

**Meeting of the Lake Erie Swimming Board of Directors
Monday, March 18, 2013
Solon Police Station Community Room**

Present: Cindy Sapochetti, Eleni Gill, Julie Bare, Sarah Tobin, Craig Yaniglos, Dale Craddock, Jim Stacy, Katie Miller, Molly Washko, Ross Palazzo, Henry Senkfor, Paige Kelly, Brian Peresi, Kim Stewart, Carl Shellenberger, Tina McCauley, Pam Cook, Chuck Kunsman, Bob Burwell, Julie Knurek

Absent: Frank Campbell, Diane Finnerty, Dana Lautenschleger, Tom Stacy

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m..

There were no conflicts of interest.

Chuck Kunsman would like to add concussion discussion to the agenda.

Announcements:

1. **Ross Palazzo** – was introduced as the new Junior Athlete Rep.
2. **Officials Chair Workshop** – Dave Wohlfeil will be attending.
3. **Katherine Kleinert** has resigned and Tina McCauley will be taking her place for the rest of the term.
4. **Cathy Lautenschleger** has agreed to take Kim's place as Secretary for the rest of her term. They will transition over the next 2-3 months.

Consent Agenda was approved.

Action Items

1. **Per Diem for 2013 Convention.** Motion to keep the per diem for 2013 Convention at \$40 a day passed.

Discussion Items

1. **Volunteer Recognition and club Service Points.** JulieBare went through a list of committees and members to see who was actually active and who was not. \$20 Panera cards were recommended to recognize volunteers.
2. **Concussions and Ohio Return to Play Law.** As of April 26, Ohio law goes into effect that requires coaches and officials to have training regarding concussions. We will fall into this as it covers youth sports organizations. A flyer was passed out regarding this program. All of our coaches and officials should complete this training. It is free, online and takes about 20 minutes. A certificate of completion can be printed. Ohio requirement is certification every 3 years. Whether we should track completing of this concussion training and how to track it was discussed. Julie Bare will ask USA Swimming John Morris what their opinion is.
3. **Championship feedback** – Katie Miller says she did not like gold championship format. Paige says some parents and athletes were not happy with finals. One suggestion was not to have finals for 13 and over. Next year there is a senior championship planned. The senior champs will be four days after states. Julie would like athletes to look at format planned for next year before HOD. Ross says that there is a disadvantage to younger swimmers not seeing the older kids swim finals with a senior champs meet. Running two meets at once for prelims, a senior meet at one pool and age group at the other, and then bringing everyone together for finals, is another option. The younger kids were very tired at the conclusion of gold champs this year – prelims need to get out before noon to get finals started much earlier.

Reports

1. **Athlete Reps** – The Athlete clinic is finalized. There are about 40 athletes total and ten 16 and over volunteers. Katie recommends continuing the clinic in years to come. Time constraints (AA, BB, etc.) can be changed accordingly. Paige says newsletter has been typed by Dana and will be submitted to Pam soon.
2. **Coach Reps** – Jerry Holtrey was the senior coach of the year and Tim Hable is the junior coach of the year. The season runs long course to long course.
3. **Admin** – Award ceremony is being worked on.
4. **Senior**
5. **Age Group**
6. **Treasurer**
7. **Secretary**
8. **Finance**
9. **Legislation**
10. **Safety**
11. **Officials** Bob says they hope to have legislation for HOD.
12. **Technical Planning**
13. **Zone** Price is lower this year and Zones was advertised at Gold Champs. A brand new Hampton in Mentor will be the Zones hotel. 10 and unders will be discussed at HOD.
14. **Registration** We are at close to 4000 athletes. Pam was thanked for her patience.
15. **YMCA**
16. **College**

Old Business

New Business

Next Meeting – April 15 at 6:30 p.m.. The next board meeting will be devoted to strategic planning and there are a couple of other items the board needs to address, which is why the start is earlier. The nominating committee will need to nominate three members as the athlete members are automatic. Convention will be discussed in May. It would be a good idea to decide earlier if members plan to go or not. Also, because meeting is in California, members should plan to stay for the duration of the meeting as opposed to just one day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Kim Stewart.