



Board of Directors
May 6, 2012
Fargo, ND
9:00 AM
Butler Machine Building

General Chair Bryan Walls called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Bryan Walls, Tom Engberg, Leith Devier, Becky LeDoux, Lisa Kramer, April Lange (per conference call), Charysse Everson, Jim Ballantyne, Ben Smith, Dani Bergeson, Ellie Roche, and Ethan Doll. Absent were Larry Hubbard and Talia Butery. Others in attendance were Jeanne Miranowski, Tracy Roche, Deb Slack, Wayne Mastel, and Dave Isaak. Mike Stromberg, Head Coach/CEO of Falfins Swimming, stopped in to thank the LSC for the coaches' clinic.

General Chair Report:

Bryan thanked our host and everyone for attending. He addressed the USA Swimming Convention to be held in September and inquired about possible attendees. He deferred any further comments to the House of Delegates meeting at 1:00 PM.

Administrative Vice / Officials Chair Report:

Tom reported no changes except a specific breast stroke clarification which will result in a new ruling during the trials.

Senior Vice Chair Report:

Jim briefly discussed the proposed 2012 Zones budget, which he noted is based on 40 swimmers, and is presently set at \$19,583. The LSC can expect to receive back \$9,500 in various forms, such as apparel sales and collecting \$200 from each swimmer. He indicated the bus alone will cost \$6,900. He is awaiting zone meet information. He mentioned further that our ND swimmers have been competing successfully in bigger meets. 28 athletes attended Spring Sectionals, 1 Junior Nationals, and 2 in a Pro-Am Event. It is hoped that more senior swimmers will attend in the future.

Jim made special note that all three athlete reps were in attendance and thanked them for their participation.

Age Group Vice Chair Report:

April participated via conference call and reported that 29 new state records were set with a breakdown of 20 individual and 9 relays. Overall records included 14 individual and 10 relays. A discussion was held regarding the long course time standards for the 11-12 and 13-14 girls 200 back, breast and fly events. The short course times had previously been changed and need to be adjusted. After discussion and reviewing the times, a motion was made by Bryan and 2nd by Tom that the *Long Course time standards for the above-mentioned events be obtained from the National Motivational 'B' times, and that short course will be adjusted accordingly, as well.* All in favor. Motion carried.

A question was posed about whether to replace the records certificates and update them with our new logo. It was decided that we will use up the present supply and then order new.

April brought up the sanctioning of meets and stated that teams *may not* obtain a sanction number prior to getting the information to her. She clarified that teams need to follow the process that is in place.



Treasurer Report:

Leith presented copies of present financial information including Profit and Loss, Profit and Loss Budget, and Balance Sheet as of May 4, 2012. She deferred specific details to the House of Delegates but did indicate that we are generally sitting well and that our biggest expense is Zones. After a brief discussion of athlete reimbursement levels, Jim made a motion *extending the same reimbursement policy for athletes and coaches as it has been for the past year with a one time payment for athletes for Senior Zones, with \$500 per swimmer, per year, and \$500 per season per year, for coaches.* 2nd by Leith. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regarding the LEAP Level II status, it was left that Bryan and Leith will discuss it this summer.

Secretary Report:

Charysse requested that teams please get updated contact info in for the LSC Directory. Calendars will be posted during the House of Delegates meeting for teams to sign up for short course meet dates.

Minutes from the fall 2011 meeting had been emailed and posted on the state site and Bryan moved that the *minutes be accepted as is* with a 2nd by Becky. All in favor. Minutes approved with no corrections or additions.

Registration Chair Report:

Becky distributed a yearly statistics sheet (dated 5/1/12), indicating that there are 1122 athletes registered, 175 non-athletes registered, and 15 clubs registered to the ND LSC in 2012.

She stated further that meet managers must offer on-deck registration unless otherwise noted in the meet information.

Technical Chair Report:

Lisa thanked the clubs for registering on time this year. She reminded everyone to wear their credentials on deck at all times, noting there had been some issues at the state meet. It is especially important for athlete protection.

Safety Chair Report:

Larry was not in attendance but reported via email that since the fall meeting, he has received the year-end statistics report for 2011 from USA Swimming. There were a nationwide total of 1053 report of occurrence forms filed. Of those, the ND LSC had a total of 13 reports filed. All of the 2011 reports were filed from January through April of 2011. The accident statistics for the first quarter of 2012 indicate that nationwide there were 467 report of occurrence forms filed, with the ND LSC having a total of 2 reports during this first quarter, ending in March, 2012.

Disability/Diversity Chair Report:

Talia was not present but Jim reported that the U.S. Paralympic Trials will be held in Bismarck around June 13-17. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to sign-up. Watch the LSC site for further information.



Coaches' Representative Report:

Ben brought up several points relating to zones qualifications. He stated that we want to get as many kids as possible to zones meets, in hopes they will be motivated by the experience. In the past, relay only swimmers have been allowed, but that policy may need to be changed. Also clarified was the issue that if swimmers age up between State and Zones, the times apply so the next fastest swimmer can go if their time is faster (in essence, they bump the less faster). Allowing the first and second place finisher to go in each event, simplified things. As always, AAA times overrule.

Athlete Representative Report:

Dani brought up that a swimmer had asked her about the possibility of changing the 200 fly to the first day instead of the last day of the state meet. Discussion was deferred to later in the meeting.

Board of Review:

An election plan for the next 10 years will be presented by Grant Richardson at the House of Delegates Meeting. A Nominating Committee was formed consisting of Bryan, Jim, Dana, Jessica, and Kathy. A new nominating committee will be formed at the fall meeting.

USA Convention:

Convention dates will be September 11 to 15, 2012 in Greensboro, NC. The agenda is not yet out but the importance was stressed that we have representation in attendance, especially at the meeting where Zones are discussed. The board will be searching for delegates that may include athlete reps and other board members. Becky and Leith attended last year.

Old Business:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the officials shirts. Since presently no policy exists concerning reimbursement, requests for shirts made by 2 clubs were denied. A motion was made by Bryan with a second by Jim stating that *the LSC will purchase shirts in compliance with our ND logo and USA Swimming for Long Course and Short Course State qualified officials as a thank-you gift for working the meets; to be capped at 2 shirts in 4 years.* All in favor. Motion carried. The Administrative Vice / Officials Chair will establish and be in charge of monitoring this going forward. Further, all negotiations with shirt suppliers and information for the website will be coordinated by the Officials Chair.

New Business:

Short Course State:

Co-Op: Committee reported favorably about the co-op process. A spread sheet was created to equally share and track duties, split profits according to percentages, and help with organization. The teams received positive feedback and felt that the short course meet ran smoothly. The committee felt that communication was key and that using the template was helpful as well. A proposed schedule was presented to modify team rotation to include smaller teams. It was stressed that the committee needs to have authority over the club/co-host. Teams also need to let the LSC know by long course state if they will participate as assigned. A motion was made by Leith and 2nd by April that *the 2012 Long Course Meet Co-Op will be Jamestown and Minot to co-host with Bismarck.* All in favor. Motion approved. The board assigned Leith to help with LC 2012 and April to help with SC 2013.



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Short Course State, cont.:

Timeline: There were no reported time line issues and it was felt that the full heats streamlined the meet.

Relays/Age Groups: There were protests made to the meet committee and a clarification was noted that the intent was to *add* 4 relays not *change* them. The age breakdown will be kept with 13-14 and 15-18 with the 13 year-olds being able to move up but still be scored as 15-18, with the exception of the 800 free relay, which will continue as is. This will be for both long course and short course. All in attendance felt favorably toward this clarification. The 2 relays per day will stay the same.

Order of events: The earlier athlete request for changing the 200 fly was revisited and with little discussion it was moved from Sunday to Saturday by switching it out with the 200 breast. The 100 fly will be on Sunday.

Information was presented by Bryan regarding OME (online meet entries) and the advantage being the time-saving registration work. Jim noted it is easier to use that Hy-tech or Team Unify. It was decided to try it for the next meet and see how it goes. Bryan moved and Becky 2nd *to adopt OME for entries for the Long Course 2012 State Meet, to be revisited next meeting.* All in favor. Motion carried.

To enter online, log into USA Swimming and go to the meet entry section. Pick up the name of the desired swimmer and place him/her in events. Check the 'Accept checks only' section.

The group talked about entry deadlines and the confusion over having 2 separate deadlines for state qualification times for meets. It was indicated that the coach needs to make sure the swimmer is registered for their proper entries one week before the meet. For 2012 LC the deadline to register for events will be noon on Monday of the week prior to the meet.

Policy Updates: Deferred to House of Delegates

State records certificates were distributed to team reps.

Fall meeting location/date will be discussed at House of Delegates Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charysse Everson
Secretary

