

# MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Canton City Schools, September 28, 2014

## Minutes

**Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM**

### Roll Call:

**Present:** Jessica Bonezzi, Cole Clampffer, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Dale Craddock, Eva Hernandez, Sean Jones, Al Kominek, Mark Krusinski, Chuck Kunsman, Tina McCauley, Mike Milliken, Mary Motch, Ross Palazzo, Brian, Peresie, Carl Schallenberger, Tom Stacy, Rich Szczepinski, Nancy Veto, Steve Wood, Sharon Badertscher, Julie Bare, Mike Gallagher, Julie Knurek, Sarah Tobin, Kat Torok, Rick Stacy, Ali Tannenbaum, Sam Seiple, Will Turnbull, Diane Kulich, Tom Imhoff, Wally Lutkus, Julia Boss, Jacob Ranta, Peter Velasquez, Brian Krohn, Kevin Rapien, Liz Hastings, Mimi Wallace, Joey Reilman, Cindy Virdo, Matt Parrish, John Fagan, Dominic Poletta, Bev Poletta, Allison Collins, Ryan Johnson, Matt Davis, Trish Wirtz, Roger Baker, Marie Salibra, Chloe Adams, Jim Stacy, Dave Wohfeil, Jodi Wohfeil, Anthony Petruzzi Jr. Anthony Petruzzi, Eric Dennis, Matt Laughlin, Caroline McDermott, Eric Spaulding, Greg McAtee, Miranda Farley, Deanna Milliken, Karla Whelan, August Whitley, Eric Peterson, Yvonne Dixon, Grant Pinchot, Mike Davidson, Jen Machado, Mike Pichette, Mike Gallagher, Kristin Homoki, Pete Finefrock, Al Lacko, Mike Wohl, John Bailey, Steve Lukco, Matt Chelf, Audra Stackpole, Aleta Ivey

**Absent:** Brad Burget, Frank Campbell, Diane Finnerty, Lauren Heller, Karli Kentner, John Mertler, Tianna Vozar, Laura Lindsay, Sue Lutkus, Amanda Toolis, Tricia Saum, Rebecca Marra, Jodie Clute, Zach Hostoffer, Tim Hable, Vanja Dezelic, Matt Puckace, Jim Bocci, John Cuppett, Mason Beck, Kristin Reynolds, Ben Zuniga, Heather Zuniga, Zach Barr, Helena Barr, Rene Stine, Aimee Gysegem, Toby Gysegem, Kingsley Bowen, Charlie Lownes, Sidney Willis, Carol Lacko, Missy Franklin, Anne Singler, Chris Allen, Emily Thirion, Lori Leecue, Charlotte Mitchell, Jordan Stackpole, Sue Nutter

### Motion to add to Agenda: Passed

1. Announcement: Meet Volunteers LE Championship Meets
2. Action Item: Administrative Board to replace Board of Review

### Approval of minutes from April 2014 HOD Meeting: Passed

### Announcements

1. Updated from the 2014 USAS Convention- Tina McCauley (see LESI website for Powerpoint presentation)
  - Congratulations to Julie Bare who received the Kenneth J Pettigrew award at national level which is the highest award given to an official
  - Ross Palazzo did a presentation on how LESI athletes do community service and run their own clinics for athletes at Convention
  - TY to Ross for coordinating HS swimmers for parade of athletes during Age Group Champs
  - LESI was presented a check for achieving Leap 3 in the first quad. The Isc has achieved Leap 1 and 2 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quad and currently working on achieving Leap 3
  - Senior Development Committee: Legends (Futures) Meet was passed at Convention. LESI will be in the East and the meet will be held at Greensboro, NC. Our Section (Section 3) has slower cuts compared to the rest of the country. Cuts will be between Sectionals and Jr. Nat'l cuts (5-10% slower than J Nat times).
  - Central Zones Senior meet was voted that it will not continue moving forward and SC Jr. National meet will be held in 2 sites.
  - Age Group Development Committee: Age Group Progression is on draft form and expected to be published by fall.
  - Legislation was passed at Convention to ban deck changing. LESI is looking at ways to enforce this legislation. Currently, any athlete seen changing on deck will be reported to referee and the issue will be dealt then. Please educate athletes of this legislation.
  - Central Zone meeting: The 14U Zone Meet will be from August 7-9, 2015 in Minneapolis, MN. Steve has started to make arrangements
  - IUPUI will host the Mega Zone in August 4-7, 2016 (15 Isc's in 1 meet)
  - Central Mutlicultural Camp will be June 16-19, 2016 in Omaha, NE. It will be 1 week prior to Olympic Trials.
  - Central Zones Open Water Meet is June 18-19, 2016 at Pleasant Prairie, WI. The 5 k will be an Open event a 15-16 800/1500 A time as qualifying time.
  - Central Zone Select camp is being considered to be held at Ohio
  - Fran Crippen Cup will be held at Ft. Meyers, FL on April 12, 2015
2. LESI Records clarification: LESI will maintain the current LESI records with 10U, 11-12, 13-14 etc categories and have single age meet records. These meet records are eligible to be LESI records.
3. Sanctioning Process: Teams who are hosting meets must meet deadlines as written in the By-laws. Any team who is late in submitting their meet information will be fined. When applying for a sanction meet, the host team should have a registered official/official in training and registered meet director. Safety directors do not need to be registered.
4. Meet volunteer assignments for Age Group Champs will be posted on the LESI website. Meet directors will no longer email entry chairs, coaches and volunteer chairs. Each team will be asked to provide a contact person during the meet. If no one from the team is there to serve as liaison, the coach will be expected to perform that duty.

5. Coach Mentoring Program: There are currently 5 mentors: Mike Davidson, Matt Davis, Eric Peterson, Mike Griggs and Tim Hable. There are 2 more spots available. Please see Eva if interested in becoming a Coach Mentor.
6. Olympic Training Center Trip- See Sam Seiple's Report
  - TY to LESI for support in sending contingent to Denver
  - John Elliott put the trip together; Mike run the website all week posting daily activities.
  - Mike Davidson, Sam Seiple and 20 swimmers went
  - Local (Canton) radio station interviewed Sam and Canton school districts followed their daily blogs and posts.
  - TYR and USA swimming gave both athletes and coaches free stuff
  - There were 6 days of all day training consisting of dryland, lectures by Mark Hesse and Harriett Gunnderson. Dave Denniston who is the USA Paralympic team coach gave a very inspirational talk.
  - Athletes swam an average of 10-12 k m/day. There were a sprint, IM and distance groups with coach rotating through groups
  - Athletes got taped and brought this home. Athletes had lectures on nutrition, race prep, goal setting and race starts.
  - Off site trips were to the Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods. Wounded Warriors with their service dogs trained all week with to get ready for the Warrior Games
  - USA Swimming has put together a movie that will be released in theatres.
7. Disability Swimming: There are lots of opportunities for swimming at the lsc and Central Zone level. Please let her know of any disability athlete. Working with Michigan Disability lsc to increase awareness of disability swimming.
8. Safe Sport:
  - There will be Swimposium in the spring of 2015.
  - Safe Sport Committee comosed of Yvonne Dixon, Rick Stacy and Shelly Ochoa.
  - Flyers will be sent out to promote Safe Sport at the meets
  - A survey to clubs will come out too see what can be done with regards to safe sport

#### Elections:

1. Motion to Approve Pam Cook, Mike Davidson, Kat Torok, Matt Davis, Tim McNichols, Cole Clampferr, and Jessica Bonezzi as the Nominating Committee: Passed

#### Reports Requiring Action:

1. Approval of LESI LC Championship Meet format :
  - Motion to accept the LC Senior Championship format: Seconded
 

Discussion:

    - 1) Friendly amendment: Eliminate the specific days for the events
    - 2) Motion to include format to add Mixed Relays (400 IM, 400 Free): Passed
    - 3) Motion to include in format 50 Breast, Fly and Back with cutoffs as Nag B of 100 Qualifying time. These events will be timed finals.
    - 4) All events will be scored
    - 5) Motion to add Friday as a full session: Passed

Motion: Accept LC Senior Championship format as amended (eliminate the specific days for events and make Friday a full day session) and add mixed gender relays, 50 Back, Fly and Breast with Nag B times of 100 strokes as cutoffs. Passed
  - Motion to accept Age Group champs format: Seconded
 

Discussion:

    - 1) Motion to amend format: Eliminate Ready Room and Parade of Athletes: Failed
    - 2) Motion to do Awards every fourth event: Failed
    - 3) Both motions were put forward because it was thought that the parade of athletes took too much time and there was not enough time for the athletes to talk to their coaches and warm down before they were to get their awards on the podium
    - 4) This is the format they use for higher level meets and would be good to let athletes get used to it. It also allowed more time for younger athletes to rest between events
    - 5) Motion to have the number of athletes qualifying for finals depend on the number of lanes as decided by the pool to be used for the meet: Passed

Motion: Accept the current format for LC Age Group Champs with the number of athletes qualifying for Finals to depend on the number of lanes as decided by pool to be used: Passed
2. Approval of 2015 Long Course schedule
  - Motion to Approve 2015 Long Course Schedule: Seconded
 

Discussion

    - 1) Friendly amendment to revise the cut offs to NAG B times for Age Group Champs as written in format

- 2) Friendly amendment to rename VSC meets to Open Water Meet
- 3) Friendly amendment to change schedule name from LC to Summer schedule
- 4) Friendly amendment to change Sr. Champs to P/F for Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Motion: Rename LC Schedule to Summer Schedule, rename VSC Meet to Open Water Meet, revise the Age Group Champs to NAG B times as written in format and change Sr. Champs to read P/F for all 3 days: Passed

3. Approval of the 2015 Budget:

- Motion to Approve the proposed budget: Seconded

Discussion:

- 1) Motion to approve funding for Legends meet similar to Sectionals: Passed
- 2) Motion to increase funding of Zones athletes by \$50/swimmer

Motion to accept proposed budget with additional funding for Legends meet similar to Sectionals and increased funding for Zone athletes by \$50/swimmer: Passed

4. Legislation – Sean Jones

B-1 ACTION: **Adopted** Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

No Discussion

<b>Location:</b>	Lake Erie Swimming Bylaws 604.1.3
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Lake Erie Board of Directors
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide all 13 & over athlete members a fair opportunity to vote for their athlete representatives within Lake Erie Swimming. 604.1.3 is being renumbered to allow for a clearer understanding of the language.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee for LESI recommends that this proposal be adopted.

**Effective date: immediately**

**604.1** MEMBERS- The House of Delegates of LESI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representatives, the Board Members designated in Section 605.1, the At-Large Board Members designated in Section 605.2, the Ex-Officio Members designated in Section 605.3, and the At-Large House Members.

- .1 (NO CHANGE)
- .2 (NO CHANGE)
- .3 **ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES-** Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by LESI or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education).
  - A. The election of the Athlete Representative shall be conducted annually ~~during LESI's short course swimming championship, or other regularly scheduled meet designated by the Board of Directors.~~ Prior to the election, the current Athlete Representatives and the Athletes Committee shall be asked to nominate one or more Athlete Members for consideration.
  - B. The balloting shall take place at ~~a scheduled meetings, conducted by each Club Athlete Representative, that will accommodate and provide an opportunity to vote to all of that team's swimmers aged 13 or older.~~ Each club's balloting meeting must be made public to all nominees so to allow any nominees the opportunity to attend any or all balloting meetings to present their candidacy to the voting members. If a nominee cannot attend a balloting meeting they are entitled to provide the hosting Club Athlete Representative information to present on the nominee's behalf. The Athlete Representative elected shall be determined by a majority of the Athlete Members and Seasonal Athlete Members in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older.
  - C. All Club Athlete Representatives will present the collected ballots from their clubs at a meeting called by the Senior Athlete Representative or the Athletes Committee, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors; for that the purpose of tallying all individual ballots. by the Senior Athlete Representative or the Athletes Committee, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The Athlete Representatives elected shall be determined by a majority of the Athlete Members and Seasonal Athlete Members in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older. Prior to the election, the current Athlete Representatives and the Athletes Committee shall be asked to nominate one or more Athlete Members for consideration.

D. The election results will be announced at the Spring Awards Banquet or Spring House of Delegates meeting.

P-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated **Adopted/Amended** Tabled Postponed Pulled

**Amend 8.4.4.A: allow to swim 2 other LESI meets in place of Championship meets: Failed (The Board can always reconsider a petition)**

**Amend Effective Date to start participation as of March 1, 2015: Passed**

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy & Procedure Section 8 specifically 8.4 and 8.5 reimbursement
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Technical Planning Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	Increase and encourage LESI meet participation from National level athletes.  Give more access to funding to those that are active in LESI meets
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The legislative committee is in support of adopting this proposal.

**Effective date: immediately**

**8.4 Eligibility**

- .1 Those swimmers representing LESI member clubs or competing UN-LESI shall be eligible for reimbursement.
- .2 (No Change)
- .3 (No Change)
- .4 In order to be eligible for reimbursement for meets other than Olympic Trials, an athlete must have satisfied the following participation requirements:
  - A. competed in an LESI Championship Meet within the twelve months preceding the meet for which the reimbursement is being requested,
  - B. competed in at least one additional LESI sanctioned meet in the twelve months preceding the meet for which the reimbursement is being requested,
- .5 In order to be eligible for reimbursement for Olympic Trials, an athlete must have competed in at least one LESI meet in the twelve months preceding Trials.

**8.5 Percentages allowed**

- .1 (No Change)
- .2 Athletes: The percentage basis for reimbursement (defined in the following charts) is determined by the following two factors:
  - A. Events swum or in the case of open water championships, the athlete's time in the 1500/1650.
  - B. Number of consecutive years of registration immediately prior to the meet.
- .3 (No change)

**PERCENTAGE OF BASE AMOUNT ALLOWED FOR MEETS**

Consecutive Years of Registration Immediately Prior to the Meet
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# of Events	Less than 1 Year	Less than 2 Years	<del>Less than 3 Years</del>	<del>3</del> 2 or More Years
Relay Only	<del>0</del> <u>25</u>	<u>50</u> <del>25</del>	<del>50</del>	100
Individual	<del>0</del> <u>50</u>	<u>75</u> <del>50</del>	<del>100</del>	100

5. Motion to replace Board of Review with Administrative Board starting next year: Passed

**Reports Requiring No Action:**

1. Admin Vice-Chair- Legends meet will need to have funding
2. Senior: Information regarding Legends meet and 2 site J Nats will be forth coming
3. Age Group- None
4. Coach Reps- Swimposium in Spring 2015
5. Athlete Reps: If athletes have any questions, please contact the athlete reps
6. Technical Planning- Brad is writing SC Champs. It will be coming soon
7. Zone Chair- Zones will be in Minneapolis and plans are under way
8. Treasurer- None
9. Finance:
  - o LESI will rent copiers during Champs. Other teams that may get affected will be given information as to who LESI will use
  - o Coaches need to give feedback on how to create funding for travel meets
10. Legislation- see above
11. Safety: Please fill out Occurrence Form for injuries so that USA Insurance can be used. Use electronic version in USA Swimming.org and forward to Chuck
12. Officials:
  - o One of the strategic objectives was to increase the number of officials. This was achieved.
  - o Officials had a Clinic at Shaker Middle School September 20. Thank you to Eric Peterson and Yvonne Dixon for doing the leg work.
13. Secretary: None
14. Membership/Registration: New team: Hamachi Swim Warriors
15. Safe Sport Coordinator:
16. NCAA Liaison: None
17. YMCA Liaison: USA Swimming and Y are working together. Effective January 1, 2015, USA officials are will no longer be needed in approved meets, Level 2 officials will suffice

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Next Meeting of HOD: Sunday, April 26 St. Noel's**

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Nancy Veto, Secretary**