Ozark Swimming House of Delegates Meeting

26 February 2017

Location: St. Peters City Hall, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., St. Peters, Mo, 63376

Attendees: Bob Rettle, Mark Imig, Dave McCrary, Larry Edinger, Brian Kupferer, Stefan Yarbrough, Sean Harrison, Jason Weise, Morgan Dodge, Darcy Cearley, Andy Allman, Tiffany Hageman, Alexis Dreyer, Mary Jane Woehler, Raz Coparencu, Chris M. McCrary, Erik Strom, Thomas Huggins, Steve Grimm, Dan Dreiseward, Patty Draves, Tom Lombardo, Bill Rener, Tania Hillmer, Derek Shipp, Steffan Grace, Bruce Dreyer, Spencer Sholl, Natalie Edwards, RJ McCoskey, Andrea Slaughter, Kirsty Stoolce, Jon Williford, Diana Daly.

Call to Order: 12:32 pm

1.) Roll Call (Sign In)
2.) Adoption of previous meeting minutes -Approved
3.) Report of Officers and Committees
    a. Athlete Representative Report: No Report
    b. Treasurer: No Report
    c. Tech-Planning: Stefan Yarbrough
        i. In the past, meet bids have had deadlines in the past that were not heavily enforced. This will no longer be the case and bids need to be submitted on time.
        ii. Meet Schedule Concept: Within OZ LSC, there are currently multiple meets with same format at the same time for 14&U, where meets for faster swims are not offered. Tech planning will address and see what changes can be made. The plan is to offer more meets so that more athletes can complete and have more opportunities, but this may be hard for officials to staff.
        iii. Ozark Senior Champs Concept: Discussion on whether to be PKWY or LSC Meet. It was proposed and approved that the Ozark Senior Championship meet will be a closed meet with PKWY as host. PKWY has the first right of refusal to host the meet. Technical Planning will work on specific of the meet.
    d. Senior Chair: Jason Cravens: No Report
    e. Age Group Chair: Mark Imig: Zone information will be available around the middle of March. Proposed that athletes fly to MN for the meet.
    f. Coaches Rep: Derek Shipp: Currently setting up e-mail addresses of coaches from Gussie. E-mail reminders will be sent for ASCA notifications.
    g. Membership: Gussie-No Report
    h. Official's Chair: Brian Perkins-No Report
    i. Safety & Disability: Tom Lombardo

        i. Each team should have a Safe Sport person on their board. Tom needs confirmation from each club. The safe sport rep needs to complete a background check and non-athlete protection course.
        ii. Tom asked if anyone in the LSC is interested in receiving e-mails regarding safe sport to give to parent, athletes, and volunteers.
        iii. It was agreed that the safe sport rep for each team will send out information to their respective team parents. In addition, OZ Swimming website will have links to USA Swimming Safe Sport information. Andy Allman will work with Beth Paskoff to get this information into the News Section.
        iv. Tom gave a reminder that he should receive accident reports. The accident reports should be sent to USA Swimming first and then cc to Tom.
    j. Records: Mark Imig-There was a discussion whether high school times could be allowed as Ozark records.
        i. 50s for each stroke and the 100 IM are now being offered at higher level meets. Mark proposed if we could retroactively add these distances into the OZ records. It was agreed that this is acceptable. A motion passed to allow times from High School observed meets that are championship meets (e.g. Conference and State) conducted in both MO and IL that are placed into SWIMS may count as an OZ record.

4.) New Business
    a. Ozark Awards Banquet/Ozark Hall of Fame: Jon David Williford-There was a discussion about having a dinner once a year with set parameters for awards. This could include age group awards, IMX awards, etc. The discussion was positive and Jon David asked for volunteers for the committee. The committee will consist of Morgan Dodge, Jason Cravens, Tania Hillmer, and Jon David Williford.
    b. LEAP&LSC governance workshop with Jane Grosser (USAS governance consultant): Andy Allman
        i. This will be a workshop on good governance for the LSC. This would be a one day workshop and be conducted with OZ and Missouri Valley.
        ii. The workshop will help us to move towards LEAP 2 or 3.
    c. Swimposium- Andy reported that USA Swimming could pay once every 3 years for this program. It would be attended by coaches, athletes, and officials. Andy will follow up and report back.
    d. Confirmation of USAS mandated changes to Ozark bylaws: Andy Allman/Bruce Dreyer. These are mandated and no vote is required for adoption into OZ bylaws.
    e. The sanction costs for OW meets were discussed. It was proposed that this type of meet have a different sanction fee structure than what is currently used for other OZ meets. For example, charge a flat sanction fee of $200 and $30 per swimmer. Andy will look into editing the sanction form for OW meets.
    f. Open positions for election at May HOD meeting
        i. The open positions are as follows:
            - Treasurer

- Registration Chair
- Age Group Chair
- Safety Chair
- At Large Members – 3 positions
- Official's Chair
- Diversity Chair
- Board of Review Members- this should be removed from the website as there is no need for an OZ BOR as there is a Zone BOR.
- Club Development Chair
- Open Water Chair
- Coaches Representative

These positions are to be verified and reviewed by the Nominating Committee

g. Selection of Nominating Committee-: Andy Allman/Bruce Dreyer
   i. The committee should be comprised of 2 BOD members and 3 non-BOD members which includes an athlete rep. for the May 2017 elections.
   ii. The Nominating Committee will consist of the following members:
      - Stefan Yarbrough (Chair)
      - Lexie Dreyer
      - Erik Strom
      - Raz Coparencu
      - Patty Draves

5.) The next meeting is scheduled for May 10th with the purpose of holding elections. It will be held at PKWY ISC 12657 Fee Fee Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146.
6.) Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.