

Ozark Swimming House of Delegates Meeting

23 May 2018

Location: Parkway ISC Building, 12657 Fee Fee Rd, St Louis, Mo 63146

Attendees: Andy Allman (RPLX), Gretchen Allman (FAST), Jason Cravens (RCA), Gussie Crawford, Morgan Dodge (FAST), Alexis Dreyer (FAST), Steve Grimm (RPLX), William Hillmer (CSP), Mark Imig (CSP), Tom Lombardo (RSCA), David McCrary (CSP), Emily O'Connell (RSCA), Wendy Paulsen (RPLX), Diana Rosen (FAST), Anna Schroeter (FAST), Andrea Slaughter (SEA), Dave Stevens (HEAT), Sally Stevens (HEAT), Kirsty Stooke (SEA), Bob Rettle (EDWY), Christian Rhoten (EDWY), Jason Weise (RSCA)

Call to Order: 7:03pm

- 1.) Roll Call (Sign In)
- 2.) Adoption of previous meeting minutes from 25 February 2018 - Approved Motion by Gussie Crawford, 2nd Mark Imig
- 3.) **Report of Officers and Committees**
 - a. **Athlete Representative Report:**
 - i. 5 new reps; 7 leaving; clubs need to talk to swimmers to apply
 - ii. Process to apply- not enough applications right now; athlete reps read through and discuss applications to select new representatives
 - b. **Treasurer: Bill Hillmer**
 - i. Back taxes and IRS issues have been resolved.
 - 1.) penalties waived
 - 2.) Thanks go to Christina Dreyer who did the work to resolve the IRS issues.
 - ii. Total Balances in checking/savings as of 31 March 2018: \$177,473.48
 - 1.) Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss statements were provided to the secretary.
 - iii. Memorial Money for John Traube – Money is in a separate account to be used for scholarship money for high school seniors moving on to swim in college.
 - 1.) A committee will be formed to determine how money will be given out.
 - 2.) Possibly a long term scholarship fund.
 - iv. Bill using email: ozarklsc.treasurer@hotmail.com
 - c. **Registration: Gussie Crawford**
 - i. Athlete Total: 3329
 - 1.) Athlete: 3202
 - 2.) Athlete Season 2: 8
 - 3.) Athlete Outreach: 119
 - ii. Non-Athlete Total: 418
 - 1.) Individual: 415
 - 2.) Life: 3
 - iii. Clubs: 29
 - iv. Numbers are up from last year.

- v. Gussie wants teams to use the registration forms posted online, not make up their own.
- vi. USA Swimming Flex membership – Discussion brought up by Bob Rettle. Similar to summer membership, but designed for use with short term programs which would then allow swimmers to swim in one USA Swimming meet.
 - 1.) Hope is to get more kids to stay with year round swimming after being exposed through a short term program and one swim meet.
 - 2.) Drawback is that kids may choose to only do the short term program rather than year round if they have the option.
 - 3.) Gussie will write to USA Swimming committee for clarification on how Flex Membership is to be used.
 - 4.) LSC must vote for it before any team can use it.
- d. **Tech-Planning: Dave McCrary**
 - i. Meet bids are due on May 25th, Friday.
 - ii. Asked for volunteers for committee.
 - 1.) Committee formed: Hannah Schroeter (athlete), Steve Grimm, Emily O'Connell (athlete), Thomas Huggins, Dave McCrary, Bob Rettle, Morgan Dodge
- e. **Age Group Chair: Mark Imig**
 - i. Zones: 12 swimmers currently registered.
 - ii. Waiting on LC Champs info.
- f. **Senior Chair: John David Williford** – not in attendance/no report
- g. **Officials' Chair: Steve Grimm**
 - i. LC Champs – Meet Ref will be Dan Dreisewerd.
 - ii. A Champs – Meet Ref will be Stephanie Petersen.
- h. **Coaches' Representative: Jason Weise**
 - i. Will start taking Age Group Coach of the Year nominations in mid-June.
- i. **Safety Coordinator/Safe Sport: Christian Rhoten**
 - i. Went to Denver for Safe Sport convention. According to USA Swimming, current investigations in the news are going well; LSCs shouldn't worry.
 - ii. All USA members are now mandated sexual misconduct reporters to USA Swimming SafeSport.
 - 1.) All sexual misconduct violations should be reported to USA Swimming Safe Sport.
 - iii. Looking for committee members
 - 1.) Committee formed: Diana Rosen, Emily O'Connell (athlete), Bill Hillmer, Christian Rhoten
- j. **Open Water Chair: Thomas Huggins**
 - i. Has gotten Sanction number for Saluki Open Water.
 - ii. Open Water Zones
 - 1.) Deadline to enter is June 9.
 - 2.) 5K race is a qualifier for nationals.
 - a. Swimmers may qualify for nationals by time or by place in qualifying meet.
 - b. Cut times equate to qualifying for Futures.
 - c. Top 10 for 16 yr & under get an invite to nationals.

- d. Qualifying is for next year's nationals; 16 yr olds this year do not get an invite because they will be 17 before next year's nationals.

- 3.) Zones T-Shirts – won't be doing t-shirts this year because we have to provide caps for the LSC; LSC will pay for caps and entries.

k. Diversity Chair: Brian Perkins (not in attendance)

- i. According to Bob Rettle, Chuck Fruit will be hosting Diversity and Inclusion Swim Meet, first weekend of June 2019.

4.) Old Business

- a. List of Committee members from secretary.
 - i. Secretary will contact Committee chairs to find out who is on each committee.
- b. Symposium coordinator volunteer - Andy Allman reporting
 - i. Darcy of RecPlex will be the coordinator.
 - ii. One day event
 - 1.) USA swimming pays to bring in 4 speakers.
 - 2.) LSC responsible for the venue.
 - 3.) Discussion to combine it with an awards night.
 - 4.) Best time of year? Once meet schedule is set, look for gap; possibly summer
- c. Nominating committee chair -Bruce Dryer is the nominating chair.

5.) New Business

- a. Board of Directors Elections:
 - i. Candidates:
 - 1.) General chair: Bob Rettle (EDWY)
 - 2.) Administrative Vice Chair: Andy Allman (RPLX)
 - 3.) Secretary: Andrea Slaughter (SEA)
 - 4.) Tech Planning: Dave McCrary (CSP)
 - 5.) Coaches' Rep: MJ Woehler (PKWY)
 - ii. No nominations from the floor.
 - iii. Motion to accept slate of candidates approved: Motion Steve Grimm, 2nd Morgan Dodge
 - iv. At large members:
 - 1.) 3 nominations: Melinda Montgomery, Diana Rosen, Erik Strom
 - 2.) Election held: Melinda Montgomery and Diana Rosen elected.
- b. Andy Allman opened a discussion about reimbursing teams for Officials' registration costs in an effort to increase participation and to make it fair to the teams providing the bulk of officials.
 - i. Budget needs to be considered.
 - ii. Proposal will be brought to the group in Oct.
 - 1.) Bill Hillmer, Andy Allman, Bob Rettle and Steve Grimm will meet to come up with the proposal.
- c. USA Swimming Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL this year
 - i. Thomas Huggins would like Open Water chair added to the list of Board members attending to give him the opportunity to meet with other open water organizers.
- d. The next meeting will be in October.
- e. Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Gussie Crawford, 2nd Bill Hillmer

