

**Meeting of the Lake Erie Swimming House of Delegates**  
**Sunday, May 6, 2012**  
**Terry Macklin Event Center**  
**Solon, Ohio**

**Present:** Morgan Cohara, Julie Bare, Paige Kelly, Eric Dennis, Irena Mazi, Katie Miller, Diane Finnerty, Julie Knurek, Chuck Kunsman, Frank Campbell, Tom Stacy, KJ Stang, Jim Stacy, Craig Yaniglos, Kim Stewart, Sarah Tobin, Dale Craddock, Mike Babbin, Bob Burwell, George Bare, Tina McCauley, Tom McDonnell, Dana Lautenschleger, Sam Seiple (CCS), Andrew Appleby (CFYN), Diane Kurlich(CFYN), Wally Lutkus (CLSC), John Elliot (EM), John Fagan(FAST), Matt Davis (HEAT), John Tomko(HSC), Jerry Holtrey (LESD), Duncan MacMillan(LRST), Dave Wohlfeil(LRST), Emma Ryan (LSSC), Elizabeth Haber(LSSC), Andy Burgess(LSSC), Rich Szczepinski(FCYM), Anthony Petruzzi (MRST), Patrick Burda(NEON), Adam Katz (NCS), Eric Spaulding(PAC), Caroline McDermott (PA), Greg McAtee(PS), Michael Milliken (RYD), George Oryshkewych (RYD), Eric Peterson(SHSH), Yvonne Dixon (SHSH), Erin Finnerty (STRS), Mike Davidson (STRS), Sharon Badertscher (STRS), Mike Gallagher(SWIM), Kathy Shepherd(SWIM), Charlie Lowenes (USC), Al Lacko (VFYT), Joe Grespin (VSC), Ethan O'Rourke (WEST), John Bailey (WEST), Keith Cornelius (WYRS), Carl Shallenberger (YWRC), Rochelle Molnar(WSST), Doug Parrish(GO), Caroline McCormick (B3), Bryan Wamsley (B3), Sue McCormick(B3).

**Absent:** BBSC, PCP, WHAT, YYN

**Minutes from October 2011 HOD** were approved.

The next meeting of the HOD is September 30, 2011.

**By-laws** – Each club should have a copy of the by-laws. Please pick up your copy if you have not already received them. Handbooks should be mailed by the end of May.

**Convention** – The board will be voting on convention funding soon. Please let Julie Bare know if you have an interest in attending and would like to be considered for funding through the LSC.

**Club Service Award** – We will be making some changes to this program. The new point scale will be posted to the website by the end of May.

**IMX-** Caps are here and are available for clubs to pick up. The remainder of the awards are not in yet, but Meri Halupnik will contact clubs when they are in.

**Special Volunteer Recognition** – Brendan Pham and Nancy Veto were recognized for all of their service to the LSC.

**Strategic Plan Successes** –Our first goal was improvement of performance which we addressed through education, competitive opportunities, and recognition programs. Regional Coaches Clinic and Swimposium have helped improve education. Club Visitation program has been established. Lake Erie Travel Committee should help improve competitive opportunities. Spirit award at championships and award ceremonies at champs have helped with recognition and incentive. Club Incentive program, IMX Virtual All Star, Coach of the Year, Virtual Club Championships and recognition via website are further examples of recognition and incentive. Alliances among teams have resulted in dual meets and hosting of meets. Our second major goal dealt with volunteer training and recruitment. Club Service Award recognizes volunteerism. Certification programs have been developed for meet and safety director and Hy-tek and timing system operators. Growth is our third major goal. We have strengthened our relationship with the YMCA, increased participation in the Make a Splash program and sent more athletes to the Black History meet. Community Service was our fourth area of main goal and we do have a Community Service Award.

**Thanks You's** – The following outgoing members of the Board were thanked for their service: Morgan Cohara, KJ Stang, Jimmy Dagley, Eric Dennis, Jim Stacy, Marilyn Duman. Sarah Tobin and Frank Campbell

are leaving their current board positions for other positions. Sarah Tobin and Nancy Veto were thanked for their work on arranging the Award Ceremony and House of Delegates venue.

**Elections** – The slate for the Board of Directors as proposed by the nominating committee was elected as follows:

General Chairman: Frank Campbell  
Admin. Vice Chairman – Cindy Sapochetti  
Senior Vice Chairman- Tom Stacy  
Age Group Vice Chair – Katherine Kleinert  
Secretary – Kim Stewart  
Treasurer – Diane Finnerty  
Finance – Craig Yaniglos

The slate for the Board of Review as proposed by the nominating committee was elected as follows:

Julie Knurek  
Andy Kuhl  
Brendan Pham  
Kevin Harrod

**Travel Committee** – Tim McNichols gave a presentation on setting up a travel committee for the LSC. This would be for athletes traveling to upper level meets such as Sectionals, Jr. Nationals and Nationals in hopes of saving time and money on hotels, airlines and rental cars. Summer Sectionals will probably be the first meet we target. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this committee or has suggestions, they should speak to Tim.

**Power Point-** Pam Cook and Tina McCauley gave a Power Point presentation on Safe Sport.

#### **Reports Requiring Action**

1. **Legislation** – See attachment A. Page 9 article 604, Page 14 article 605.1, Page 30 6.3.14 were passed as submitted. Page 20 Section 8 Reimbursement for National Meets was passed as amended (for summer 2012 only ending 9/1/12).
2. **Approval of 2011 audit** – Craig Yaniglos reviewed the audit results. We had a loss of \$22,000 for 2011. This is our third year in a row for deficit and travel is our biggest area of loss. The Quad budget for 2013-2016 is being worked on. Motion to approve 2011 audit passed.
3. **Approval of 2013 SC Championship meet formats and time standards** – Please see attachment B. 8 and under and Gold Championship Formats for 2012 -13 season were approved as written. There was some debate over whether finals should be included for senior swimmers. Amendment to include finals for the senior swimmers at Short Course Championships failed. Bronze and Silver championship formats for 2012-13 were approved with the amendment that participating clubs would be asked to supplement lane timers as opposed to being required to do so.
4. **Approval of 2012-2013 Fall/Winter Schedule.** Please see attachment C. Proposed 2012-13 Short Course Season meet schedule was approved as written.

#### **Reports Requiring No Action**

1. **Travel Committee** – see above.

2. **Club Incentive** – We would like to see more than ten teams participate next year. Next year's theme has not been announced yet. Contact Julie Knurek if you would like to see examples of programs from this year.
3. **Athlete Reps** –no report.
4. **Coach Reps** – no report
5. **Registration Chair** – We have 3714 athletes registered so far for 2012. 3510 of these athletes are year round, 42 are outreach and 162 are seasonal. The average number of athlete registrations annually in recent years is 4000, so we are on track. We have 263 non athlete registrations and there are 39 clubs. SWAT is now a seasonal club. Pam updated the audience on Deck Pass. Coach certification can be accepted this way. USA Swimming is planning to unveil a new app for the Olympics. LEAP 3 was submitted about 3 weeks ago. Thank you to all who helped us achieve this goal. We are the first LSC to submit an application for LEAP3. The club portal area of USA Swimming was discussed. Reports are available, including athlete and non athlete rosters. Real time listing of athletes is a feature as well. All certifications of non-athletes and coaches are on the club portal. IMX and trends are included. Pam has the club portal passwords if they have been misplaced. Pam suggested the head coach and registrar should have access to the portal password. USA Swimming encourages registrars to report ethnicity.
6. **Diversity** – Sam Seiple represented Lake Erie at a Diversity Summit in November. Make A Splash forms were available at the meeting. USA Swimming provides a huge box of materials to help with the Make A Splash program – CDs, DVDs, etc. Sam recently received a \$5000 grant for his program. Drowning is the second leading cause of death in children and there is a four times higher risk of drowning in minority populations. You do not have to be WSI certified to participate in the program.
7. **Meet Management** - There will be a meet management workshop on September 3, 2012 at the next HOD meeting. There will be a round table type discussions with the team registrars and safety directors.
8. **Open Water** – We have 12 swimmers going to the Ohio Swimming Open Water Select Camp at East Fork State Camp on June 25. There will be a meet at the conclusion of the camp and this meet will serve as our LE Open Water Champs. The safety requirements for hosting an open water meet have changed considerably. The Cedar Point open water meet hosted by VSC will be July 21.

**Old Business** – Tina McCauley says swimmers with Jr. National cuts may participate in the Sr. Zone Meet this year.

**New Business** – none

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Kim Stewart.