

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, May 18, 2015

Solon Police Department

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:29 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Tina McCauley, Tom Stacy, Mike Milliken, Bill Bare, Vince Colwell, Matt Parrish, Rich Szcepinski, Diane Finnerty, Al Kominek, Chuck Kunsman, Brad Burgett, Mimi Wallace, Dale Craddock, Nancy Veto, Cole Clampffer, Cassandra Pasadyn Sarah Tobin, Matt Davis, Carolyn McDermott

Absent: Sean Jones, Brian Peresie, Pam Cook, Mark Krusinski, Jessica Bonezzi, Mary Motch

Conflict of Interest Declarations:

- Tina recused herself from vote on LESD's request for 10% reduction on May Madness sanction fee
- Cole Clampffer excused from decision on HEAT v PA sanction bids

Addition to and Approval of Agenda

1. Welcome New Members
2. Discussion on Technical Planning report

Approval of Consent Agenda: [Approved](#)

1. Minutes from 2015 April Board Meeting
2. Committee Reports

Announcements:

1. Welcome to the new Board Members: Cassandra Pasadyn (Jr. Athlete Rep) and Matt Parrish (Coach Rep), Mimi Wallace (Zone Chair)
2. Legislation Chair: Sean Jones has stepped down as Chair. The Board is looking for a new Chair preferably one with experience, history and background on Legislation
3. Committee Guide Attachment: Committees have been reorganized after the HOD.

Strategic Plan:

1. Athletic Performance

- A. Senior Swimming- None
 - 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- None
 - 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: There are around 40 officials with 2 apprentices
- B. Active Committees

C. Permanent Office : Pam is still working on her job description

Action Items

1. 2016 Spring House of Delegates/Awards Program Date

- 2 dates were penciled in for 2016 Spring House of Delegates/Awards Program: April 24 and May 1.
- April 24 was too close to April 10 deadline set to collect all data for awards
- There was also the NASA Age Group Meet that Dale was proposing to be included for awarding points. The meet will be held in late April. Therefore, this meet will not be included in the point determination.
- May 1 would allow more time to calculate and prepare awards
- Any later dates encroaches on the Summer meets

Motion: Set the 2016 Spring House of Delegates/Awards Program for May 1 with April 15 as the cut off date for determining awards: [Approved](#)

2. LESD requesting a 10 % reduction of sanction fee for May Madness Meet

- 25% less swimmers
- LESI schedule the Swimposium on the same date which they moved the meet and incurred a maintenance fee for the meet being moved.
- Swimposium which was originally scheduled for the Fall was moved to Spring to accommodate the Speakers' schedule
- LESD is asking for \$246.50 less on sanction meet
- It was pointed out that as long as the LSC maintains control over the meet schedule, any meet that is affected by the LSC's schedule changes should have a consideration in their fee reduction request.

Motion: Approve LESD's request of \$246.50 off their sanction fee. [Approved](#) ([Nay-1](#))

3. Heat 2015/2016 Bids would like to be considered hosting the Oct 18 meet verses the Dec 13 meet.

- Vince: Vince misread HEAT's bid for the October and December meets. When the Site Selection Committee met, HEAT's bid for the October meet was never considered for that meet.
- Matt Davis: for HEAT
 - 1) Their bid stated that their first choice was October
 - 2) They secured a facility for that date (CSU)
 - 3) October was their first choice because they wanted to get their HS families involved in the meet
 - 4) They knew there were several teams that wanted the October meet so they wanted to make sure they had 2 meets and put the December meet as a contingent bid in case they were not awarded the October meet
- Caroline McDermott for Piranha:
 - 1) Piranha had complaints about going to Youngstown during the winter, so their Board decided to bid on the October meet
 - 2) They also wanted to do an Open meet because YSU is a big facility that can accommodate a big crowd
 - 3) They have done many meets now and are comfortable stepping up to do a bigger meet
 - 4) PA is not willing to do the December meet

- Discussion:
 - If HEAT is awarded the October meet, will they pull out of the December meet? If so, December meet will get reposted as an open meet date
 - HEAT and PA event schedules are comparable i.e. they will both be subject to 4 hour rule
 - HEAT has run good meets in the past v PA is now ready to run a bigger meet
 - CSU is centrally located vs. Youngstown...but should that deter others from travelling to YSU?
 - Allowing both teams to run their meets will not be a problem getting officials
 - Allowing both teams to run their meets will be a test of the free market concept.
 - Allowing both teams to run their meets will split the LSC attendance and may be detrimental to overhead costs

Motion: Grant sanctions to both teams for their October meet with the same entry deadline; both teams may change their meet formats/events to attract the most possible entries to their meet; they may change the facility that they put in their initial bid packet; teams can not request a reduction of Sanction Fee; either team shall inform the BOD if they do not plan to pursue the meet after discussion with their

Boards: Passed (Nay-1)

- Tina informed both teams of decision. They need to let Tina know of their decision to pursue with the meet. HEAT also has to inform the Board if they still want the December meet

Discussion Items

1. LESI Committees:
 - Board members received a list of current committee members. Please review the list and update it.
 - Tina will update the guide to committees to reflect the new committee structure according to the HOD legislation that just passed
 - Permanent Office is listed under the Administrative Vice Chair's list of committees since Pam has a paid position.
2. Safe Sport Survey from Swimposium:
 - The Safe Sport Committee put out a survey during the Swimposium.
 - It was decided that the Committee should review the findings and report to the Board.
3. 2015 AQUATIC SPORTS CONVENTION 09/27/2015 - 10/4/2015 Location: Kansas City, Missouri
 - A. Interested in funding: Tina, Tom, Mike M, Pam, Chuck, Cole, Cassandra, Julie B, Vince, Bill and Dale
 - B. We have historically gone over budget in expenditures
 - C. Everyone who is funded is expected to attend all the meetings that are required of their position. Otherwise, the LSC can request partial or full refund of funding.

Motion: Fully fund the 11 BOD members: Passed

- D. Criteria: See Attached: This year's budget is \$1440/person or 12 attendees
 - a. Flight: \$300-\$370 (needs to be booked by June 30)
 - b. Registration: \$170
 - c. Hotel: \$129 per night (4 nights \$516)
 - d. Per Diem:
- E. Other Items:
 - a. 3 accomplishments for General Chair Luncheon in the passed year and a half

- 1) Ross P and Joey R are part of the National Jr. Team- not have had athletes make the team in a long time
- 2) Largest turn out for Zones since it became a 14 and under meet
- 3) Hosted a Swimposium this year
- b. Adolf Kiefer Award: given to a group or person that promoted safety in the sport of swimming. Examples: Sam Seiple and Andrew Appleby
 - There are currently only 2 nominations nationwide
 - Tina will put out a blast for any suggestions to be sent to LSC. Deadline for LSC submission to be by June 10
 - Deadline for national application is July 22.
 - Applicant/Organization does not have to be USA registered
- c. Life Membership: \$1000

CRITERIA FOR GIFT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

 - i. Give out no more than once each Quadrennium- we are on our 3rd year. We do not have to give it out this year. There is really no requirement to give it.
 - ii. Recipient must be long-time member of LESI (minimum 10 years)
 - iii. Continued involvement of recipient must seem likely
 - iv. Recipient must hold current position in at least one of the following areas: BOD, committee member, BOR member, official, coach
 - v. At one time, recipient must have served in a leadership capacity (define leadership any way you want)
 - vi. General Chair to put item on agenda each spring to identify likely candidates. Board will make decision.
 - Tabled for next month
- d. National At-Large Appointments: Chuck, Julie Bare, Pam

Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Cole and Cassandra: Welcome Cassandra Pasadyn (Jr. Rep)
2. Coach Reps- Vince and Matt: Welcome Matt Parrish
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Tom (none)
4. Senior- Mike (none)
5. Age Group- Bill (attached)
6. Technical Planning- Brad

Technical Planning Report wants to change verbage on Proof of Time and Documentation Item 2 to read:

Times from non-approved and non-observed HS, MS, YMCA, USA or Collegiate meets are acceptable as proof of time if a hard copy of the score sheet/result is sent to Pam Cook (preferably with the referee signature)

 - Brad explained that the change was to help the process for all the closed out meets. There would be other venues for swimmers to get time without having get those times solely from sanctioned meets. These times could be used for Lake Erie meets only.
 - There was concern that the times would come from timed trial practice if there was no signature from a referee.
 - The other LSCs surrounding Lake Erie, only use times uploaded in SWIMS
 - USA meets do not make sense. It needs to be taken out
 - Anybody who does not make a time in a faster than meet will always have to show proof of time, otherwise , they will get fined
 - Tabled to have Pam's input on what should be uploaded.

7. Zone Chair- Mimi
 - Budget is an issue. They will try and get some donations.
 - There are several Y Nat'l swimmers that are going to LC Y Nat'l meet which will overlap with Zones. They will not be able to leave with the team.
 - Mimi would like to know how to proceed with their entries.
 - Swimmers should not be forced to only go to one of the meets

Motion: Dale and Mike will coordinate with the swimmers so families can decide how to bring the swimmers to Zones; who the swimmers are so they can be assigned to room together and whether they want to ride back with the team.

Approved

8. Treasurer- Diane (attached)
9. Finance- Rich (none)
10. Legislation-
11. Safety- Chuck (none)
12. Officials- Al (none)
13. Secretary- Nancy (none)
14. Membership/Registration- Pam (attached)
15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Pam (attached)
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian (none)
17. YMCA Liaison- Dale
 - There will be a 2 day Y meet this summer

Old Business (none)

New Business (none)

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department Monday, June 15, 2015 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Veto, Secretary