

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, November 28, 2016 7:30 p.m.

Solon Police Department

Our Mission: To enrich the lives of our athletes through the sport of swimming by providing safe and inclusive programming in a culture that encourages competitive excellence and personal growth.

Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Chuck Kunsman, Bill Bare, Diane Finnerty, Vince Colewell, Branden Burns, Jodi Clute, Mimi Wallace, Brian Peresie, Mike Milliken, Nancy Veto, Cassandra Pasadyn, Colton Phelps, Spencer Crawford, Pam Cook

Absent: Bob Martens, Tom Stacy, Carl Shallenberger, Matt Parrish, Rich Szczepinski, Al Kominek, Shelly Ochoa, David Madej, Sarah Bennett, Amanda Palutsis

Conflict of Interest Declarations: None

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda: None

Motion to Approve Agenda: **PASSED**

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from 2016 October Board Meeting: No corrections
2. Committee Reports: No additions nor corrections

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: **PASSED**

Announcements

1. Thanks for Cleveland Sports Institute for hosting the Club Leadership Business Management School- Tuesday November 15
 - There were 7 teams represented with 12 people attending
 - Very informative and highly suggested for any team to learn how to manage their club
2. Congratulations to Deana Milliken (RYD), Age Group Coach of the Year and Cindy (Virido) Dial (FAST) Senior Coach of the Year

Strategic Plan

1. Athletic Performance: No Reports

- 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: No Reports

- A. Increase Officials – ??
- B. Active Committees
- C. Permanent Office

Action Items:

1. SC Senior Champs –Facility fee Request– Vince Colwell/Carl Schellenberger

Motion to approve a \$5/athlete facility surcharge: **FAILED**

Discussion:

- FAST asked to include a facility after they started hosting Sr. Champs the first year when their revenue significantly dropped compared to hosting Silver Champs. This revenue was important because it factored into their annual budget.
- FAST accommodates all requests on how Senior Champs should be swum e.g. Long Course events during Friday and running 2 pools thereby having to get more officials
- It was suggested that they increase the entry fees instead. It was noted that our LSC does not charge any more for higher caliber meets than the regular meets
- FAST has to ask for this surcharge to be included every year. There is no blanket exemption
- It was suggested that legislation should be done to change Policy and Procedure Section 5.7.7

2. Zone Committee Actions

- a. Approval of Kevin Harrod - Head Coach for Zone Meet Aug 2017

Motion to approve Kevin Harrod as Head Coach for 2017 Zone Meet: **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Lisa Downing - Zone Co-chair

Motion to approve Lisa Downing as Zone Co-Chair: **PASSED**

Discussion:

- Lisa will be a Co-Chair that will share responsibilities with Mimi.
 - Lisa will be able to go to the Board meetings in Mimi's stead
 - The Co-Chairs will only have one vote during the Board Meetings
 - Lisa has helped with Zones before. She has a younger swimmer and expects to be around for a while. It would create a seamless transfer once Mimi leaves the position.
- c. Policy change – to Legislative committee
- Legislation should be changed so that the cost of going to Zones is based on the number of days for the meet including the travel days vs. a fixed cost.

3. From Julie Bare

In the course of sanctioning Senior Champs, an issue has arisen which I believe requires some sort of Board decision.

HOD approved A/B/C finals with the C final limited to 18U swimmers.

HOD said that the top 16 non-collegiate swimmers would score.

HOD said the C final would not be scored since it excludes some swimmers.

The last two items are in conflict with one another. If collegiate swimmers are involved in the A/B finals, then to get the top 16 non-collegiate swimmers, one would have to extend the scoring to swimmers in the C final.

Hy-tek will automatically score only swimmers in the A/B finals. To extend scoring to swimmers in the C final will require manually adjusting results (JD) so that scoring can apply to swimmers in the C final (which would be a major pain).

I believe that one of the following statements should be placed in the meet announcement, but am not sure which the HOD wanted:

1. Only non-collegiate swimmers in the A/B final will score; swimmers in the C final will not score points.

or

2. The top 16 non-collegiate swimmers in each event will score. (this could potentially discriminate against no-collegiate swimmers who are 19&O who are not eligible for the C final).

Thanks.

Jb

Motion: Score Top 16 utilizing 2 Divisions: Collegiate and Non-Collegiate with only Heats A/B able to score: **PASSED**

4. HOD/Awards Spring Meetings:

- Chef Randy called to say that the First Communion Mass was going to be held at 11 AM on the day of the Awards Banquet
- He said that the Parish Priest was not happy when our banquet extended after 11 because it crowded that 11 o'clock mass and would be more of a problem with First Communion being held on that day
- He asked if we could switch to a later time. He said that if dinner could be served instead. The cost for adults would be \$14 and children \$7
- It was suggested that the meeting start at 1 and HOD start at 2. We will not serve lunch which would save us some money that can go towards the increase in the meal.
- Banquet will start at 4:30 with the meal preceding the Awards Ceremony

Motion to have Awards Ceremony in the evening: **PASSED**

Discussion Items

1. Mid-States All Star Meet Jan. 7 & 8, 2017
 - Diane and Bill are creating a Team Unify site that will allow athletes and their families to enroll in the meet. Ohio is will also use the site
 - Bill Bare and Bryan Wamsley are both going for the LSC along with 2 coaches from Ohio
2. May Strategic planning session –
 - Dates suggested were May 5,6 and 13.
 - Chuck will get in touch with USA Swimming to see when they would be available to come
 - Site will be determined then
3. **Black History Meet Feb 17-19**, Takoma Aquatic Center 300 Van Buren St NW, Washington, DC 20012
 - There is money in the budget allotted to send a team to the meet (entry fees plus coaches travel expenses)
4. HOD location and Date for Fall 2017 – Prefer access to pool- minimum three meeting rooms/locations (30/50/50) and one large meeting room (125). Host provides a lunch and coffee, drinks, and snacks. LSC donates \$750 for costs incurred.
 - Dates would be September 24 or October 1
 - Host should decide which of the two dates they prefer to hold HOD
5. No meeting December 19 due to holiday season at this time

Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Cassandra Pasadyn and Colton Phelps: None

2. Coach Reps- Matt Parrish and Carl Schellenberger: None
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Bob Martens: None
4. Senior- Tom Stacy: None
5. Age Group- Bill Bare: See attached committee report
6. Technical Planning- Vince Colwell: see Old Business
7. Zone Chair- Mimi Wallace: None
8. Treasurer- Diane Finnerty: See attached committee report
9. Finance- Rich Szczepinski: None
10. Legislation- Jodi Clute: None
11. Safety- Branden Burns:
 - Report of Occurrence should be submitted on line
12. Officials- Al Kominek: None
13. Secretary- Nancy Veto: None
14. Membership/Registration- Pam Cook
 - Pam will email the rest of the teams to register
 - See attached committee report
15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Shelly Ochoa: None
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian Peresie: None
17. YMCA Liaison- Mike Milliken: None

Old Business

- LC Senior Meet – A team is interested but has to bring it back to the team

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department Monday, Jan 16, 2017 7:30 pm