



Board of Directors
October 22, 2011
Jamestown, ND
9:00 AM
Jamestown Middle School

General Chair Bryan Walls called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Bryan Walls, Charysse Everson, Leith Devier, Becky LeDoux, Lisa Kramer (per conference call), April Lange, Jim Ballantyne, Loic Joseph, Larry Hubbard, and Dani Bergeson. Absent were Tom Engberg, Talia Butery, and Ali Church. Others in attendance were Jeanne Miranowski and Brian Bergeson.

General Chair:

Bryan thanked Leith and Becky for attending the USA Swimming Convention. He also thanked Leith for her part with the LEAP committee in completing the necessary steps to bring our LSC to Level I compliance.

Administrative Vice Chair: (absent)

Although Tom was not in attendance it was brought up that we still plan to purchase both men's and women's shirts for officials. It was earlier approved (5-1-11) and budgeted that we purchase one shirt for each official.

Age Group Vice Chair:

April distributed copies of new state qualification time standards. She will be posting these on the website. Nothing new to report beyond this.

Senior Vice Chair:

Jim indicated that Junior Zones had greater participation and a good showing overall. The entries were done differently this year and registration ran much smoother than in past years. The costs came in just under \$9,000.00 for the whole trip, after each athlete's contribution of \$250.00. Senior Zones was poorly attended. It appears at this point that the format will not likely be changed. As far as sectionals, our state has been participating successfully with competitive times.

Treasurer:

Leith presented a *Four Year Comparison* spanning the period from October 2007 until September 2011, as well as the budget overview for the upcoming year October 2011 through September 2012. We had a net loss of \$3,707.56 due to the purchase of medals. Following discussion surrounding budgeting for zones trips, it was determined that the \$11,000 looks correct as is. The board believes it is the responsibility of the LSC to send swimmers out of state in an effort to promote swimming. The board also discussed sending 1 or 2 representatives to the Central Zones workshop in April of 2012. Current balance is \$57,581.84.



Following discussion, Bryan made a motion to limit the athlete reimbursement to once a year only with a \$500 annual maximum, (short course or long course). The year being September 1 - August 31. 2nd by Leith. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loic made a motion to include Senior Zones into the \$500 annual maximum as well. 2nd by Jim. Unanimous approval. Motion carried. These changes will be updated in the policy manual.

Secretary:

Charysse is working on a spread sheet with current club directory information to import to Team Unify. It is hoped this will simplify communication amongst clubs in the state.

Minutes from the meetings on 5-1-11 were emailed and one clarification was noted by Leith and will be changed. The minutes from the House of Delegates indicated under **New Business** that Leith reported “the policy manual overrides the by-laws”, when in actuality, *the by-laws override the policy manual*. A motion was made by Bryan and 2nd by Becky to approve the minutes with the one correction as earlier stated. All in favor. Minutes approved with one change.

Registration Chair:

Becky presented year to date statistics for the past two years. Total clubs in North Dakota remains 15. Athlete registrations have increased from 1190 to 1297 at present and Non-Athlete registrations have also gone from 177 in 2010 to 192 in 2011.

After discussion, April made a motion to raise ND registration fees \$1.00. 2nd by Loic. All in favor. Motion carried.

Also discussed was the issue of unattached swimmers (approximately 90 - 100 presently) and how to handle this. Jim made a motion that the LSC charge all unattached swimmers \$1.00 per swimmer at the Short Course and Long Course State Meets. 2nd by Larry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Technical Chair:

Lisa noted that the club packets have been sent out. The non-athlete fee has gone up to \$50. She indicated that all non-athletes must take an Athlete Protection Training similar to the background check. This is free and can be accessed on the site. *Club Fee Schedule* is as follows: Less than 50 = \$100; 51-80 = \$120; 81+ = \$150 if received by 12/15/11. Double the amount from 12/15 to 12/31. Triple the amount if 1/1 to 1/31. If after 2/1/11, \$500. Especially noted: *In order for a club to renew, the Head Coach must have met all safety requirements, completed the background check, and have their athlete protection training current. In addition, each coach must be 18 years old and be registered with USA Swimming.* Finally, she reminded us that for State Meet awards, Technical Chair is responsible for 1st through 3rd place medals and various plaque awards (Coach of the Year, etc.) and State Meet Host is responsible for ribbons.

Motion made by Lisa that if a head coach isn't completely registered, the club can't be current even if the money has been received. The club becomes current when the coach gets all requirements completed. 2nd by Jim. All in favor. Motion carried.



Safety Chair:

Larry thanked the individual who went in his place to the convention this past summer in Minneapolis on behalf of the club. One accident was reported in the second quarter, down from twelve the first quarter. He will be putting insurance information onto the website through a link that can be accessed.

Disability Chair:

Talia was absent but indicated nothing to report at this time except that she will be adding a page to the website updating us on issues regarding disabilities.

A motion was made by Bryan that the *Disability Chair* be changed to *Disability/Diversity Chair*. 2nd by Becky. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about seeding requirements for disabled swimmers as well as the Diversity Camp in the summer of 2012. More information will follow. Jim noted that there are 26 or 27 different classification standards of physical disabilities and the qualification standards are different.

Coach's Report:

Loic reported that he has served as Coach's Rep for the past six years and requested that at the 2012 Short Course State Meet the coaches elect a new LSC rep. He also noted that of much concern has been the longer sessions at state meets and that it is hard to keep going for kids, coaches, and parent volunteers.

Sr. Athlete Representative:

Ali is involved in ACT testing and had nothing to report.

Jr. Athlete Representative:

Dani felt that an Athlete Page on the website would be a helpful means of communication for swimmers. Loic will work with the athlete reps to create an outline of ideas for posts sometime prior to the state meet.

Appointed Athlete Representative:

Ethan Doll of West Fargo was requested by Bryan Walls to be a third (appointed) athlete representative in accordance with the LEAP process. He will be present at the House of Delegates later today.

Board of Review:

Grant Richardson reported (via email) no complaints or protests. A subsequent board will be elected to handle complaints on as needed basis at the House of Delegates meeting.

Nomination Committee:

Will be created at the House of Delegates meeting. It will be comprised of two board members and the rest non-board members.



USA Swimming Convention:

It is felt that attendance at the convention is beneficial for our LSC. We plan on continuing to send two members each year and hope to send athlete representatives if possible. It is good exposure and much is gained from participation. Leith and Becky will post a summary on the website.

Old Business:

Jim agreed to follow up with Tom as far as the officials shirts and it is hoped that an order form will be out on the website or emailed to teams.

New Business:

Following discussion, consideration of time line issues, and previous suggestion from athletes, motion was made by Bryan to switch the 1500 meters to Friday, the 400 meters to Saturday, and the 800 meters to Sunday of Long Course State Meet. 2nd by Jim. All in favor. Motion carried.

With regard to dropping 50's and 100 IM for 13 and over swimmers, adding the 200 fly, back, and breast for 11-12, and the number of events per swimmer, and relays, we will revisit these at the House of Delegates meeting and defer voting to then.

Mandan's request to be added to the State Meet rotation was briefly discussed and Bryan indicated we will continue to work with them on what needs resolving.

Zone Qualifications for 14 and under swimmers was also discussed and Jim stated it is the meet information that dictates who goes. It is felt that consistency from year to year is desired and more discussion on this will follow.

Other Business:

Jim reported he will update a meet template and get that posted.

The Bismarck Seals will be taken out of the directory as they do not participate in the LSC.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charysse Everson
Secretary