

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, February 20, 2017

6:30 p.m.

36295 Spicebush Ln. Solon OH 44139

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 6:50 PM

Roll Call: Present: Chuck Kunsman, Tom Stacy, Bill Bare, Al Kominek, Diane Finnerty, Branden Burns, Lisa Downing, Nancy Veto, Colton Phelps, David Madej, Spencer Crawford

Absent: Bob Martens, Rich Szczepinski, Matt Parrish, Carl Schallenberger, Jodi Clute, Shelly Ochoa, Mimi Wallace, Brian Peresie, Mike Milliken, Pam Cook, Sarah Bennett, Amanda Palutsis

Conflict of Interest Declarations: None

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda: None

- **Motion: Approve Agenda PASSED**

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from 2017 January Board Meeting
2. Committee Reports
 - Motion to approve Consent Agenda **PASSED**

Announcements

1. LE Official Paul Shiller's wife past away Monday Jan 30: flowers and sympathy card sent to Paul Shiller

Strategic Plan

1. **Athletic Performance:**
 - **No report. Will be discussing it in May meeting**
 - 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**
 - B. **Active Committees**
 - C. **Permanent Office**

Action Items:

1. Safe Sport Chair- Approval of Marianne Russell as Chair
 - Shelly Ochoa has had health issues
 - Pam and Chuck have tried to contact her to see if she still wants to be Safe Sport Chair. She has not gotten back to them
 - Motion: Remove Shelly Ochoa as Safe Sport Chair **PASSED**
 - Chuck wants to appoint Marianne Russell as Safe Sport Chair. Board was advised and consents to her approval
2. Approval for sending 4 representatives to Central Zone Workshop May 19-21 in Chicago; LSC provided transportation; USA –S Covers room and program fees. Event for General Chair, Safe Sport Chair, Times/Registration and Athlete; Possible attendees; C Kunsman, P Cook, C Phelps and M Russell
 - Motion: Approve funding the transportation for Chuck, Pam, Colton and Marianne to go to Central Zone Workshop **PASSED**

Discussion Items

1. 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.
 - a. Possible Location
 - i. GLSS – Orange High School?
 1. 11:30-1:30 – STSC at pool
 2. 1:45-2:45 – Officials, coaches and athlete meetings
 3. 3:00 – HOD
 - ii. Kracken Swimming – Hubbard Middle School

Motion to approve holding Fall HOD at Orange HS **PASSED**

Discussion:

- More centrally located
 - Available for either the last weekend of September or first weekend of October
2. Sanction Committee guidance on Approved Meets
 - The committee is seeking guidance regarding teams that hold approved meets instead of sanctioned meets all the time
 - Approved meets allow non USA swimmers to swim the meet. Some teams use this to have their non USA team members compete (membership dodge)
 - The officials do not have to be USA and are not required to have as many officials
 - There is precedence on national level discouraging teams to frequently hold approved meets. If a team is not holding any sanctioned meets, they should be allowed only one approved meet.
 - The Board feels that this is the prevue of the Sanctioning Committee. If the committee feels that it should not approve a team's request, they can tell the team to appeal the decision.
 3. Register now for the Women's Leadership Summit from April 7-9 or April 21-23 in Black Forest, CO! (coaches can put in for coaches Education Money)
 - So far, one female coach has requested funding.
 - Maximum funding is \$200
 4. Central Zone Work Shop May 19-21 Chicago; Possible attendees; C Kunsman, P Cook, C Phelps and M Russell
 - Previously discussed and Motion approved
 5. Op Risk/Safety Chair workshop June 9-11 Denver Attendee; Branden Burns
 - This is not funded. USA Swimming has come up with a lot of workshops. The LSC will put more money in the Quad budget for future workshops.
 - Motion: Approve funding for Branden to go to workshop **PASSED**
 6. Officials Chairs meeting June 16-18 Houston; Attendee, A Kominek
 - Al will see if he can get off work
 7. Treasurer's Work Shop June 16-18 Orlando; Attendee D Finnerty
 - Diane is not sure to go since Open Water is that weekend'
 - If she does not go, the funding for this workshop can be used to offset the funding for the Op Risk/Safety Chair Workshop
 8. USAS Convention September 10-17 Dallas TBD
 9. General Chairs Workshop Nov. 3-5 Colorado Spring; Attendee, C Kunsman
 - Motion: Approve funding for General Chairs Workshop **PASSED**

Reports

1. Athlete Reps- Cassandra Pasadyn and Colton Phelps
 - Make sure that the athletes vote on Jr. Athletes' Rep and Athlete Award next week
2. Coach Reps- Matt Parrish and Carl Schellenberger: None
3. Admin Vice-Chair- Bob Martens:
 - The HOF Committee is finalizing a proposal to present to the board during the March Meeting.
 - Julie asked we take a look at the committee listing attached. She would like this updated at the next meeting or passed around to get updated to award club service points to those involved.
 - Bill notified Nancy that Ethan Banks is now with CSI
4. Senior- Tom Stacy: none
5. Age Group- Bill Bare:
 - Camps (Carl):** No report
 - Meet Management (Sharon):** No report
 - Open Water (Diane):** No Open Water Report
 - Sanction (Julie)**

All meets on the short course schedule have been sanctioned. Totals since September of 2016:
 Sanctions - 29 on schedule + 15 others = 44
 Approvals - 10
 We have received one application for a meet on the summer schedule.

AGC (Bill)
 Committee will be a request to change to the format of AG Champs for 2018 to have the 1650 on Thursday night, as well as any other changes to the Championship format after the completion of this year's meet.

Disability (Eric?)
 Eric Peterson has agreed to chair this committee.
6. Technical Planning- Vince Colwell: None
7. Zone Chair- Mimi Wallace and Lisa
 - Coaching Staff:
 - Carl Shallenberger FAST
 - Christopher Tuttle RYD

Allie Vitantonio LESD

8. Treasurer- Diane Finnerty: see attached report
9. Finance- Rich Szczepinski: None
10. Legislation- Jodi Clute: None
11. Safety- Branden Burns: None
12. Officials- Al Kominek: None
13. Secretary- Nancy Veto
14. Membership/Registration- Pam Cook
 - Athletes - 3794
 - Non-Athletes - 265
 - Clubs - 35
15. Safe Sport Coordinator-None
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian Peresie: None
17. YMCA Liaison- Mike Milliken: None

Old Business

- LC Senior Meet – Location and Host/Meet Director
 - Still no team
- LSC Awards for April Awards Banquet: Suggestion for Board to send in names to be determined by next month
 - Forkapa Award – Selected by Board
 - Awarded to a person who continues to volunteer within the swimming community even though that person's personal involvement through kids/spouse, etc. has ceased. Coaches and officials are generally assumed to have personal involvement through their paid status. This award was named in honor of Judy Norton Martin Forkapa who remained involved in swimming, running HS districts long after her children had left the program.
 - Lake Erie Swimming Board Award– Selected by Board
 - Awarded to a person, group, entity, etc. that the Board chooses to recognize for whatever special accomplishment, service, contribution, etc. that doesn't fit into normal recognition categories.
 - Conoco/Phillips Outstanding Service Award – selected by last two recipients
 - Club Community Service Award– Selected by Board
 - awarded to a club with outstanding community service through self-nomination
 - Julie Bare Governance Award– Selected by Board
 - for outstanding service within LE Swimming and either zone or USA-S national or committee service
 - Athlete's Award – By Athletes committee
 - Coach of the Year Senior – Cindy Dial (Virgo)
 - Coach of the Year Age Group – Deanna Milliken
 - Awards, Age Group Disability or Senior Committee
 - Disability Swimmer of the Year
 - Lake Erie Open Water Swimmer of the Year
 - Lake Erie Age Group Swimmer of the Year – Boys
 - Lake Erie Age Group Swimmer of the Year – Girls
 - Club Development Award
- May Strategic planning session – May 7; Location: Springhill Suite Hotel 30100 Aurora Rd., Solon

New Business

Next Meeting: Solon Police Department Monday, March 20, 2017 7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM