The next Fall HOD will be in the East per teams that have put their bids so after that, we should look for a team in the West to host the Fall HOD.

Motion to hold the 2015 Fall HOD at LESD site (Hawken Lower School): [Seconded and Approved](#)

3. Zone Chair- Mimi Wallace

Discussion:

- o Zone Chair (Steve Wood) has resigned and moved out of the area.
- o Steve suggested to Mimi that she should throw her name in as Zone Chair and recommended her name to Tina.
- o Mimi is currently in charge of Chaperones. She has worked closely with Steve and knows a lot of what has been arranged.
- o Tina suggested that this could initially be a one year term to see if it works out for her and the LSC.

Motion to approve Mimi Wallace as Zone Chair: [Seconded and Approved](#)

4. NCSA Reimbursement- Larger teams and van rentals

Discussion:

- o The policy allows for a tiered allowance for car rentals. Two teams had to rent 2 vans each because one had 19 and another had 17 swimmers. The allowance for 7 or more athletes is \$85/day.

- The other team that had 9 swimmers was reimbursed \$425.
- SWIM did not submit their receipt but just took the \$85/day allowance.
- Each of the vans from HEAT's receipt was \$809.39. Matt Davis proposed that LSC pay for one van and the team pay for the other.
- It was pointed out that the Board should stick with the \$85/day allowance instead of using the receipt amount.
- The total reimbursement for NCSA is \$1500 over budget and this already includes the double car allowance for the 2 teams

Motion: Double the car allowance for the 2 teams seeing that they could not fit all the athletes in one van. (\$425/van) Seconded and Passed (Yea-12 Nay-2)

Discussion Items

1. Spring HOD Agenda

- Ross will not be there. Cole will lead the Athletes' Meeting.
- Mimi Wallace will have a vote for HOD
- Tom needs to do the Administrative Board of Review elections
- Technical Planning Report: Brad can not make the HOD. He was going to do the Analytics Presentation using the Club Portal. Tina will ask Tom if he can do the presentation.

2. Legislation pertaining to swim meets hosted by LESI.

Discussion:

- Diane pointed out that there are 2 proposals up for Legislation that can adversely affect the budget of LESI.
 - Capping entry fee: LESI takes 20% of the entry fees
 - Free Market system may adversely impact the success of the meets
- 65% of LESI's gross budget comes from sanction fees and USA registration
- Technical Planning Committee looking at possibility of allowing teams to submit times from meets without officials- not going to be voted on at HOD

3. Swimposium:

- Very few coaches and parents have signed up for the Swimposium.
- Currently we have 18 coaches and 6 parents.
- Tina will craft a letter to the coaches strongly encouraging them to go.
- Pam will send out another email blast for the parents.
- Parents can not just come in to watch. They have to pay.
- Tina and Diane will work the registration table
- Nancy is working with food volunteer from Berea
- Eva will help Mark Gangloff for the PreHS swim Clinic
- Nutritionist is coming per Eva.
- Mike Pichette and Stephanie Boyd will be running the Athletes' Sessions
- Jessica asked Brian if we can have students who have committed to swim in college sit on the panel for Q&A. Brian will check on this.

4. 2015 AQUATIC SPORTS CONVENTION:

Date: 09/27/2015 - 10/4/2015

Location: Kansas City, Missouri

- A. Check your schedule are you able and wanting to go? Let Tina know.
- B. General Chair Luncheon- Wanting to celebrate the accomplishments of the LS of the past few years? What do we want to included? Let Tina or Pam know

Discussion:

- We will discuss who will be funded in the next meeting.
 - We have a budget of \$14040
 - Airfare has to be booked by June 30 to average the airfare allowance
 - To be funded, person needs to go to mandatory meetings.
 - Diane will figure out hotel costs and average airfare.
5. Sectional Reimbursement of Athletes who have been in our LSC for less than a year.
- Discussion:
- FINA has a scholarship program and they have a partnership with USA swimming
 - They have 5 swimmers who are in our LSC swimming out at Spire/LESD
 - They were registered as Outreach swimmers by USA swimming
 - Pam will contact Colorado and find out how they deal with reimbursement of athletes who have scholarships and explain our reimbursement policies.
 - Diane will reimburse the athletes who meet our current policy and wait for Pam to contact USA Swimming.

Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Ross
 - Cole ready for Athletes' Meeting
2. Coach Reps- Eva and Vince:
 - Eva's last meeting. She needs a replacement. Send email to find out who is interested. Send names to Pam.
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Tom None
4. Senior- Mike: None
5. Age Group- Bill
 - Sanctions have been issued for May Madness (LESD), Season Opener (PS), Rock & Roll (GLSS), Age Group & Open (CCS), and Busbey (LESD) for this summer's schedule. Solon just had their meet sanctioned.
6. Technical Planning- Brad (none)
7. Zone Chair (none)
8. Treasurer- Diane (see attached report)
9. Finance- Rich (none)
10. Legislation- Sean (none)
11. Safety- Chuck (none)
12. Officials- Al (none)
13. Secretary- Nancy (none)
14. Membership/Registration- Pam
 - There are some damaged IMX caps that need to be thrown out
 - Athletes - 3805
 - Non-Athletes - 271
 - Clubs - 38
 - New Club Potential - Massillon with Jack Gardner

- Will take up Leap 3 after Swimposium (which is a required item for Leap 3)
- 15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Pam
 - Swimposium sessions for athletes will be led by Senior Athletes - Michael Pichette (SWIM) and Stephanie Boyd (HEAT)
 - Project LE - Safe Sport working committee will meet with Maggie Vail Sat. evening after Swimposium. Need a coach on the working committee - volunteers?
 - Safe Sport Workshop (6/6-7) - I will be attending the workshop in Denver.
- 16. NCAA Liaison- Brian (none)
- 17. YMCA Liaison- Dale (none)

Old Business

New Business

- Dale raised the question about having the facility fee for Senior Champs hosted by FAST
- With regards to Free Market, teams who divert from the usual way of charging entries will still have to have Board approval before they can do it.
- Dale asked about funding for the NASA Age Group Meet
- Tina told him to introduce it during HOD (Fall)-might be something Technical Planning Committee to determine that we should encourage our swimmers to go.

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department Monday, May 18, 2015 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Veto

Secretary