

**MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES**  
**St. Noel's Party Center, April 26, 2015**

**Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM**

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

**BOD:** Jessica Bonezzi, Cole Clampffer, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Dale Craddock, Sean Jones, Al Kominek, Mark Krusinski, Chuck Kunsman, Tina McCauley, Mike Milliken, Mary Motch, Brian Peresie, Tom Stacy, Rich Szczepinski, Nancy Veto

**Members at Large:** Sharon Badertscher, Julie Bare, Julie Knurek, Linn Grossman, Sarah Tobin, Kat Torok

**Team Representatives:** Peter Velasquez (BOSS), Sam Seiple (CCS), Will Turnbull, Zach Ruether, Ken Smesko (CFYN), Tom Imhoff, Wally Lutkus (CLSC), Kayla Turdy, Brian Krohn (CLES), Liz Hastings, Mimi Wallace (CWW), Joey Reilman, Cindy Virdo (FAST), Sarah Bennett, Matt Parrish (GO), Will Chan, JohnFagan (GLSS), Allison Collins (GYB), Ryan Johnson, Lori Baylor, Vanja Dezelic (HEAT), Patricia Wirtz (HSC), Aleta Ivey, Bradley Ivey (HSW), Marie Salibra (LESD), Gabby Kariotakis (LRST), Sam Stankivitz, Eileen Bringman, (LSSC), Anthony Petruzzi (MRST), Eric Dennis, Latt Laughlin (NEON), Caroline McDermott, (PA), Brian Stahl (PS), Miranda Farley, Deanna Milliken (RYD), August Whitley, Max Gustafson, Eric Peterson, Yvonne Dixon (SHSH), Gran Pinchot, Mike Davidson, Jen Machacdo (STRS), Mike Pichette, Mike Gallagher, Kristin Homoki (SWIM), Kingsley Bowen, Charlie Lownes (USC), Mike Wohl (VSC), John Bailey, John Christensen (WEST), Steve Lukco (WHAT), Matt Chelf (WRC)

**Absent:** Brad Burget, Bill Bare, Frank Campbell, Diane Finnerty, Eva Hernandez, Ross Palazzo, BOSS (2), CCS (2), CLSC (1), CLES (1), CWW (1), FAST (1), GO (1), GLSS (1), HSC (2), HSW (1), LESD (2), LRST (2), LSSC (1), MRST (2), NEON (1), PA (2), PS (2), RYD (1), USC (1), VSC (2), WEST (1), WHAT (2), YWRC (2)

**Teams without Representation:** BBSC, CLEV, PAC, PCP, VFYT, YYN

**Motion to add to Agenda: Passed**

- LC Senior Championship Format

**Approval of minutes from September 2014 HOD Meeting: Passed**

**Announcements**

1. Safe Sport: Pam Cook:
  - Mike Pichette and Stephanie Boyd will run the Athletes' Sessions on Safe Sport. The sessions are 30 mins. Each
  - LESI was selected by USA Swimming as a pilot LSC to disseminate Safe Sport information at the club level
  - Yvonne Dixon, Shelley Ochoa and Pam Cook are the Safe Sport Committee
  - The committee will be meeting with USA Swimming to roll out modules for parents, athletes and coaches at the club level in the next 12-18 months
  - In conjunction, the committee would like each club to identify their own Safe Sport Liaison with the Lake Erie Board and the they will get service points approved for the club
  - Pam will be asking who those liaisons will be soon. They do not need to be USA registered
2. Swimposium May 2: Pam Cook
  - We still need coaches and parents to attend. Officials and athlete sessions are full.
3. LESI 14U Zone Team: Tina McCauley
  - Steve Wood is no longer with the LSC.
  - Mimi Wallace is the new Zone Chair
  - She will send out information as soon as possible
  - Coaches who would like to apply to be Zone Chairs should email Mimi or Tina
4. ASCA Clinic Sept 8-13: Tina McCauley
  - Will be held in Cleveland this Fall
  - There is still money available for those planning to attend
5. USAS Convention Sept 27- Oct 4: Tina McCauley
  - Please email Tina if interested in attending
  - The Board will decide who will get funded to go to the Convention
6. Clarification of Surcharge and Sanction Fees: Tina McCauley
  - Surcharge will need to be paid within 14 days of hosting a meet otherwise there is a 10% penalty
  - Let Diane know if the money is being paid by a school or other party that may delay the payment

**Elections:**

1. Administrative Board of Review: Tom Stacy
  - LESI has moved to an Administrative Board of Review since January 1
  - Central Zone has a Board of Review that handles Code of Conduct reviews
  - The LESI Administrative Board of Review will handle issues such as fines and other local administrative items

- a. Current Members: (with dates of when their terms will expire)
  - i. 2016- Julie Knurek, Kevin Harrod, Brendan Pham, Rich Szczepinski
  - ii. 2015- Jodie Wohlfeil, Tom Stacy, Nick Hanna
- b. Nominated Members: Jodie Wohlfeil, Tom Stacy, Nick Hanna
  - o Only Jodi Wohfeil will return
  - o Tom is in the Central Board of Review and Nick is stepping down
- c. Nominations from floor
  - o Mike Gallagher (SWIM)
  - o Anthony Petruzzi (MRST)

**Motion to vote Anthony Petruzzi, Mike Gallagher and Jodie Wohlfeil to the Administrative Board of Review:**  
**Motion passed by Acclamation**

#### **Reports Requiring Action:**

1. Approval of LESI Short Course Championship Meet format – Vince Colwell
  - 8 and Under Champs:

**Motion to approve 8 and Under Champs as written in the schedule: Passed**

- Regional Championships: Several proposed amendments
  - 1) Regional Meets will be scored per team per site **Passed**
  - 2) Hold Regional Meets in 3 sites instead of 4 **Failed**
  - 3) Have 5 individual event limit instead of 4 **Passed**

#### **Discussion:**

- o To increase the event limit to 5 and limit the site to only 3 will adding too many splashes to each remaining site (PA site had 134 swimmers x potential 5 splashes and to divert those to other sites will overburden the other sites)
- o Caroline McDermott from PA suggested that they can host a 4<sup>th</sup> site at their pool but keep it at a 1 session meet. This will encourage her team and those around them to attend the meet when travel is not too far.
- o She also suggested that the meet be hosted at the same day as the other sites so that they can become an overflow site
- o PA's site will be a region site so those very far from them will not be assigned to their site
- Senior Champs:
  - 1) Add Mixed 200 Free and Mixed 200 Medley Relay (2 boys 2 girls) as requested by athletes
    - o Suggestion to have the mixed relays swam at finals
    - o Each team is allowed to have only one relay.
    - o Have a 10 minute break built in the timeline as a buffer between relays and individual events
    - o Mixed 200 Medley Relay swam one night and the Mixed 200 Free Relay swam the other night
    - o There is no limit to number of relays a swimmer can swim
    - o A team can scratch their mixed relay if they do not have enough swimmers coming back for Finals.

**Motion to have the 200 Mixed Relay (one kind per night) swam at the beginning of Finals session, limit each team to 1 entry and have a 10 minute break before the start of the individual events: Passed**

- 2) Clarification on having A,B and C finals
  - o Suggestion to make the C final a non-college final-this allows the HS swimmers who do not go to Districts and States a chance to have a second swim. It will motivate those swimmers to swim in the college level.
  - o Need a definition of what is a non college swimmer since meet is swam by age: 18 and under non college
  - o There are also college swimmers who do not go to Conference, which is their championship meet in college, and it would be nice to have them swim in the C final if the make the cut

**Motion to have a C final strictly for 18 and under non college swimmers only: Passed**

- 3) Adding 50s of every stroke
- 4) Recommendation to swim relays swam during finals
  - o This generates more excitement at the team level
  - o According to athletes, they are there to swim their finals and do well. Adding the relays during finals just makes them more tired as there is a fast turn around as it is with the individual events.
  - o There was a question on how the timeline will be affected adding the C finals and the extra events
  - o For a 3 day meet, creating a longer timeline is also less time for the athletes to go home and come back the next day
  - o Suggestion to have the top 2 heats of relays swim at Finals

**Motion to have the top 2 heats of relays swim at finals: Failed**

- 5) Clarification of number of places to score:

- Incentive to have C finals come back if they can score
- Top 24 should score
- College athletes are not able to swim the C finals so the team scoring will actually be biased against the college teams
- In higher level competitions where there is a bonus heat that excludes other swimmers (i.e. heat for 198 and under only), those heats are not scored.

**Motion to score top 24: Failed (Yae-32 Nay-34) Only Top 16 will score**

**Motion to adopt Senior Champs Format as written with A,B,C (C heat will only be for 18 and under HS swimmers) finals; adding Mixed ( 2 boys/2 girls) 200 relays one per day with a 10 minute break between relays and individual events and teams limited to one entry per Mixed relay event; and scoring top 16; no limit on relays an individual may swim: Passed**

- 14 and Under Champs

- 1) Time Standards: 9 and Under can qualify to swim the meet with a 10 and Under BB time
  - There are single age A times for 10 and older but none for 9 and Under

**Motion to have single age group A cut as qualifying times except for the 9 and Under who can use 10 and Under BB times: Passed**

- 2) There should be a minimum of 3 hours between end of Prelims and beginning of Finals warm ups with stipulation that the Meet Management committee can make adjustments if the timeline is projected to run past 8:30 PM.
  - There is not enough time for everybody to go home and prolonging the break becomes more of a problem to find a place to rest- no place to hang out

**Motion to have 3 hours minimum between end of Prelims and start of Finals warm ups and allow Meet Management Committee to make adjustments if the timeline is projected to run past 8:30 PM. Passed (Nay-6)**

- 3) Amend the language with regards to athletes going to the ready room and awards podium: Currently it reads: "you must go to ready room and you must go to awards"; Change that to: "should go to ready room and should go to awards"
  - When the athlete is mandated to go to ready room, there is no communication of a missing athlete and allowing the alternate the chance to swim. When the swimmer is also expected to go to the awards podium, they do not have the chance to warm down after their race.
  - It takes very little time to get the swimmers up in the podium, the swimmers get the parade that they want, gives them the recognition they deserve for finishing in the top
  - It's nice to have a picture of everyone in the podium and makes an even playing field that all of them are not warming down
  - If more time is needed for swimmers to warm down, then the coach should ask the referee
  - The awards ceremony allows more rest for the swimmer who has to swim back to back events
  - As much as awards are nice, taking care of one's body is important i.e. warming down

**Motion to change language to change from "must" to "should" ... go to ready room and awards. Passed (29-25)**

- 4) Suggestion to remove language pertaining to a one girl/one boy by age group award since there are high point winners

**Motion to take out language regarding Team Awards: Awards will be given to one female and one male by age group. Should only read: Girl and boy high point winner and runner up per age group...Passed**

- 5) Suggestion: relay only swimmer be allowed to do one Time Trial event per day
  - Each team is only allowed 2 relay only swimmers per gender per age group

**Motion to permit relay only swimmers to swim one Time Trial event per day on Saturday and Sunday and to have a limit of 2 relay-only swimmers per gender per age group: Passed**

- 6) Suggestion to keep single age time standards but to swim Finals as age group events with A and B heats. Both heats will be scored. B heat is a consolation final heat and swimmers and will not go to podium.
  - Some come back for finals by default and there are older or younger who can swim faster than the finalists.

**Motion to run 14 and Under Champs with Single Age group qualifying times but swim Finals with traditional Age Groups (10 and Under, 11-12, 13-14 years old) events. There will be 2 heats (A and B) and both will be scored but only A heat swimmers will go to the ready room and podium: Passed (39-22)**

**Motion to approve 14 and Under Champs format with above changes: Passed (Nay-7)**

2. Approval of 2015-16 Short Course schedule – Vince Colwell

- There will be changes in the handout (October 18 and February 6 which is listed as TBD)
- GLSS will host Frozen meet on February 6 at CSU (Age Group only meet)
- October 18 is hosted by PA at Youngstown
- There is usually a meet during Presidents' Day weekend which is not in the schedule but will be posted later

**Motion to adopt the schedule as written: Passed**

Discussion:

- HEAT would like to propose to reopen the site selection for the October 18 meet.
- HEAT's original bids were for October 18 and January 24.
- They placed a contingency bid for the December 13 meet if they were not granted the October meet

**Motion to approve the SC schedule as written except for the October 18 and December 13 (awarded to HEAT) Meets. The Board of Directors will listen to the appeal and will make their decision at a later date. Passed (Nay-1)**

3. Legislation – Sean Jones

B-1 ACTION: <b>Adopted</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee	
Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 606.4

606.4 DOUBLE VOTE PROHIBITED- An Individual Member entitled to vote in the House of Delegates by virtue of holding a position in LESI may not ~~also~~ vote as a Group Member Representative in the House of Delegates.

B-2 ACTION: <b>Adopted</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee	
Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 607.3

607.3 MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

.2 BUDGET COMMITTEE - The members of the Budget Committee shall be the General Chair, the Finance Vice-Chair, who shall serve as Chair, the Treasurer, the Administrative Vice-Chair, the Senior Athlete Representative, the Technical Planning Chair, the Senior Coach Representative, the Age Group Vice-Chair and the Senior Vice-Chair.

B-3 ACTION: <b>Adopted/Amended</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee	
Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 607.1

**ARTICLE 607  
DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

607.1 DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTIONS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS - The six divisions of LESI shall each be chaired by a Vice-Chair, the Senior Athletes Representative, or the Senior Coaches Representative, whose respective powers, duties, jurisdiction and responsibilities are described in Section 606.7. Under each division Vice-Chair there are officers, committees, coordinators and direct responsibilities as follows:

.1 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – General Chair

- Executive Committee
- Leap Committee
- Safe Sport committee

.2 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION - Administrative Vice-Chair

- Awards Program Committee
- Legislation Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Volunteer Recognition Committee
- Swimposium Committee
- ~~Awards Banquet~~
- ~~Bylaws/Legislation/Rules~~
- ~~Computer~~

- ~~Elections~~
- ~~Insurance~~
- ~~Legal (General Counsel, if applicable)~~
- ~~Membership/Registration~~
- ~~Publications/Newsletter~~
- ~~Policies and Procedures Manual~~
- ~~Records/Top 16 Tabulation~~
- ~~Swimguide/Parents Manual~~
- Secretary
- ~~Safe Sport Committee Chair~~
- ~~Web Site~~
- Handbook Committee
- Records Coordinator
- Registration Committee
- Swim Database Coordinator
- Permanent Office
- Website Coordinator
- IMX Committee
- .3 AGE GROUP DIVISION - Age Group Vice-Chair
  - Camps Committee
  - Disability Committee
  - ~~Adaptive Swimming~~
  - Age Group Development Committee
  - ~~All-Star Meet~~
  - ~~Camps/Clinics~~
  - ~~Meet Evaluation~~
  - Meet Management Committee
  - Meet Sanctions Committee
  - LESI and Zone Open Water Committee
  - Quad Meet (Mid-States 14Under Championships) Committee
  - Zone Team Committee
- .4 SENIOR DIVISION - Senior Vice-Chair
  - Diversity Committee
  - ~~Awards~~
  - Officials Committee
  - ~~Reportable Times~~
  - Safety Committee
  - Senior Swimming Committee
  - ~~Diversity~~
- .5 FINANCE DIVISION- Finance Vice-Chair
  - Audit
  - Budget Committee
  - Equipment
  - Elaine Miller Fund Committee
  - Finance Committee
  - Marketing/Sponsorship

- Public Relations/Communications
  - ~~Swim a thon~~
  - Tax
  - Treasurer
- .6 ATHLETES DIVISION - Senior Athlete Representative
- ~~Athlete Representatives~~
  - Athletes Committee
- .7 COACHES DIVISION - Senior Coach Representative
- ~~Coach Representatives~~
  - Coaches Committee
  - ~~Special Events~~
- .8 Technical Planning Division – Technical Planning Chair
- Technical Planning Committee
  - Scheduling Committee
  - Club Incentive Committee
  - ~~Club Development~~
  - ~~Meet Sponsorship~~
  - ~~Program Development~~
  - ~~Time Standards~~

B-4 ACTION: **Adopted** Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

**Location:** Lake Erie Bylaws Article 614

#### ARTICLE 614

##### PERMANENT OFFICE AND STAFF

614.1 OFFICE - LESI shall maintain an office in the Territory for the storage and maintenance of the books and records and equipment of LESI and for other purposes as may be determined by the House of Delegates or the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws.

614.2 STAFF - LESI shall retain paid staff at the LESI Office as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate or necessary. The staff shall be under the general supervision of the General Chair and the Administrative Vice Chair. With respect to delegated functions of the officers, committee chairs and coordinators, the staff shall be responsible to the respective officer, committee chair or coordinator. The powers and duties of the paid staff shall be established in LESI's Policies and Procedures Manual or by resolution of the Board of Directors.

614.3 APPROPRIATIONS - The Budget Committee shall include in its proposed budget a line item for the costs of LESI's Office inclusive of the compensation and benefits costs of the paid staff. Once appropriated by the House of Delegates, the Finance Committee shall be responsible, together with the General Chair, for the administration of those funds. The compensation of the staff shall to the extent possible be treated as confidential.

P-1 ACTION: **Adopted** Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

**Location:** LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.4(H) Conduct of Specific Warm-Up

5.7.4 Warm-up shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines published by the LESI Safety Committee.

H. Conduct of Specific Warm-up – The final 20 minutes of a 45 minute warm-up or the final 15 minutes of a 30 minute warm-up shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) For all pools when teams are assigned a lane for the warm-up period:
  - (a) The assigned lane will be open for sprint starts if the coaches for the assigned lanes agree that their general warm-up is concluded, regardless of the lane, and at such time that the Meet Referee (or his/her designee) have agreed that the lane is safe for sprint starts.
  - (b) Once a lane is opened for starts any team may share the lane for starts to help balance the number of swimmers per lane so long as they are under the supervision of an assigned coach.

When lanes are not pre-assigned for warm-ups:

- (2) For a 10 lane pool:
  - (a) Lanes 1 & 10 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of Meet Referee or his/her designee).
  - (b) Lanes 2 & 9 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and exiting the pool
  - (c) Lanes 3-8 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.
- (3) For an 8 lane pool:
 

a-c no changes
- (4) For a 6 lane pool:
 

a-c no changes

P-2 ACTION: <b>Defeated</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.5(B) For Meets with Slower Than Time Standards

### 5.7.5

B. For meets with "slower-than" time standards, swimmers may not compete in an event in which they are faster than the listed time standard as of the meet entry deadline.

- (1) Swimmers should enter the event only if they have not achieved the listed time standard for that event.
- (2) If prior to the end of the meet it is determined that a swimmer was ineligible to compete in an event, the swimmer will subsequently be removed from placement in the event and the swimmer's team will be fined \$50.

P-3 ACTION: <b>Adopted/Amended</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015	
<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.3.3 Meet Applications

### 5.3 Approvals

.3 Application: Application for approval must be submitted in accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. An approval fee deposit of \$50.00 shall accompany the application.

A. Deadline: Application for approval should be submitted to the LESI Sanction Chairman at least ~~8-10~~ 12 weeks prior to the meet.

B. Requirements for Approval: Approval of competition may be issued, withheld, or withdrawn by LESI in accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

C. Meet hosts shall have completed the sanction process and have their meet announcement and meet entry file ready for posting on the LESI website no later than 10 (ten) weeks prior to the date of their meets. Penalties are outlined in the Policies and Procedures.

P-4 ACTION: **Adopted** Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.2 Sanctions
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## 5.2 Sanctions

### .4 Sanction Fees

A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet shall be 20% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. For all other meet hosts, the sanction fee shall be 25% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee.

B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00 fee for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet, and no swimmer surcharge. For all other meet hosts, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$25 and no swimmer surcharge.

C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed 200 yards/meters) the sanction fee shall be

(1) \$10.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$50 for all other meet hosts;

(2) \$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$150 for all other meet hosts; or

(3) 15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or 20% of the entry income for all other meet hosts.

D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.

### .5 Reports and Remittances *[no changes]*

~~.6 Officials For a club to be granted sanction for a meet listed on the approved LESI schedule, the club needs to have at least one certified or in-training official that is attached or will be attached to the club during the Short Course or Long Course season.~~

P-5 ACTION: **Adopted/Amended** For meets held after March 31, 2016

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures <b>5.1 Scheduling</b>
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## 5.1

~~.1 Conflicting meets shall not be scheduled unless a waiver is granted by the Board.~~



P-6 ACTION: <b>Withdrawn</b>	
Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.7 Fees  (withdrawn if free market legislation is adopted) P-5
Recommendation:	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.

### 5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

.7 Entry Fees: Meet sponsors may set their own entry fees for individual and relay events, not to exceed the limits listed below unless approved by the Board. A handling fee may be imposed by the meet host for team entries not submitted electronically. A \$2.00 surcharge per swimmer per meet shall be assessed, ~~\$1.00 of which shall be designated for the LESI Zone fund, \$1.00 for the general fund,~~ unless waived by the Board. No additional surcharges or any other per swimmer fee may be added by meet hosts without prior consent of the Board.

- A. Age Group and Senior Championship Meets: \$5.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.
- B. Meets where medals and high point (individual and/or team) awards are given: \$4.50 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.
- C. Meets where medals are awarded: \$4.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.
- D. Meets where there are no awards or where only ribbons are awarded: \$3.00 per individual event; \$8.00 per relay.
- E. Distance Meets offering only events 400 yards/meters or greater: \$10.00 per individual event.
- F. Open Water Meets: \$20 per individual event.

P-7 ACTION: <b>Adopted</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015	
Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement

### 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

.2 Coaches: The base amount on which percentage for reimbursement is determined for any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or for U.S. Paralympic Open Championships or NCSA Junior Nationals shall be travel cost as defined in .5 below or \$50 per day for which a Coach has a swimmer in competition whichever is greater. When a national meet is held within two days of the conclusion on another national meet in the same location, coaches who remain for the second meet shall receive an additional \$150.00. Teams sending a different coach for the second meet shall have the new coach reimbursed the average airfare. The base amount for USA Swimming Sectional or Grand Prix Meets shall be ~~\$70.00~~ \$100.00 per coach. Reimbursement for USA Swimming Futures Meets shall be travel cost as defined in .5 below not to exceed \$200. Airline purchases shall be made at least 21 days prior to the start of the meet. Airline purchases made less than 21 days prior to the start of the meet by anyone who has already qualified, may be removed from the calculation of the average airfare at the discretion of the Board.

.3 Athletes: The base amount on which percentage for reimbursement is determined for any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, U.S. Paralympic domestic-national level meets as listed on the U.S. Paralympic web site, NCSA Junior Nationals, USA Swimming Futures, or for USA Swimming Sectional Championships or Grand Prix Meets shall be defined in A-F below. Airfare reservations for meets requiring travel by air shall be made at least 21 days prior to the start of the meet. Airline purchases made less than 21 days prior to the start of the meet by anyone who has already qualified may be removed from the calculation of the average airfare at the discretion of the Board.

- A. USA Swimming Sectional, USA Swimming Futures, Grand Prix Meets or Paralympic Domestic Regional Meets: teams shall be reimbursed at a flat dollar rate of ~~\$70.00~~ \$100.00 per swimmer. Unattached individuals shall be reimbursed similarly. In order to be reimbursed, the swimmer must compete in the meet. Relay-only swimmers will be considered to be ½ of a swimmer. Travel reimbursement for Sectionals ~~or Grand Prix Meets~~ shall be given only for meets outside of LESI ~~to teams or unattached~~

~~swimmers whose base practice pool or permanent residence is located 45 miles or more from the meet site as determined by current MapQuest routing and mileage. A swimmer shall be reimbursed for only one meet (Futures, Sectionals or Grand Prix) in the same season.~~

*B through E no further changes*

F. USA Swimming Futures Meet: travel cost up to \$200

P-8 ACTION: <b>Adopted</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015	
Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement

### 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

.1 Teams: Teams shall be issued a per diem for the purpose of a rental car/ van/shuttle/taxi service not to exceed actual cost as follows for the duration of any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or for U.S. Paralympic Open Championships or NCSA Junior Nationals:

- Coach and up to 3 athletes - \$50 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- Coach and up to 6 athletes - \$70 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- Coach and ~~7 or more~~ up to 10 athletes - \$85 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- Coach and up to 15 athletes - \$100 per day of competition plus 2 travel days
- Coach and 16 or more athletes - \$125 per day of competition plus 2 travel days
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P-9 ACTION: <b>Adopted</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015	
Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement

### 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

.4 Officials: The base amount shall be travel cost as listed in .5 below or ~~\$50.00~~ \$70.00 per day for each day of competition, whichever is greater.

*A through D no changes*

E. Funding shall apply only to Olympic Trials, USA Swimming National Championships, U.S. Open, Junior Nationals, Futures, Sectionals, Grand Prix, Open Water National Championships, and Central Zone Championships, provided the meet is a qualifying meet for national certification.

F.5 Travel cost per meet for all candidates, including individuals traveling to a meet from a location outside LESI, will be established by 1) averaging the incurred round trip airfares of all eligible candidates traveling coach class from an LESI regional airport to a meet area airport, or 2) multiplying the current allowable IRS charitable mileage rate by the round trip mileage between Cleveland and the meet city. Which mode of transportation is to be used to compute the base amount will be determined by the Board to reflect what is reasonable for the distance and time of year.

G.6 To protect the financial stability of LESI, the basis for reimbursement may be reduced by the Board, subject to approval by the House.

P- 10 ACTION: <b>Adopted/Amended</b> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015	
Location:	<b>5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions</b>

## 5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

*No Changes for .1 through .15*

.16 For meets that are being held in a Prelims/Finals (separate session) format, including all Lake Erie Swimming hosted meets, meet hosts shall post a psych sheet for public viewing no less than three (3) days prior to the day of the first event.

P-11 ACTION: <b>Defeated</b>	
Location:	5.6 LESI Championships

### 5.6 LESI Championships

.1 *No Changes*

.2 *No Changes*

.3 *No Changes*

.4 Eligibility

A. Only athlete members of LESI shall be eligible for entry into LESI championship meets. For any meets that are combined LSC championships, only member athletes of those LSCs shall be eligible.

B. All swimmers must have met qualifying time standards for the specific events in which they compete.

C. All swimmers must have competed in at least one Lake Erie sanctioned meet, other than the championship meet, during the current season.

P-12 ACTION: <b>Adopted/Amended</b> Effective Date – September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015	
Location:	5. Sanctions

### 5.2 Sanctions

.1 Application

A. *No Changes*

B. *No Changes*

C. Requirements of Sanction: Sanctions are issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with Article 202.2 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Sanctions will not be awarded to any group member that is delinquent and has an outstanding balance of sanction fees or surcharges until all fees are paid. Additionally, all reports must be filed by the prescribed deadlines and the following must be included with the application for sanction and the entry information:

(1) through (7) no changes

.2 *No Changes*

.3 *No Changes*

.4 *No Changes*

.5 Reports and Remittances

*A through C No Changes*

D. Surcharge: A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer and the Surcharge Report shall be mailed to the LESI Treasurer or designee within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the monies and surcharge report within fourteen (14) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the total owed.

E. Financial Statement: The financial statement, sanction work sheet, and sanction fee balance shall be mailed to the LESI Treasurer or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the sanction monies and financial statement within forty-five (45) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the total owed.

*No Further Changes*

4. LC Champs Format: Cindy Virdo

- Eliminate 200 relays: The meet will be run in CCS and the swimmers will have to start in the water
  - Take out 200 relays: **Passed**
- Qualifying times and how they will be posted: there is a question about Non-conforming times. Should they be converted or should it be posted as is with non-conforming times listed before conforming times
- Preference is to list non conforming times before conforming times without conversion **Passed**
- There is a C final in the format. Cindy is proposing taking it out as there is Sectionals the following week starting on Thursday and athletes will not want to stay too late on Sunday. Vote for A/B heats: **Passed** 22- 12

**Reports Requiring No Action:**

1. Admin Vice-Chair- Tom Stacy (none)
2. Senior- Mike Milliken (none)
3. Age Group- Bill Bare (none)
4. Coach Reps- Eva Hernandez and Vince : Matt Parrish is Jr. Coach Rep
5. Athlete Reps- Ross Palazzo and Cole Clampffer: Cassandra Pasadyn is Jr. Athlete Rep
6. Technical Planning- Brad Burgett (none)
7. Zone Chair- Mimi Wallace (none)
8. Treasurer- Diane Finnerty (none)
9. Finance- Richard Szczepinski (none)
10. Legislation- Sean Jones (none)
11. Safety- Chuck Kunsman (none)
12. Officials- Al Kominek (none)
13. Secretary- Nancy Veto (none)
14. Membership/Registration- Pam Cook (see attached report)
15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Pam Cook (see Announcement)
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian Peresie (none)
17. YMCA Liaison- Dale Craddock (none)

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Next Meeting of HOD:** Lower Hawken on September 27, 2015

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Veto, Secretary