

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, February 15th, 2016

Solon Police Department

Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Tom Stacy, Vince Colewell, Matt Parrish, Chuck Kunsman, Bill Bare, Brad Burgett, Diane Finnerty, Bob Martens, Al Kominek, Brian Perresie, Cole Clampffer, Cassandra Pasadyn, Mark Krusinski, Mary Motch, Nancy Veto, Sarah Tobin

Absent: Mike Milliken, Rick Szczepinski, Mimi Walters, Jodi Clute, Shelley Ochoa, Pam Cook, Dale Craddock, Jessica Bonnezzi

Conflict of Interest Declarations; None

Addition to and Approval of Agenda: Approved

- Scoring College swimmers during Sr. Championships

Approval of Consent Agenda: Approved

1. Minutes from January Board Meeting: **Approved**

Announcements: None

Strategic Plan

1. Athletic Performance:

- Tom sent out statistics showing that the LSC is above the national average in 4 out of 9 categories

A. Senior Swimming- No report

- 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: No changes

- 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 2 new officials, but 1 left.

B. Active Committees

C. Permanent Office

Action Items

1. Scoring of College Swimmers at Sr. Champs

- USA Swimming sent out a memo that during the academic year, when college students are competing in a USA meet, there should be separate scoring for the college swimmers-have a separate division for these swimmers
- Example: during National, there was a separate division for the college swimmers
- Meet Manager can create separate divisions. The meet will still score 16 places.
- There aren't enough college swimmers or teams competing at Sr. Champs to have a need to score them.

Motion: To modify the scoring format and meet information packet of the LESI Championships:

“Scoring Divisions: Collegiate and Non-Collegiate Divisions will be set up for the meet. The collegiate division will not be eligible for Scoring.” **PASSED**

2. Forkapa Award Selection: A vote was taken for the recipient of the Forkapa Award

3. Board Award Selection:

Motion: The Board Award will not be given out this year. **PASSED**

Discussion Items

1. LSC Leadership Course – Tom

- Only 3 Board members have completed the on line course
- Tom would like the rest of the Board to do the course before March 1

2. Age-ups between Regional and Age Group Champs – Bill

- It was pointed out that there are swimmers whose birthdays fall between Regional Meets and Age Group Champs.
- These swimmers may be too fast for the Regional meets but too slow for Age Group Champs. They end up not having an end of the season meet
- In previous years, there was language in the meet information that allowed swimmers who fall into this category to swim Age Group Champs. This year’s information does not include said language.

Motion: Include similar language in this year’s Age Group Champs Meet Information: **FAILED**

ELIGIBILITY: Swimmers must be current athlete members of LESI and have met the time standard requirements. Swimmers who are too fast to swim and event at Silver Championships and age up between the start of Silver Champs and the start of Gold Championships may enter that event in the new age group as a qualifier at Gold Champs

Discussion:

- There are very few swimmers who fall in that category
- Age ups happen all year for different high level meets (Quads, Zones, etc). and there are no allowances for these swimmers
- The LSC does not guarantee anyone a championship meet just because the athlete’s birthday falls between the 2 said meets.

Motion: Allow an athlete whose birthday falls between Regional Meet and Age Group Champs to swim an event they are too fast for Regionals but too slow for Age Group Champs to swim the event at Regionals to get a chance to acquire the qualifying time for AG Champs for the age up group. **PASSED**

3. Active Committee Members:

- Julie Bare is asking that all Committee Heads submit names of active committee members by March 1 so that their teams can be given service points.

4. Club Service

- Chuck would like know the teams to be awarded service points as well.

5. OTC Trip:

- Sam Seiple would like someone else to coordinate the Olympic Training Camp trip
- Eric Peterson is willing to coordinate the trip.
- Anyone i.e. parent, coach official etc. may coordinate the trip in the future

Motion: Include a stipend in the budget for the OTC coordinator but not to exceed the approved budget: **PASSED**

6. Athlete Rep Voting

- Athletes have posted on their FB page voting for next year’s athlete reps and athlete of the year

7. Team Community Service Award

- Will accept nominations until Monday February 22nd, Board will vote via email by February 29th

- Pam will be posting a notice on the web/newsletter for teams to submit their applications for consideration of the award and these should be emailed directly to Tom

Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Cole and Cassandra: None
2. Coach Reps- Vince and Matt: None
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Chuck:

Volunteer Recognition (Julie Bare)

I will complete the list and send out the thank you gift cards after I get the list of key workers from Age Group Champs and after I get the list of active committee members from the division head. So far, I have received the list of active members of the Scheduling Committee from Vince. Please try to persuade the Board members to send me the lists.

Awards (Julie Bare)

We have confirmed that Cindy Virido Dial will give a quick speech about her and Joey's experiences in Doha. Mike Sokolich will be the photographer. We will be giving the athletes who get recognition but no trophy, certificate, plaque, etc. \$2.00 gift cards to Aquatic Outfitters each time they come up for recognition (Zones, OW Zones, Sectionals, Futures, Juniors, Seniors, Scholastic All-American, and Arena Pro Series). We are buying the gift cards at \$1.00 each. Additionally, each attendee will receive a stadium cup. We are still hammering out the design.

Club Service (Julie Bare)

Still waiting to hear which committee chairs & committee members should get points for their clubs. I will need an updated list of officials and to which club each is registered.

Permanent Office (Pam Cook)

Times Exception Report

Change in procedure for Times Exceptions - have the meet host be responsible for creating the times exception report and collecting the monies for the fines. The Permanent Office will do the times exception function only for those meets that the LSC conducts.

Rationale:

1. All fine monies collected from times exceptions goes to the meet host. The LSC has been doing this function as a service to the meet hosts. The LSC registrar does not have the detailed information regarding why the time was entered, who entered it and in some cases the correct emails for the club entry person.
2. The meet host has up to date email information for the club entry person
3. The meet host entry person has direct knowledge of the times that were entered and what they represent (bonus events, etc.)
4. The meet host can run the initial report from Meet Manager and then look up exceptions on the public side of Times search on the USA Swimming website just as easily as the LSC registrar does.

Legislation (Jodie Clute)

- Looking at changes necessary due to USA Swimming HOD in Sept and changes we need to make to comply

Nominating committee (Eric Peterson)

The committee is hard at work soliciting candidates to fill the upcoming openings. At this time, we are seeking qualified candidates. Anyone with any recommendations can contact Eric Peterson.

4. Senior- Mike: None

5. Age Group- Bill

No reports submitted from:

1. **Camps (Sam Seiple)**
2. **Meet Management (Sharon Badertscher)**
3. **Open Water (Dianne Finnerty)**

Disability (Stacey Aroney)

Reported no additional activity other than assembling committee members

Mid States All Star (Bill Bare)

- Still working on the task force for ironing out issues.
- Diane Finnerty submitted the expense report

Sanction (Julie Bare)

- Sanction - total meet sanctioned approved for the 2015/16 short course season - 55.
- Sanctioned: 44
- Approved: 11

Committee members are Julie Knurek, Nancy Veto, Kat Torok, Dale Craddock, Pam Cook, and Julie Bare. All have done an outstanding job turning around the requests for sanction/approval in a timely fashion.

By policy, long course age group champs and senior champs should be sanctioned and available for distribution at the Spring HOD. Technical Planning should submit the AG Champs application and meet announcement and FAST should submit for Senior Champs. I am hopeful the LSC will start following its own rules and not just apply them to the clubs. The first summer meets are scheduled for May 7, so those applications should also be submitted in the near future.

Zone (From Mimi Wallace)

Head Coach Brian Wamsley is reaching out to potential candidates for assistant coaches. Intention is to select coaches and make an announcement at Short course Age Group Champs.

6. Technical Planning- Brad: None
7. Zone Chair- Mimi
8. Treasurer- Diane
9. Finance- Rich: None
10. Legislation- Jodi: None
11. Safety- Bob: None
12. Officials- Al; None

13. Secretary- Nancy: None
14. Membership/Registration- Pam
Statistics (as of 1/13/16):
 - Athletes – 3289
 - Non-Athletes – 241
 - Clubs - 33
15. Safe Sport Chair- Shelly: None
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian: None
17. YMCA Liaison- Dale: None

Old Business:

- Safety Manual on line is outdated: Bob Martens is working on it.

New Business:

- LESD is hosting this summer's Sectional meet and they would like to have the sanction fee waived.
- Athletes in this area will not be funded
- Limit of 2 relays per team is not in the meet info.

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department Monday, April 18, 2016 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Veto
Secretary