

**Lake Erie Swimming House of Delegates Meeting  
Garfield School, Lakewood, Ohio  
October 2, 2011**

**Present:** Julie Bare, Morgan Cohara, Pam Cook, Eric Dennis, Marilyn Duman, Diane Finnerty, Katie Miller, Chuck Kunsman, Frank Campbell, Dave Olivier, KJ Stang, Laura Trzybinski, Craig Yaniglos, Kim Stewart, Julie Knurek, George Bare, Matt Dorsch, Amy Houston, Cathy Lautenschleger, Tina McCauley, Tom McDonnell, Rick Stacy, Sarah Tobin, Sam Seiple (CCS), Dale Craddock (CFYN), Michelle Marshall (CFYN), Wally Lutkus (CLSC), John Elliott (EM), John Fagan (FAST), Caroline McCormick (B3), Bryan Wamsley (B3), Elysa Guftason (B3), Matt Davis (HEAT), John Tomko (HSC), Patricia Wirtz (HSC), Nick Ranallo (LESD), Jerry Holtrey (LESD), Patrick Burda (LRST), Dave Wohlfeil (LRST), Patrick Mahoney (LSSC), Bridget Liddy (FCYM), Stacy Vayo (FCYM), Anthony Petruzzi (MRST), Matt Laughlin (NEON), Adam Katz (NCS), Tyler Thieret (PCP), Caroline McDermott (PA), Greg McAtee (PS), George Oryshkewych (RYD), Seth Beal (SHSH), Eric Peterson (SHSH), Yvonne Dixon (SHSH), Erin Finnerty (STRS), Mike Davidson (STRS), Sharon Badertscher (STRS), Kathy Shepherd (SWIM), Madison Kawiecki (SWIM), Charlie Lownes (USC), Al Lacko (VFYT), Carol Lacko (VFYT), Mike Wohl (VSC), Joe Grespin (VSC), John Bailey (WEST), Tom Thirion (WHAT), Steve Lukco (WHAT), Rochelle Molnar (WSST), Rebecca Marra (GO), Melanie Liddy (GO), Carl Shallenbarger (YWO)

**Absent:** Jimmy Dagley, Brenda DeLaCruz, Laura Wolff, Mike Babbin, Bob Burwell, BBSC, YYN, WYRS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m..

Minutes from May 2011 House of Delegates meeting were approved.

**Announcements and General Chair Remarks:** Thank you to Lakewood Rec Swim Team for hosting House of Delegates meeting and providing hospitality.

Laura Wolff will be stepping down as Sr. Coach Rep. The coaches will be electing a new rep to replace her. Dave Olivier will be stepping down as Zone Team Coordinator.

**Convention Report:** Julie Bare gave an update on new legislation passed at Convention.

Topics include significant changes to open water. There is also a new bullying policy. Officials must now be non athlete members. YMCA officials can be observers at the State meet. Frank Brush replaced Mark Shubert as the National Team Director. Many changes are expected at the Jr. National and National level under his leadership.

**Club Service Award:** This program is in effect now. It involves monetary rewards for service to our LSC (hosting of meets, committee or board service, etc.). Teams will be awarded points according to their size.

**2015 ASCA World Clinic:** This will be held in Cleveland.

**Elections:** Nominating Committee slate is Pam Cook, Sarah Tobin, George Bare, Eric Peterson, Cindy Virdo, Jimmy Dagley, Katie Miller, Morgan Cohara and KJ Stang. Kathy Shepherd was also nominated from the floor. Motion to approve above slate of names plus Kathy Shepherd to the nominating committee passed.

**Reports Requiring Action**

- 1. Legislation.** See attachment A. Motion to approve Section 8 Reimbursement for National Meets as amended passed.  
Motion to add Camera Zone Policy to 5.7.22 in the Lake Erie Swimming Handbook passed (see Attachment B).

2. **Approval of 2012 budget.** See attachment C. Motion to approve 2012 Lake Erie Swimming Budget passed.
3. **Approval of 2012 LC Championship format and time standards.** See attachment D. Motion to approve 2012 LC Championship format and time standards approved.

**Powerpoint – Pam Cook.** Pam Cook gave a presentation on pre-employment screening, non-athlete membership, Deck Pass, registration, LEAP3, new Lake Erie Swimming website and Jerry Holtrey's induction into the Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame.

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

1. **Central Zone Report** – June 7-10, 2012 is the Zone Select Camp, which will be held in Oklahoma. Grand Prix will be Nov. 11-13 in Indianapolis and Feb. 10-12 in Columbia, Missouri and March 9-11 in Columbus, OH and March 29-31 in Indianapolis. All Grand Prix meets are LC. IMX Games will be Nov. 19-20. March 22-25 will be the date of the Sectional meet in Oxford, OH. Summer Sectionals will be July 31-Aug.3. 14 and Under Zones will be held Aug. 3-5 in Columbus, Indiana and the Senior Zones will be held in Kansas on Aug. 3-5.
2. **Athlete Reps** – The athletes would like to have another very competitive meet before sectionals on the LC schedule.
3. **Coach Reps** - Katherine Kleinert of Hudson is the age group coach of the year. Jerry Holtrey is the senior coach of the year. There is a vacancy for senior coach representative and volunteers are also needed to serve on the committee for the coach mentorship program. Dec. 31 is the date for applications for the observation program. Irena Mazi can answer any questions regarding the regional coaches' clinic.
4. **Diversity** – A video was played regarding the Make A Splash Program. Cuyahoga Falls currently has an active Make A Splash Program. Sam Sieple's Make A Splash program in Canton has grown each season. The Black History Meet and Soul Sprint Classic meets were attended by Lake Erie Swimming – participation is encouraged and swimmers do not have to be minorities to compete. It is hoped that coaches will encourage their swimmers to attend these meets.
5. **Zone Chair** – Dave Olivier is stepping down as chair after three years and is actively looking for a replacement. Chad Wright was high point for 13-14 boys and Lauren Heller set meet records for the 50 and 100 meter free at the Zone meet this past summer.
6. **Zone Team Open Water** – There were 8 kids who participated this year.
7. **Club Incentive** –Julie Knurek says the goal this year was to increase meet participation. 14 programs in all were reviewed. The level of application and types of programs was improved over the preceding year. There was also a collaborative effort between a few teams. First round of checks went out today.
8. **Camps** – John Elliot is the new camps director.
9. **Administrative Vice Chair** – absent
10. **Age Group Vice Chair** –no report.
11. **Senior Chair** – Tom Stacy has a power point presentation regarding four strokes performed by elite athletes if anyone is interested.
12. **Secretary** – Blue voting cards were collected for recycle.
13. **Treasurer** – no report
14. **Safety Chair** – Chuck encouraged everyone to please report any injury at meet or practice on a USA Swimming Occurrence form. This is what triggers medical insurance coverage. Verification of coach's registration at meets is one of Chuck's jobs. Coaching at a meet without being properly registered as a coach is punishable by fine. All Red Cross course records need to be turned in to Becky Delgado (Northern Ohio rep), who will input information into the computer.

All Red Cross courses are now two year certification. No letters of verification from instructors accepted – just course record, certificate or actual card.

**15. Technical Planning Chair** – Marilyn Duman passed out a handout at the coaches meeting.

Athletes would like another competitive LC meet – this will be worked on for 2013.

**16. Disability Chair** – Amy Houston reminded coaches to let her know of athletes with disabilities who are registered. If she is not contacted, she will not know who these swimmers are due to privacy laws. There are meets held in the area for swimmers with disabilities without qualifying times and swimmers are grouped by disability. There are two groups of athletes practicing together – one in Twinsburg run by Amy and another in Wooster. She is willing to talk to anyone interested.

**17. Quads** – Sarah Tobin says Quads will be Jan. 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> at IUPUI. Arlene McDonald is the meet director. This is a 14 and under meet and this year there may be as many as six teams there. AA time or better in any event needed to apply. Pam will post information on the website when it becomes available.

**18. Sanction** – Dave Wohlfeil says meets through the end of December have been sanctioned and the rest should be done in the next week or so.

**19. Meet Management** – Sharon Badertscher says that certification programs for meet director, safety director, Hy-tek and timing system are currently up and running. Contact her with any questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Kim Stewart