



Kentucky Swimming, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012
Lexington, Kentucky

Attending: Ben Davis, Kent Pleasants, Dave Doolin, Nate Knopf, Jeremiah Heath, Mike Essig, Mavi Sampaio, Barry Garner, Paige Ezell, Bucky Stoess

Not Attending: Amy Albiero, George Hubbard, Laura Kehrt, Julie Floyd, Greg Williams, Paul Augustus, Rebecca Sears, Collin, Kessinger and Newell Hicks

The meeting called to order at 12:16 pm

1. Minutes from the January 30, 2012 meeting were read. Motion moved by Kent Pleasants and seconded. Minutes approved as read.
2. Executive Secretary Report: no report
3. Finance Vice-Chair: Kent Pleasants submitted and the board reviewed the September 2011 through February 2012 Budget Report. Kent is present a 5-year financial plan to the board at the May meeting. He and Laura Kehrt are finalizing the travel fund policy.
4. Administrative Vice-Chair: no report
5. Senior Vice-Chair: Dave Doolin reported that at this time, USA Swimming is unsure when they will close down after the Olympics, so Altitude Camp cannot be scheduled.
6. Age-Group Vice-Chair: no report
7. Program Development: Nate Knopf reported that he, along with Maureen and Julie Floyd, have almost completed the observed/approved meet policy that he will present to the board. He emphasized the importance of flow and consistency and recommended streamlining all reporting. He pointed out that instructing host clubs to send different files and reports to different people made it confusing and that the office could forward it to the responsible parties.
8. Technical Planning: no report
9. Coach Representative: Jeremiah Heath would like to continue serving on the board of directors as the Coach Representative.
10. Athletes Representative: Mike Essig informed the board that Rebecca Sears will be graduating this year and will no longer serve as Senior Athlete Representative. It was discussed that the athletes would vote to put Paige Ezell or Newell Hicks in the position of senior athlete rep and a new junior rep would be elected at the HOD Athlete Meeting.
11. Safety Chair: Accidents were reported at the Seahawk Dare to Care meet.
12. Officials Chair: no report
13. Records Coordinator: There were six new records submitted.
14. Rules Chair: Ben Davis reported that Greg Williams has resigned from the Paducah Swim Team and is stepping down from his board position.
15. Adaptive/Outreach Swimming: Barry Gardner reported that there are 29 outreach athletes registered with KY Swimming.

16. Old Business:

Long Course Championship Meet

Super Final for 13&O: Technical Planning and its committee recommended at the January 30, 2012 meeting that for the 13&O age group, there be no super final as there was last year. The recommendation was 3 heats with 8 for the finals. By having a super final, it forced the athletes to swim faster in the morning than maybe some would choose to do. The committee felt that KY Swimming should not dictate how a swimmer should swim. Nate Knopf pointed out that at the higher level swim meets, athletes have to swim their best at all times, in prelims and finals. Having a super final would prepare the athletes for these types of meets. Kent suggested not changing the format after only having tried it for one year. Motion moved by Kent Pleasants and seconded by Dave Doolin to keep the super final. **Motion approved** – at the 2012 Long Course 13&O State Championship meet, the format will include a super final bringing back the top four for finals.

Relays: Coach Mavi recommended placing all relay events at the end of each night. He stated it was more exciting and more people attended. He explained by putting only the top 8 relays at night, it separated the others and made the early relays boring and deemphasized their importance. Jeremiah agreed stating that the energy was greater with all athletes back at the end of the meet. Paige Ezell likes have all the relays at night. Motion moved by Jeremiah Heath and seconded by Dave Doolin to place all relays at night. **Motion approved** – at the 2012 Long Course Championship Meets, all relays will be scheduled at night. Motion moved by Mavi Sampaio and seconded by Paige Ezell to eliminate the 800 Free Relay. Nate agreed but asked to add a different relay. Mavi withdrew his motion. Motion moved by Dave Doolin and seconded by Nate Knopf to eliminate the 800 Free Relay and add the 200 Free Relay and the 200 Medley relay placing them in the morning. **Motion approved** – at the 2012 Long Course Championship Meet, there will be no 800 Free Relay. The 200 Free Relay and the 200 Medley Relay will be added, scheduled in the morning.

Summer Leagues: Mike DeBoor addressed the board regarding the relationship KY Swimming has with summer league swimming. He felt that if KY Swimming continued to split the long course championship meets and hold them over two weekends, it would alienate the LSC from a major feeder system with summer swim. He would like the board to reconsider splitting the meet. Mike asked if KY Swimming could hold its championship meet/s Wednesday through Friday. Mike stated that KY Swimming is the leader and should find a way to work around summer league championship meets. Barry Gardner reminded the board that it was already discussed to try the split format again and not throw something out that was given only a year. Kent Pleasants explained that when the dates for the long course championship meet were scheduled, there were no dates put forth for summer swimming. Kent suggested when planning the 2013 long course champ meet, obtain the summer leagues' schedules. Bucky Stoess asked why the summer leagues should not be asking for KY Swimming's schedule. Mike discussed assigning liaisons for the different summer leagues so there is an ongoing effort to develop relationships, to establish open lines of communication and to educate the summer leagues. Jeremiah Heath volunteered to be the liaison for the LSC summer league.

17. New Business:

Spring House of Delegates: The HOD meeting will be April 21 at the Elizabethtown Tourism Center. Mike DeBoor will guest speaker at the coaches' meeting. Four rooms have been reserved for the officials' clinics. This will put us over budget for the HOD meeting. Kent suggested using money from the official's budget to pay for the extra costs.

2012 Short Course Championship Meet: Motion moved by Mike Essig and seconded - at the 2013 Short Course Championship Meet, move the fastest heat (top 8) of the 13&O (open) 1000 Free to Friday night. Kent asked to table the motion. Mike Essig declined. Discussion – Paige commented that she performed better when it was an open event. Dave Doolin called the vote. **Motion approved** – at the 2013 Short Course Championship Meet, the 1000 Free will be swam as an open event with the fastest heat being swim on Friday Night.

Meeting adjourned 1:37 pm

Next meeting will be at 8:00 am at the HOD meeting in Elizabethtown.

Maureen McDonald
Executive Secretary