

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

December 5, 2012

- A. Safesport Role mandated by USA Swimming
- B. Oklahoma partnership
- C. Spring State Championships
- D. St. Louis bid for the Olympic Trials in 2016

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Shawn Drake – General Chair

Anita Parisi – Secretary/Treasurer

Corey Cassily – Coaches Chair

Scott Berry – Senior Chair

Angie Kearbey – Zones Chair (At Large)

Evan Johnston – Registration Chair (At Large)

I. SafeSport Role

- A. Shawn updated the group on the National Convention's mandate that a SafeSport Chair needs to be in place for every LSC. The "SafeSport" role is designed to address athlete protection policies (as opposed to the "Safety" role which addresses accidental personal injury issues). The SafeSport role could be combined with the Safety Chair's responsibilities, but Shawn does not know, yet, if our current Safety Chair (Terri Cohen) is interested in adding the SafeSport duties to her role. There is potentially a lot of work to be done in the new SafeSport role. Shawn will ask Terri and if she declines, Evan will take on this new role.
- B. There is a conference coming up on SafeSport. Shawn will verify that we don't need to attend this year, but will budget for next year.

II. Oklahoma Partnership

Shawn announced that during the USA Swimming Conference there was discussion on having smaller LSCs work together. The direction may eventually be to combine the smaller LSCs, but that has not happened, yet. Supposedly, Oklahoma is interested in aligning with Arkansas and Memphis has also made some overtures towards us. Is ASI interested in combining? It would help with the LEAP Admin!

In our call, there was a lot of discussion about geography with both of the interested parties. A State Championship would be a hardship travel experience in the winter for our younger families who many not be as dedicated and would miss school and work to travel to a far location.

Perhaps, an All Star meet with Oklahoma could first be initiated. This has been discussed before and it has never worked due to schedules.

Shawn and some of the other BOD members who will be at the Elite Meet in the next week will talk with Paul Thompson (the Region VIII chair and Oklahoma rep) about some ideas.

III. Spring State Championships

- A. Shawn stated that the Dolphins (host of the Spring Champs) have shared concerns about the Friday night timing of the events at the meet. With the addition of the 200s and 400 IM that were voted on at the HOD, the meet could go really long on Friday night. Evan mentioned that we cannot start the meet earlier to account for the longer timeline and that we should consider moving the 200 back and fly events to Saturday and the 200 breast to Sunday OR that we could move the 400 IM to Sunday and the 500 free to Saturday. It was decided that Matt, Evan and Scott would look at the order of events at the Elite Meet and determine a new structure to be presented at the BOD in January – we need to hurry as the sanction will be requested in January.
- B. There was confirmation that BB times would be used for the 200s.

IV. Saint Louis Olympic Trial Bid

Shawn announced that Saint Louis is requesting to host the Olympic Trials in 2016. She wants to know if we, as ASI, are interested in writing a letter of support for this. We all agreed.