

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, May 16, 2016

**7:30 p.m.**

Solon Police Department

Minutes

**Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Tom Stacy**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Bob Martens, Jodi Clute, Al Kominek, Chuck Kunsman, David Madej, Spencer Crawford, Bill Bare, Tom Stacy, Branden Burns, Diane Finnerty, Amanda Palutis, Brian Peresie, Mary Motch, Matt Parrish, Rich Szczepinski, Pam Cook, Cathy Lautenschleger (for Nancy Veto)

**Absent:** Mike Milliken, Shelly Ochoa, Dale Craddock, Nancy Veto, Carl Shallenberger, Colton Phelps, Cassandra Pasadyn, Brad Burget, Mimi Wallace and Sarah Bennett.

**Conflict of Interest Declarations: None**

**Addition to and Approval of Agenda:**

- **Motion to approve agenda: PASSED**

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Minutes from April Board Meeting
- 2) Committee Reports

- **Motion to approve minutes from the April Board Meeting and submitted committee reports: PASSED**

**Announcements**

1. Board Elections
  - a. General Chair – Chuck Kunsman
  - b. Admin Vice Chair – Bob Martens
  - c. Senior Vice Chair – Tom Stacy
  - d. Age Group Vice Chair – Bill Bare
  - e. Secretary – Nancy Veto
  - f. Treasurer – Diane Finnerty
  - g. Finance – Rich Szczepinski
  - h. Technical Planning – Brad Burget
  - i. Junior Athlete Rep – Colton Phelps
  - j. Junior Coaches Rep – Carl Shallenberger
- New Board takes effect June 1<sup>st</sup> except for the Athlete Reps and Coaches Reps. They take effect immediately.

**Strategic Plan**

**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
- Al stated that we lost 1 Official. Their child is no longer swimming.
- B. Active Committees
- C. Permanent Office

## Action Items

1. Approval of Committee Chairs- Chuck
  - a. Safety- Brandon Burns
  - b. Camps- Carl Shallenberger
  - c. Meet Management – Sharon Bad
  - d. Sanctions – Julie Bare
  - e. Disability- Stacey Vayo-Aroney
  - f. Open Water – Diane Finnerty
  - g. YMCA Liaison – Mike Milliken
  - h. NCAA Liaison – Brian Peresie
  - i. Zone Chair – Mimi Wallace
  - j. Legislation – Jodi Clute
  - k. Officials – Al Kominek
  - l. Safe Sport – Shelly Ochoa
- **Motion to approve Committee Chairs: PASSED**
2. Appointment of At-Large Athletes
  - a. David Madej
  - b. Amanda Palutsis
  - c. Spencer Crawford
  - d. Sarah Bennett
- **Motion to approve appointment of At-Large Athletes: PASSED**
- Chuck stated he wants the athletes to participate in the meetings. The Board wants their advice. Chuck would like to be advised if any of the athletes can't make it to the meetings. The Board needs to have 20 % of athletes present to vote at the Board meetings and on the committees.
- Mary suggested all athletes speak up, because their opinion does make a difference.

## Discussion Items

1. Convention At-Large Appointments
 

Tom will send a list of who will have funding to Convention.

  - Julie Bare and Pam Cook both requested an At-large appointment
  - Tom will ask Tina is she will be attending.
2. Convention Funding 9/19 – 9/25 (See General Chair's Report)
  - Below is the status of Board members and their attendance of the Convention:
    - a. General Chair- Chuck Kunsman – yes would like to attend
    - b. Administrative Chair – Bob Martens - yes would like to attend
    - c. Senior Chair – Tom Stacy - yes would like to attend

- d. Age Group Chair – Bill Bare - yes would like to attend
  - e. Senior Coach Representative – Matt Parish - yes would like to attend
  - f. Senior Athlete Representative – Cassandra Pasadyn – unsure
  - g. Officials Chair – Al Kominek – No will not attend
  - h. Permanent Office Director/Registration Chair – Pam Cook - yes would like to attend
  - i. Finance – Rich Szczepinski – No will not attend
  - j. Technical Planning – Brad Burget - unsure
  - k. Safety- Brandon Burns – yes would like to attend
  - l. Junior Athlete Rep – Colton Phelps - unsure
  - m. Junior Coaches Rep – Carl Shallenberger – unsure
  - n. Treasurer – Diane Finnerty – yes if there is room
  - o. Legislation – Jodi Clute – yes if there is room
  - p. Secretary – Nancy Veto – unsure
  - q. Zone Chair – Mimi Wallace – unsure
- Tom will make sure to ask those who did not attend the meeting if they were going to Convention. Tom will put it out for a vote to the Board before the end of the month.
  - Diane stated that airfare needed to be booked before the end of June. Anybody in the top 9 on the last can go ahead and book airfare. Send it to Diane. On June 30<sup>th</sup> Diane will reimburse the airfare.
  - The Board also discussed there should be an adult of the same gender responsible for each LESI athlete attending. The athletes need to check in with their responsible adult. The Board needs to come up with the guidelines for the athletes.
  - Bill stated the USA Swimming Website has the Convention information on it. There is a menu showing tracks for each individual (athlete, official, coach) and which meetings they should attend.
3. Life Time Membership (see General Chair Report)
- Last month the Board voted for George Bare to receive the Life Time Membership Award. Julie did not feel that George fits the criteria outlined for that award. Bill stated his family appreciated the consideration.
  - Tom stated this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the Quad and we have not yet presented anybody with this award and it has been in the budget every year.
  - Criteria includes: Longtime member of LESI (min of 10 years), continued involvement seems likely, currently on the Board as a committee member, Board of Review member, Official or Coach, and served in a leadership capacity at one time,
  - XXXXXX name was brought up as a suggestion. XXXXXX fits all of the criteria. Chuck nominated XXXXXX. Motion to approve XXXXXX: **PASSED**
4. LC Champs Meet Director – Kat Torok
5. LSC Leadership Training Course
- Tom will send out a link for this course to all of the new Board members. New athletes need to add their email addresses to the sign in sheet. The video will take about 45 min.

## Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Cassandra and Colton -nothing
2. Coach Reps- Matt and Carl - nothing
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Chuck
  - Thanked everybody who was continuing on. He would like to continue to keep meetings efficient. Chuck likes to start all meetings on time.
  - The time of the meeting was questioned. Rich was concerned with moving the meeting to an earlier time, because he will not be able to get here any earlier. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Senior- Mike - nothing
5. Age Group- Bill - nothing
6. Technical Planning- Brad - absent
7. Zone Chair- Mimi - absent
8. Treasurer- Diane - nothing
9. Finance- Rich- nothing
10. Legislation- Jodi- nothing
11. Safety- Bob - absent
12. Officials- Al- nothing
13. Secretary- Nancy - absent
14. Membership/Registration- Pam - nothing
15. Safe Sport Chair- Shelly- absent
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian - nothing
17. YMCA Liaison- Dale – absent
  - Tom thanked Dale for his service to the Board. Dale was the first and only YMCA Liaison for LESI.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

**Next Meeting:** Solon Police Department Monday, June 20, 2016 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Lautenschleger  
For Nancy Veto  
Secretary