

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES

St. Noel's Party Center April 29, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:27 PM

Roll Call:

PRESENT: (Executive Board) Bill Bare, Sarah Bennett, Branden Burns, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Erin Crabtree, Spencer Crawford, Lisa Downing, Diane Finnerty, Amy Hall, Jay Johnson, Chuck Kunsman, David Madej, Bob Martens, Amanda Palutsis, Matt Parrish, Brian Peresie, Colton Phelps, Marianne Russell, Carl Shallenberger, Tom Stacy, Rich Szczepinski, Nancy Veto, Tricia Saum, Jamie Santamaria, **(At Large)** Julie Bare, Kevin Harrod, Sarah Tobin, Colin Martin, Jen Machado, Lori Baylor, **(Clubs)** Jennah Haney (AKRN), Parker Timken, Mike Davidson, Anna Evans (CCS), Marissa Bowers, Ryan Miller (CFYN), Wally Lutkus (CLSC), Katerina Benny, (CLES), Jack Krusinski, Mark Krusinski (CSI), Liz Hastings (CWW), Jack Saum, Cindy Dial, Jennifer Sevald (FAST), Charlotte Bennett, Peta Sneek, Rebecca Bennett (GO), Gianna Ferrante, John Fagan, Kristin MacPhail (GLSS), Bev Poletta, Heather, Peterson (GYB), Paige McCormick, Adam Crabtree, Matt Davis (HEAT), Dominic Panozzo, Brandon Staley, Patrick Goclano (KS), Jonah Wooley, Todd Clark (LESD), Anna Skapoulas, Gabby Kariotakis, Dave Wohfeil (LRST), Erin Bringman (LSSC), Maddy Draiss, Jackie Draiss, Alliso Davila (MRST), Caroline McDermott, Kristen Reynolds (PA) Mikel Flatley, CJ Flatley (PS), Eric Widenhofer, Karla Whelan (RYD), Alice Markey, Eric Peterson (SHSH), Rayna Klugherz, David Perchinske (STRS), Riley McNichols, Ryan Kmet (SWIM), Jeff Armstrong (SYMR), Mitch Govang, Kirtis Huelsman, Bryan Gerber (TCAT), Carter Faulkner, Charlie Lownes (USC), Charlie Clark, Jody Brown, Patty Clark (VSC), Onat Tungac, Don Cisar (WEST), Steve Lukco (WHAT), Rob Harrington (YWRC)

ABSENT: (Executive Board) Jodi Clute, Allan Kominek, Mike Milliken, **(At Large)** Kat Torok, Colin Martin, Katarina Valentic, **(Club)** Keith Turnbull (CFYN), Sue Lutkus (CLSC), John Collis (CSI), David Herts (CWW), Daniel Poletta (GYB), Bryan Wamsley (LESD), Marie Salibra (LESD Booster), Matthew Pecze, Josh Brown (LSSC), Mark Brooks (PS), Deanna Milliken (RYD), Margaret Endre (SHSH), Anne Korenowski (STRS), Julie Weaver (SWIM), Steve Jacobs (USC), Sarah Franklin (VSC), Bridget Quinn (WEST), Brendan Leecue, Lori Leecue (WHAT), Charlotte Mitchell (YWRC)

TEAMS WITHOUT REPRESENTATION: BBSC, MAC, PCP, YYN

Approval of minutes from September 2017 HOD Meeting and agenda: PASSED

Announcements:

1. Swimposium
 - a. Sept. 15, 2018 in Hudson
 - b. Guest speakers will be Elizabeth Biesel for athletes and Jim Holcomb for the officials
2. Athlete Leadership Summit at Houston, TX
 - a. Jay Johnson and Sarah Bennett went with Erin Crabtree (coach)
 - b. It focused on how to use one's personality strengths to become more effective leaders
 - c. It taught them how to give power to younger athletes to make them into leaders
3. Thank you to outgoing Board of Directors: Bob Martens, Rich Szczepinski, Matt Parrish, Jodi Clute, Al Kominek, Nancy Veto, Colton Phelps, David Madej, Amanda Palutsis, Spencer Crawford
4. Board Award given to Jodi and Dave Wohfeil

Elections:

1. Lake Erie Administrative Board of Review
 - a. Current Members (being replaced/reelected)
 - Expire 2018- Tricia Saum, Kevin Harrod, Brendan Pham, Matt Davis, Marissa Bowers (athlete)
 - All the above except for Marissa are willing to come back; Chuck will discuss who the athlete rep will be at a later date
 - no nominations from the floor
 - Motion to elect the above slate to the Administrative Board of Review: **PASSED**
 - b. Current Members: term expiring in 2019 (not being voted upon)

Reports Requiring Action:

1. Elections: Eric Peterson

- A. General Chair: Chuck Kunsman
- B. Admin Vice Chair: Tricia Saum
- C. Senior Vice Chair: Tom Stacy
- D. Age Group Vice Chair: Bill Bare
- E. Finance Vice Chair: Mark Krusinski
- F. Technical Planning Vice Chair: Vince Colwell
- G. Treasurer: Diane Finnerty
- H. Secretary: Jamie Santamaria
 - Tricia Saum can not serve as a member of the Administrative Board of Review and as Admin Vice Chair
 - Motion to elect the slate of Board Directors as listed: **PASSED**
 - Mike Davidson volunteered to be a member of the Administrative Board of Review
 - Motion to elect Mike Davidson to the Administrative Board of Review: **PASSED**

2. Approval of LESI Championship Meet format

ANNOUNCEMENT: LONG COURSE AGE GROUP CHAMPS IS AT CLEVELAND STATE U

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 – 8 & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility: 8 & under

Time Standards: None.

25s must be started from the block end

Timed Finals

Each individual event scored separately for 6U, 7, 8

25, 50, 100 free; 25, 50, 100 back; 25, 50, 100 breast; 25, 50 fly; 100, 200 IM; 100 FR, 100 MR

- Presently, no club has bid on it
- Contact Vince at vcowell@swimstrongsville.net
- Motion to accept 8 and Under Champs as written **PASSED**

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 – REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 SITES)

Eligibility: ages 14U

Time Standard: Slower than Nag A time Standard (using single age for NAG) Use age as of first day of Age Group Championships.

Timed Finals

Divisions: 9U, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

10U events: 50, 100, 200; 50, 100 back; 50, 100 breast; 50, 100 fly; 100, 200 IM;

11-12: 50, 100, 200 free, 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 100, 200 IM;

13-14 events: 50, 100, 200 free, 100, 200 back; 100, 200 breast; 100, 200 fly; 200 IM

- Motion to have Piranha Aquatics host a 4th site (Youngstown State) on Saturday February 23 with the following teams willing to go to the site: PA, Penguins, Kraken, USC, GO, WEST-
PASSED
- Motion to add 14 and Under 500 Free as a separate session: **PASSED**
- Motion to allow athletes who have A cuts during Regionals but age up between Regionals and Age Group Champs be allowed to compete @ Regionals **PASSED**
- Motion to accept Regional Champs as amended **PASSED**

MARCH 15-17, 2019 – SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS *(must have minimum of 8 lanes to bid)*

Eligibility: 15 & Over (no time standards for 50's or 100's; B standards for 200's and longer)

14U swimmers in High School

14U swimmers who are not in HS may compete with 15-16 NAG AAA qualifying time

Timed Finals Friday P.M.

Prelims/Finals on Saturday and Sunday (A/B/C finals)

Team Awards (1-3 combined; 1-2 Male, Female)

High Point & Runner-up

Open: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 1650 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 200, 400 IM; 200, 400, 800 FR; 200, 400 MR

Mixed: 200MR, 200FR

Time Trials on Saturday and Sunday (time permitting)

Scoring: Top 16 non-college swimmers. Each team may only score A&B relays.

Short Course

- Motion to score only 2 relays/team not necessarily the A and the B relays **PASSED**
- Motion to have C Finals limited to 18 year and Under **PASSED**
- Motion to swim events at Prelims as Short Course and Finals as Long Course **SECONDED**
- Friday night events and distance events are timed finals and will be LC
- Amendment to change the 1650 and 1000 Free to 1500 and 800 Free and swum LC
- Friendly amendment: Motion to swim all P/F individual events as SC at Prelims and LC at Finals; Timed Final events will be swum LC only
- Motion to accept Senior Champs as amended **PASSED**

MARCH 8-10, 2019 14 & UNDER CHAMPIONSHIPS *(NOT FOR BID.)*

Eligibility: ages 14U

Time Standard: Single Age NAG A time Standard, 9&under qualify with 10&under BB time.

Bonus events: 2 bonus events per cut achieved. Must have single age BB time in bonus event for 13 & 14 year olds, single age B time in bonus event for 12&under swimmers.

Timed Finals Friday. Prelims/Finals on Saturday and Sunday (A/B Finals). Finals swum as 10&under, 11-12, 13-14. No Consolation final for 10&under except for 50s when there are 20 or more entries. No B Final for 11-12 200s of breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke.

Finals will be swum 13-14 then 11-12 then 10&under with awards at the conclusion of 10&under event.

All relays timed finals. Each team may only score A&B relays.

11/12 500 free will be swum on Saturday.

Pool: CSU

Team Awards (1-3 combined; 1 Male, Female by age group)

High Point & Runner-up

Podium for top 10 individuals, top 5 relays. Presentation of podium to be done after all age groups swim the event.

Divisions: 10&under, 11-12, 13-14

10U events: 50, 100, 200, 500 free; 50, 100 back; 50, 100 breast; 50, 100 fly; 100, 200 IM; 200 FR; 200 MR

11-12 events: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1650 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 100, 200, 400 IM; 200 FR; 200 MR

13-14 events: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1650 free; 100, 200 back; 100, 200 breast; 100, 200 fly; 200, 400 IM; 200, 400 FR; 200, 400 MR

- Motion to accept Age Group Champs as written **SECONDED**
- Amendment: Each team may only score 2 relays

- Motion to accept Age Group Champs as amended: **PASSED**

3. Approval of 2018-19 Short Course schedule – Vince Colwell

- Sun. Oct. 7 **Short Course Season Opener.** LESD at Hawken, Gates Mills. . Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. No time standards. Contact Sarah Tobin, sarah.lesd@gmail.com.
- Sarah reminded that HOD is also October 7. However, she is not sure that she can reschedule the meet because Hawken is also hosting Volleyball.
 - Move HOD to October 6; TCAT can not host HOD on that day; will have to find another host
 - Motion to keep Short Course Season Opener on October 7 **PASSED**
- Oct. 13-14 **CCS Age Group & Open** - CCS at C.T. Branin, Canton. Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. Time standards in events 200 and longer. Contact Mike Davidson, ccsentries@gmail.com.
- **CHANGE** email address to davidson_m@ccsdistrict.org
- Sat. Oct. 20 **Peg Neal Pentathlon** – LRST at Lakewood High School, Lakewood. Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. Must have legal time in each stroke. Contact Jodie Wohlfeil, d_wohlfeil@att.net.
- Sun. Oct. 21 **Freestyle Frenzy** – STRS at Solon High School, Solon. Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. No time standards. Contact Jen Machado, madison18dec04@hotmail.com.
- Sat. Oct 27 **Mile/500 Free** – TCAT at Twinsburg Rec Center, Twinburg. Timed Finals. Must have legal 500 time to enter 1650. No time standards in the 500 or 400IM. Contact Kirtis Huelsman, Coach.Kirtis@tcattigersharks.com.
- Sun. Oct. 28 **Sailfish Age Group and High School Preview.** GLSS at Busbey Natatorium at Cleveland State University. Timed Finals. Contact Diane Finnerty, glssdjf@Gmail.com
- **CHANGE** contact information to Kyoto Hong kyokoozawa4@gmail.com
- Nov. 3-4 **Kelly Kinney Memorial Splash Out Cancer Meet** – SWIM at Ernfeldt Recreation Center, Strongsville. Swim Own Age. Timed Finals. No time standards. Contact Don Arslanian, darslanian@swimstrongsville.org.
- Sun. Nov. 11 **Fall Breakout (3 Sites)** - Age Group. Timed Finals. Slower than NAG B. *Hosted by TCAT at Twinsburg Fitness Center. Contact Kirtis Huelsman, Coach.Kirtis@tcattigersharks.com.*
Hosted by STRS at Solon High School. Contact Jen Machado, madison18dec04@hotmail.com.
Hosted by BBSC at Beachwood High School. Contact Brad Burget, beburget@gmail.com.
- November 16-18 **Mark J. Braun Fall Classic** – LESD at SPIRE, Geneva. Age Group & Open, P/F on Saturday. Time standards for 13O = NAG A & faster; time standards for 12U = NAG BB & faster. Certain events have faster time standards. Contact Sarah Tobin, sarah.lesd@gmail.com.
- Nov. 31-Dec. 2 **Shaker Shark Invitational** – SHSH at Busbey Natatorium, CSU, Cleveland. Age Group. P/F on Saturday. Time standards: NAG B & faster. Contact Eric Peterson, swimteamoffice@shakerswimming.org.
- Sun. Dec. 9 **Winter Breakout (Dual Site)** – Age Group. Timed Finals. Slower than NAG B. *Hosted by TCAT at Twinsburg Fitness Center. Contact Kirtis Huelsman, Coach.Kirtis@tcattigersharks.com.*
Hosted by CWW at Copley High School. Contact Liz Hastings,

- Sun. Dec. 16 **Candy Cane Classic** – VSC at Perkins High School, Sandusky. Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. No time standards. Contact Jody Brown, reppbrown@gmail.com.
- Sun. Jan. 6 **Fabulous 50's**- TCAT at Twinsburg Rec Center. Age Group. Timed Finals. No time Standard. Contact Kirtis Huelsman, coach.kirtis@tcattigersharks.com.
- January 12-13 **New Year's Stretch - Swim Your Own Age** – LSSC at Rocky River High School, Rocky River. Timed Finals. Time standards: slower than NAG B. Contact Eileen Bringman, lakeshoreentries@gmail.com.
- January 19-20 **Jim Scullion Age Group Showdown** – LRST at Lakewood High School, Lakewood. Age Group. P/F on Saturday. Time standards: NAG B or faster. Contact Jodie Wohlfeil, d_wohlfeil@att.net.
- Sun. Jan. 27 **Age Group and Open – (dual site)** - Age Group and Open. Timed Finals. No time standards.
Andy Kuhl Age Group and Open – MRST at Medina Recreation Center, Medina. Contact Jodie Wohlfeil, d_wohlfeil@att.net.
Turn up the Heat Age Group and Open.-HEAT at Busbey Natatorium, Cleveland State University. Contact Sue Walton, hudsonheatmeetdirector@gmail.com.
- Sun. Feb. 3 **Frozen** – GLSS at Cleveland State University. Age Group & Open. Timed Finals. No time standards. Contact Diane Finnerty, glssdjf@gmail.com.
- Sun. Feb. 10 **Last Chance Meet** – LESD at SPIRE Institute. Open. Timed Finals. No Time Standards. Contact Sarah Tobin at sarah.lesd@gmail.com.
- Sun. February 19 **8 & Under Championships** – TBD.
- Feb. 24. **Regional Age Group Championships** (3 sites) –Timed Finals; Age Group; Slower than NAG A.
Feb. 24 *Hosted by MRST at Medina Recreation Center, Medina. Contact Jodie Wohlfeil, d_wohlfeil@att.net.*
Feb. 24 *Hosted by STRS at Solon High School, Solon. Contact Jen Machado, madison18dec04@hotmail.com.*
Feb. 24 *Hosted by LSSC at Rocky River High School, Rocky River. Contact Eileen Bringman, lakeshoreentries@gmail.com.*
- ADD:** Feb. 23 *Hosted by PA at Youngstown University, Youngstown. Contact Caroline McDermott, caroline@piranhaaquatics.com*
- March 8-10 **Lake Erie Age Group Championships** – LESI at Busbey Natatorium, Cleveland State University.
- March 15-17 **Senior Championships** – FAST at Ocasek Natatorium, University of Akron. Open. Contact Carl Shallenberger, firestoneninja@gmail.com.
- Motion to accept 2018-2019 Fall/Winter Schedule as amended: **PASSED**

4. Legislation

A. P-1: (P&P 5.1) Scheduling

- Some teams schedule their dual meets ahead of when HOD approves the LC/SC meet schedule. They already start asking officials to work those meets. When the LSC meet schedule comes out, the officials cannot commit to the LSC schedule anymore, thus creating a dearth of officials working the scheduled meets.
- There are few weekends available to schedule dual meets
- Dual meets allow beginner swimmers to get used to swim meets without going to a 4 hour meet. They eventually encouraged meet participation to those swimmers.
- Dual meets are held because teams get closed out of meets
- Teams who hold the dual meets do not enter the scheduled meets because the scheduled meets may not offer all the events that they would like their swimmers to swim

- Teams hosting scheduled meets that have to comply with restricted parameters are at a disadvantage
- Motion not to allow dual meets to be held at the same date as scheduled meets

FAILED

B. P-2: (P&P 5.2.4) Sanction Fees

- Add a \$3 surcharge/athlete where there is a certified official
- LESI loses money in teams not bothering to enter meets and just holding dual meets
- The LSC is not losing money from teams who are holding dual meets and not charging surcharge
- Motion to impose a surcharge/sanction fee for dual meets **FAILED**

C. P-3: (P&P 5.2.5) Reports and Remittances

- Motion to remit to LESI treasurer a surcharge/swimmer at dual meets when there is not entry fee collected **FAILED**

D. P-4: (P&P 5.3.5) Dual Meet Surcharge/approval fee

- Motion to collect a \$3.00 flat fee/swimmer at approved meets when there is not entry fee collected **FAILED**

E. P-5: Fee Schedule for LESI Officials

- Proposed Schedule Fee for Officials:
 - Meet Referee: \$8/hr (start to end of duties) plus \$10 (minimum pay of \$45)
 - Meet Admin: \$8/hr (start to end of duties) plus \$10 (minimum pay of \$45)
 - Deck Officials: \$8.00/hour (start of meet to end of meet) (minimum pay of \$35). Officials who choose to work only one session of two consecutive sessions shall receive \$8.00 per hour, with no minimum.
 - Invigilator: \$8.00 fee plus \$2.00 for each 1-15 minutes in excess of 60 minutes.
 - Timer's Meeting: \$4.00 fee.
 - Where the facility charges for parking, meet host shall reimburse or provide passes.

Note: Minimum pay applies to any meet with consecutive sessions or to each session where the sessions are nonconsecutive. Sessions are considered to be non-consecutive when the end of one session is 90 minutes or more before the start of the warm-up for the next session. Where the referee or admin for non-consecutive sessions are the same person(s) as the previous session, the minimum pay for the second session shall be \$35.

- Motion to pass Fee Schedule **PASSED**

F. B-1: Add Junior Coach Membership Option

- Junior membership applies to coaches 16-17 years of age who must have fulfilled all the necessary requirements as coaches except for background check
- Motion to add Junior Coach Membership Option **PASSED**

G. B-2/P-6: Add Flex Membership

- FLEX Membership encourages swimmers transitioning from swim lessons to USA Swimming by being eligible to compete in only 2 sanctioned competitions per year
- However, they can not compete at or above the LSC Championship level meet
- they can not register in 2 LSCs simultaneously
- The membership is a year round membership
- The fee is \$20 which can be credited towards a full membership
- Once a FLEX member becomes a USA Swimming member, they can not go back down to a FLEX membership again
- Motion to add FLEX Membership **PASSED**

Reports Requiring No Action:

1. Admin Vice-Chair- Bob Martens: None
2. Senior- Tom Stacy: None

3. Age Group- Bill Bare: None
4. Coach Reps- Matt Parrish & Erin Crabtree
 - Eileen Bringman is the new Jr. Coach Rep
 - Coaches have decided that each team will only have one vote when electing Coach (Senior and Age Group) of the Year to be held at Fall HOD
5. Athlete Reps- Colton Phelps & Jay Johnson
 - Jr. Athlete Rep is Paige McCormick
6. Technical Planning- Vince Colwell: None
7. Zone Chair- Lisa Downing
 - Registration for Zones 2018 at Spire will open May 1
 - All athletes will stay with the team
8. Treasurer- Diane Finnerty: None
9. Finance- Rich Szczepinski
 - 990 has been prepared and will be filed by May 15
 - Audit is complete and will be presented at the Fall HOD
10. Legislation- Jodi Clute
11. Safety- Branden Burns
 - Reminder of Feet first entry and athletes should be start certified
 - Red Cross has flagged some teams and facilities that do life guard certification with only two in attendance
12. Officials- Al Kominick: None
13. Secretary- Nancy Veto: None
14. Membership/Registration- Pam Cook: listed on website
15. Safe Sport Coordinator- Marianne Russell: None
16. NCAA Liaison- Brian Peresie: None
17. YMCA Liaison- Mike Milliken; None

Old Business:

New Business:

- Hall of Fame Committee: looking at September 2019 for Awards Ceremony
- Committee needs a budget
- Asked Pam to send out nomination questionnaire to LSC for input as to who should be inducted to Hall of Fame
- Send nominations to Jeff Armstrong jeffaswim@windstream.net
- ASCA Fellowship has a project called Generation E: USA Swimming sent out a survey through their Lane Lines: ask input from athletes
- Caroline will send out a questionnaire through Pam Cook

Next Meeting of HOD: Saturday October 6, 2018 (date change)

Site TBA

Meeting adjourned: 2:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Veto

Secretary