

South Carolina Swimming
House of Delegates (HOD)
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2005

Thirty-two delegates were present at the House of Delegates meeting. Those present included:

K. Kozicki (ASC)	P. Lister (NYST)
J. Smith (CAT)	D. Goeckner (NYST)
J. Grossman (CAT)	C. Goeckner (NYST)
S. Woods (CAT)	H. Edwards (PALM)
C. Collins (CS)	L. Williams (RAYS)
O. West (EAC)	D. Horton (SMRT)
B. Hitchings (FAST)	B. Weinstein (SMRT)
Je. Chatlosh (FAST)	B. Olson (SMRT)
E. Hitchings (FAST)	V. Montgomery (TC)
Ja. Chatlosh (FAST)	F. Montgomery (TC)
T.J. Liston (IO)	A. Carter (TG)
L. Liston (IO)	K. Broussard (YCSC)
C. Ford (IO)	P. Wright (YSSC)
C. Patrick (IO)	T. Conley (YSSC)
T. Schmidt (MOW)	J. Cain (SMRT)

Non-delegates in attendance were:

J. Ballard (CS)	R. Diggelman (TG)
D. Fetchen (MPSC)	P. Carey (MPSC)
M. Stanton (MPSC)	D. McDonough (SMRT)
L. Olson (SMRT)	M. Rupp (SMRT)

The meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 2:40 p.m. Minutes for the 9/04 HOD meeting were approved without exception.

The General Chair announced 2 new appointments – Charlotte Rupp (SMRT) as Secretary & Lee Woods (CAT) as Financial Vice-Chair.

The General Chair congratulated and thanked Pam Lister and Gwen Clark for all their efforts and for a great job putting together the All State Banquet. The General Chair also congratulated the Coaches for their awards and Austen Carter the current Athlete Chair for winning the Jennifer Smith award.

The General Chair reported that she is working to get high school approval for times in 05 and plans to appoint a new committee to look into the pro's / con's of a merger with another LSC. The committee will be selected by the General Chair and

consists of 10 – 12 people ranging from coaches, athletes, officials, parents, etc. The committee will report its findings at the September meeting. The General Chair requested that anyone interested participating in the committee to email the General Chair. The General Chair will draft a letter and send to all coaches in hopes to get the information to all SC LSC members and the information will be posted on the SC website.

The Administrative Vice-Chair thanked Gwen Clark for all her efforts in helping with the All State Banquet for 05 and working to get the grant money. The Administrative Vice-Chair reported that the All State Banquet for 06 will be more of an award themed oriented banquet. The new office employee Tori Blum was introduced.

The Administrative Vice-Chair reported that the Published Exception Report for Short Course 2005 is incomplete. There are still a couple of teams who have not provided their exception reports to allow completion. A completed Exception Report should be completed by June meeting.

The Finance Vice-Chair Lee Woods deferred to Treasurer Owen West to report on the current financial status. He provided the HOD with account balances in the Operating and Money Market accounts as of 3/31/05. He reported that the LSC had invested in medals that will be expensed over the next couple of years. He reported that the LSC is ahead of budget by \$10,600 due to meet profits increasing more than projected and more membership money. The Budget for 08/05 through 09/06 was presented as a work in process and is to be finalized at the June 05 meeting. The budget is formed to be a break even budget. The budget reflected funding of \$12,000 for Zones.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported that he has contacted Jerry Brewer at USC regarding the future availability and use of the USC facility for swim meets. There is no intent at this time to allow the use of the USC facility for youth swimming. However, they are willing to work with SC LSC in the future. USC is in the process of establishing policies and procedures that would be applicable to all host teams and at this time there is no estimated completion date.

The Senior Vice-Chair deferred time standards to new business. He reported that he has suggested a committee be more proactive as an LSC and able to establish the pros/cons of merging the LSC. He reported that he had spoken with Bill Horton and his club is researching to leave the SC LSC and move to the GA LSC. He requested a “training challenge page” area on the SC web page to generate training incentives and competition between LSC clubs. He reported there is a new deadline for Zones and that you may withdraw prior to that new deadline. He reported the new Jr. Nat’l cuts have been eased. He also reported that the Sr. Sectional meet had been moved to Auburn. The proof of times for sectional meets is due May 1st. He reported sectional meet bids are due June 1st. He reported that the USAS Regions Distance Camp still has openings for coaches and swimmers and is available on the USA swimming website.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported that the BOD wished to reaffirm the athlete reimbursement policy to reflect the U.S. Open time standard for this season.

The Acting Age Group Chair reported that it had discussed eliminating the developmental series. He reported that only 9 out of 25 teams participated in the developmental series and that only 2 out of the 3 meets scheduled actually took place. The committee discussed running smaller meets under different type formats to increase participation and may even add relay events. He reported that the committee voted to approve to send 6 athletes of each in each age group in order to reduce the cost (\$515 per athlete) of the trip and to follow the current P & P rather than the Zones handbook. He reported the 2006 Zones will be in Atlanta. The 2005 Zones application deadline has been extended until July 8th.

The Acting Age Group Chair reported that 25 athletes received the IM Tough Award this year.

The Safety Chair was not present and no information was presented.

The Technical Planning Chair reported that there were 3 bids to host the 05 LC State Championship Meet. (Ion pulled their bid, CAT, and YSSC) YSSC was awarded the bid for the 05 LC State Championship and they will also run the finale meet that weekend. He reported that the committee had postponed the final planning 05 – 06 SC & LC season due to the loss of USC facility until June 5th HOD meeting. The 05-06 SC season had 4 meets that were given priority by the Committee and they were as follows: December "A" Meet, February State Championship Meet, Qualifying Meet, and the March Spring Championship Meet. The 2005 – 2006 season bids are due to Technical Planning by May 21st at 7pm and will be discussed and awarded at the HOD meetings on June 5th. The date of the September 05 HOD meeting will also be determined at the meeting in June. Technical Planning endorsed the forming of the committee to realign the LSC in some form.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported that the LSC has 1,976 total athletes. This total consists of 1,165 females & 811 males. All meets through January have been closed out and have had \$1,400 in fines. There have been 13 athletes who were not USAS registered and they have been fined.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported that an email had gone out requesting teams to forward their registration files in order to verify information in the swims database and only one team had responded. There are approximately 3-4 pages of errors/corrections that need to be done. The process is getting better but still has room for improvement if teams would send in their registration files.

The Officials Chair reported that he is working to provide more officials training sessions. He reported that the dates will be posted on the SC website. The official's renewal cards are not complete and have not been mailed out. If the proposed legislation passes then new cards are to be mailed out within the next 2 weeks and would contain the

new 2 year certification period. The new officials will receive their cards first. He reported that anyone who presently has a certification from last year still has a certification and need to follow the P & P guidelines. He reminded coaches and officials to make sure to include themselves on the officials email newsletter list so that they are receiving information. Anyone wishing to receive a mailing that is currently not receiving the newsletter should email the Officials Chair. An Officials clinic May 28th through May 30th will be attended by Tom Kennedy from Team Greenville.

The Coaches Representative reported the Coaches Handbook is being distributed this weekend. The new Coaches Handbook will be placed on the SC Swimming website. Ed Spencer spoke to Coaches Friday night and did an outstanding job.

The Athlete Chair reported athlete elections were held and the following athletes were selected:

Senior Reps chosen were Jason Chatlosh and Cathryn Collins
Junior Rep chosen was Roger Diggelmann
Secretary chosen was Brielle Weinstein

The Athlete Chair reported that the athletes committee will look into the possibility of a lock-in for the All State Banquet in 06. She reported that 2 athletes will be traveling to the upcoming convention in Greensboro, NC.

The General Chair thanked the Athlete Chair for her efforts for the past 2 years in the SC LSC and wished her well.

Karl Kozicki, representing the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of nominees to be considered by the HOD:

Treasurer - Owen West
Technical Planning - Peter Wright
Registration - Dena Goeckner
Legislative - Tommy Bunch
Financial Chair - Lee Woods
Age Group Chair - Bill Sprague
Secretary - Charlotte Rupp
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Dave Jones for Adaptive Swimming Committee was not present. The Administrative Vice-Chair reported she did receive an email from Dave Jones. He will be sending out information to all clubs regarding how other LSC's are handling sending their adaptive swimmers to meets and the possibility of addressing adding time standards for those adaptive swimmers wishing to attend Zones. The process regarding Adaptive Swimming will begin in June 05. The Coaches Representative requested and the General Chair agreed that a deadline be established for Dave to come up with proposals and procedures on how to handle athletes under Adaptive Swimming.

The Board of Review Committee had nothing to report.

The Marketing Committee chair Gwen Clark was not present and no information was presented.

The Office Committee Chair reported there was a definite need to keep the office open and in place. The old job description was reviewed and is in the process of being revised. The Office Committee reviewed the time the office was utilized, feasibility of keeping it in place, and the needs of an LSC office. The Office Committee decided there was a need for a permanent part-time employee 20 hrs/wk. The Office Committee would like to centralize the office and website updates and would add these in addition to other job description responsibilities to the part-time employee position when hired.

The Observed Swims/ Top 16 Committee Chair Jeff Chatlosh reported that national times this year looked better than last years. He reported for future reference that clubs should be forwarding their registration files to Dena Goeckner. He reported that the National Times Database included plans to add the state standards for comparisons between senior sectionals and up. He reported the website within 1 – 2 years should be available to use as a reference by USA Swimming.

The Zone Planning Chair had nothing to report at this time.

No Old Business was discussed.

In New Business, the Technical Planning Chair proposed to ratify and a motion was accepted that the 05 – 06 meet schedule be accepted. The BOD endorsed this meet schedule and it was passed unanimously by the HOD.

The Technical Planning Chair motioned that the 05 LC State Championship Meet and the Finale Meet be awarded to YSSC on the dates originally planned. The BOD endorsed this change in venue and it was passed by the HOD; 30 in favor and 1 opposed.

The Senior Vice-Chair presented time standards for LC, SC meters for state meets. The review consisted of looking at converted times to last year actual times and focusing on large discrepancies and determining the number of swimmers that would be picked up or lost based on the time standards recommended. The goal was to get approximately 30 swims per event. The introduced time standards for LC, SC meters for state meets included 30 time standards that were slower and 4 time standards slightly faster. The time standards will be posted out on the SC website. He reported that SC times apply for LC time standards.

The Legislative Chair reported there were approximately 25 pieces of legislation being brought forward. At this time, the General Chair reported to HOD that in order to timely get through legislation brought forward that items be pulled that would be

discussed. Items that did not need to be discussed would not be pulled and voted on collectively as a group through one vote.

R-1 proposed the Meet Director may not be a vendor or any associate of a meet vendor. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD did not endorse this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation. The General Chair clarified that this legislation would only affect new meets that have not yet been sanctioned.

R-2 proposed to eliminate the requirement that relay swimmers in state championship meets be eligible to swim an individual event and add time standards for relays. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD did not endorse this legislation and the HOD did not pass this legislation.

R-3 proposed to preclude swimmers over age 18 from swimming in the LC State Championship. A friendly amendment was made by the authors to read “shall not be eligible to score in any individual meet or relay” instead of the original legislation “shall not be eligible to compete in any individual meet”. The friendly amendments require 90% favorable vote in order to pass. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD did not endorse this legislation and the HOD did not pass this legislation.

R-4 proposed housekeeping to reflect current names & terminology. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-5 proposed to clarify reimbursement policy. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-6 proposed to provide reimbursement only for those swimmers who train and participate in SCLSC meets. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-7 proposed to add an SCLSC office oversight committee. The legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD did not endorse this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-8 proposed to add a fine for noncompliance with timely publication of meet information. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-9 proposed to consolidate fine information in one location in the P & P. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-10 proposed to update distribution of meet finance information. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-11 proposed to update policies and provide a fine for failure to comply. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-12 proposed to update the meet reporting requirements. This legislation was pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-13 proposed to update the procedure to require electronic registration for teams with greater than 5 athletes. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-14 proposed to update the sanctioning process. Peter Wright was added as a co-author on the proposal. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-15 proposed to limit the athlete cost for participation in Zones. The BOD did not endorse this legislation and the HOD voted to not pass this legislation.

R-16 was withdrawn by Jim Smith.

****Legislation:** R-8, R-9, R-10, R-11, R-13, and R-14 were voted on as one block by the HOD as they were not pulled and passed unanimously. All other pulled legislation was discussed and voted on separately and the outcome is reported above in each legislative proposal.

The Legislative Chair reported the following legislation would require a favorable 90% vote in order to be accepted.

R-19 proposed SC officials realign there recertification period to be every 2 years which would be in line with USAS swimming. Requirements for the number of sessions for recertification or original certification remain the same. Cards would be issued every 2 years. This legislation was not pulled for further discussion. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-20 proposed legislation that would update the P & P to be in line with the Zones Handbook regarding the size of the zone team to be selected. The Zones Handbook allows 7 athletes (male and female) and 10 athletes (15 & over, male & female). The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-21 proposed to bring back wording to correct the P & P regarding the Howard Wheeler award. These were items that are not reported in the current P & P and may have been lost throughout the streamlining process. The meet is required to be a USAS sponsored meet and they clarified the meet priorities with this legislation. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-22 proposed to restore the USAS Jr National meet to the recognized awards as well as to restore the description of the recipient's qualifications for clarification and continuity in bestowing the awards. Friendly amendment made and accepted to correct the current proposed legislation regarding the size of the plaques listed for the various award levels. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-23 proposed that athletes with the top 10 fastest times per event for ages 11 through 18 years of age be posted on the website throughout the season. The legislation further proposed recognizing the top 10 fastest athletes per event after the end of short course season and the end of long course season. A friendly amendment was made to add that the short course cut-off and the long course cut-off would be 2 weeks prior to the All State Banquet. The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-24 proposed legislation to raise the fine for falsification of qualifying times at the State Championship from \$25 to \$100. The BOD voted to endorse this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

The Administrative Vice-Chair reported the nominating slate that was endorsed by the BOD and endorsed by the Coaches Committee to be voted on by the HOD as follows:

Treasurer - Owen West
Technical Planning - Peter Wright
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Legislative - Tommy Bunch
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Nominations were accepted from the floor for the above positions and the only additional nominees affected the Age Group Chair position. The floor nominated Jim Smith for Age Group Chair.

The above slate was voted on collectively except for the Age Group Chair position which was pulled to be voted on separately by secret ballot. Ballots were passed out by Tori Blum. The HOD voted and approved the above slate with out the Age Group Chair.

The Administrative Vice-Chair requested nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee. The following were selected to the Nominating Committee:

Brad Hitchings, TJ Liston, Brielle Weinstein, Jim Keogh, Cathryn Collins, Heath Edwards, Sam Woods, Jessica Ballard, Jan Chatlosh, and Karl Kozicki (6 adults and 4 athletes)

The HOD voted and approved the Nominating Committee.

Secret ballots for the Age Group Chair were collected and counted. The winner Bill Sprague was announced as Age Group Chair.

There were no Resolutions and Orders.

The HOD meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.