

Lake Erie Board Meeting  
February 16, 2009  
Solon Ohio Police Station – Community Room

**Present:** Mike Babbin, Julie Bare, Maryn Bieganski, Al Carrero, Kelly Cartwright, Morgan Cohara, Pam Cook, Marilyn Duman, Kevin Harrod, Heather Holmes, Lori King, Cathy Lautenschleger, Dave Olivier, Rick Stacy, Ian Stewart-Bates, Sarah Tobin

**Absent:** Chuck Kunsman, Tina McCauley, Greg McAtee

**Guests:** Pat Baker, Frank Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Al Carrero. **Motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Approved.**

**Executive Committee Reports**

Athlete Representatives:

Senior Rep – Ian Stewart-Bates – no report

- Ian has a list of athletes who may be interested in the Junior Representative position.
- The athletes need to discuss the responsibilities of this position (meeting once a month, convention, etc..)

Junior Rep – Kelly Cartwright – no report

- Junior Representative - the athletes need to provide a list of candidates who are interested. They should also include the athlete's team name. All names should be given to Sarah on the Friday of Champs.
- Prior Award recipients are on the LESI website under forms/historical documents.

At-Large – Maryn Bieganski – no report

At-Large – Morgan Cohara – no report

**General Chair:** Al Carrero

- Disability Chair – Amy Houston has accepted this position and will be attending the Disability workshop.
- **Motion to approve Dave Olivier as Zone Chair. Approved.**
- USC – 20% Sanction Fee. Mike received an email from Joan Schenkel, Treasurer of USC, requesting a reduction in their sanction fee from their most current meet. Mike replied in an email explaining the Board's perspective and why we most likely would not be able to reduce their sanction fee for the current meet. Joan never responded to Mike's last email. Mike is assuming the issue has been resolved.
- LSC Bylaws were approved by USA Swimming.
- Heat Request – Matt Davis sent the Board an email regarding a vandalism situation that occurred at the Jim Scullion Meet at Lakewood. There is nothing that the Board can do.
- Braun Meet – Proof of Times Fines for High School Swimmers. Carol Telljohann sent an email disputing the LESI policy of not accepting High School Sectional times at meets other than Champs. The only meets that High School times are accepted for are the Champs Meets. This has been LESI's policy for a long time. Al will get back to Carol. An athlete or parent can bring this to the Board of Review.

**Administrative Vice Chair:** Sarah Tobin

- Rick reserved Hawken Upper School for the Awards Program will be April 26, 2009.
- The Board and Executive Board has to vote on several awards: The Forkapa Award and the Lake Erie Board Award. Nominations should be sent to Sarah. Sarah is going to send out an email to the Coaches for the Coaches Merit Award.
- One of the ten LESI counters is broken. It needs to be fixed. Sarah requested to purchase 3 more lap counters to give us extra counters. Mike advised that there was money in the budget for that. Sarah will purchase the counters.

**Senior Vice Chair:** Rick Stacy – no report

- Rick questioned if we failed to give awards last spring to Senior swimmers? It was stated that we did not give them the awards. They were to receive towels.

**Age Group Vice-Chair:** Tina McCauley – absent (Central Zone Conference call) – Sarah presented Tina's report in her absence and requested that Tina's absence be an excused absence.

- Zones - Tina asked Tom Stacy to be the Head Coach of 13 & Overs. Tom has accepted. Tina has asked 3 Coaches to be the 12 & Unders Coach. They have all declined.
- Tina is working on getting a meet director for Long Course Champs.
- Short Course bids are posted. Any questions should be addressed to Tina. Tina has received numerous questions regarding the Last Chance Meet. We will not need a Last Chance Meet, because the meets are set up next year to have a progression of Bronze, Silver and Gold Champs. A swimmer can qualify for Silver Champs at Bronze and Gold Champs at Silver.
- Swimville and Fine Designs will supply the apparel for Short Course Champs.

- Tina followed up with Chip Carrigan, Age Group Chair of Ohio Swimming, to find out about Ohio's commitment to the Quad Meet in the future. Chip discussed it with Chris Pierson (Ohio's Quad Chair) and Mark Davis (Coaches Rep) who will bring it up at Ohio's HOD meeting. Tina will also discuss Quads at our HOD. We will need to advise Indiana if we will no longer be participating.

**Treasurer:** Lori King - no report

**Finance Vice-Chair:** Mike Babbin

- No reconciliation this month. We are missing 1 check.
- The 2008 financials have been sent to Einstein & Burt for Financial Review. We should receive it back in thirty days.
- FAST made a second payment. The FAST Board will work through their current situation.
- Matt Dorsch (USC) and Craig Yaniglos (HSC) will be on the Financial Committee along with Al, Lori and Mike.

**Secretary:** Cathy Lautenschleger – no report

### **Report of Representatives**

**Senior Coach Representative:** Kevin Harrod

- Kevin sent out an email to the Coaches asking for nominations for Senior and Age Group Coach of the year. Kevin asked for nominations to be emailed to him by Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once Kevin receives the nominations he will request bios from the Coaches by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Pam will post the bios of the Coaches on the Website. The Coaches will vote at Gold Champs. Each Coach should receive 1 vote.
  - Ballots will be distributed to the Coaches when they pick up their wrist bands. It was suggested to number the ballots.
- John Elliott sent Kevin a proposal for the LEAP Program. The objective of his proposal is to strengthen and improve the Clubs in our LSC in the area of governance.
  - USA Swimming probably already has something developed.
  - We need to encourage (with an award) our Clubs to complete this program.

**Junior Coach Representative:** Greg McAtee – absent – no report

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Registration/Membership Chair:** Pam Cook

Registration Report 2009

Athletes - 3198  
Non-Athletes - 231  
Clubs – 32

- We have completed Level 1 for the LEAP program.
- We need to approve the vision statement. Pam will send it out in an email for approval.
- A Swim Club in Salem, OH currently belongs to Allegheny Mountain LSC. They would like to belong to LESI. They are going to petition at Allegheny Mountain's HOD on March 17<sup>th</sup>, for their removal from the Allegheny Mountain LSC. They are going to petition at LESI's HOD to belong to our LSC. They are right on the border of Allegheny Mountain and LESI LSCs.

**Safety Chair:** Marilyn Duman

- Marilyn distributed her safety report.
- Chuck and Marilyn have worked on a policy regarding picture taking on deck. They are trying to determine the credentials that will be required to be allowed to take pictures on deck (press credentials, local photographer).
- Wrist bands for the Coaches are not working too well. The people distributing the bands are not asking for the credentials of the Coaches. This needs to be discussed at the HOD meeting.

**Officials Chair:** Chuck Kunsman - absent – Al presented Chuck's report in his absence.

- Chuck is preparing the Officials sign up forms for the Long Course Season May to August.
- Two new Admin Officials: Kat Torok and Ginny Foster
- Two people are working on becoming referees: Dale and Dave
- One person needs to finish admin apprenticing: Chuck Duchon
- Six people have indicated their interest in becoming an Official. None of these apprentices have made much progress to date.
- Officials are needed for the Central Zone Speedo Championship Meets.

- Mayfield Sectional will be observed and possibly the Hawken Sectional (Chuck has not received any information from the other Sectional managers).
- The High School District meet and High School State meet are covered for observations.
- Chuck has been given time off to attend the USA's Officials Chair's Meeting in MN on May 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislation Chair:** Julie Bare

- Julie distributed the Board of Directors manual. It describes each Board position and the responsibilities involved.
- An orientation meeting was discussed for each new Board. Julie would like to see mentors appointed for each position.
- Julie suggested donating something to the Solon Police Station as a "thank you" for letting us use their meeting room.
  - Motion to spend up to \$100 on a thank you. Cathy will ask them what we can do as a "thank you" (food, coffee maker, a check).
- Julie is currently working on the handbook. Dave should let Julie know who is on his Zone's committee. Heather also needs to let Julie know who is on her Technical planning committee.

**Technical Planning:** Heather Holmes –no report

**Zone Chair:** Dave Olivier

- Sarah forwarded the information she has on Zones and what needs to be done.
- Dave has made contact with hotels. He has connections (relatives) in Carmel. The Renaissance Hotel in Carmel is available and is 10-11 miles away from the pool. They also have a banquet facility. Dave has catering connections too.

**Sanction Chair:** Frank Campbell

- Frank received information for the 1<sup>st</sup> Long Course Meet.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- We need to name a few more At-large members for the HOD. The following names were suggested: Bob Burwell, Kat Torok, Ginny Foster, Pete Finefrock, and Dale Phillips. We can have up to 10 At-large members. All suggestions should be sent to Al. Al can appoint these positions.
- Dana Trau is working on the Dine Around Town. Somebody will be at all of the Champs meets distributing the prizes.
- Motion to make Long Course Champs open to other LSC's. Amendment: Motion to open Long Course Champs to other LSC's, but people from out of the LE LSC are not eligible to score points (they can place and receive individual event awards, but can't receive high point awards). Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Lautenschleger, Secretary

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Solon Police Station.

**Next Month Items for consideration**

**March**

1. Appoint meet director for Long Course Championships
2. Short Course Championships
3. Athlete Representative elections
4. Athletes vote on Athletes Award
5. Coach of Year election
6. Selection of coach merit award winners due from each team
7. Convene Scheduling Committee to prepare for the following long course season
8. Zone Invitations mailed out