

South Carolina Swimming
House of Delegates (HOD)
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2005

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

K. Kozicki (ASC)	J. Mead (CA)
M. Beckwith (CA)	F. Montgomery (CA)
J. Smith (CAT)	J. Grossman (CAT)
L. Woods (CAT)	S. Woods (CAT)
B. Sprague (CS)	K. Sprague (CS)
R. Collins (CS)	C. Collins (CS)
T. Callaway (EAC)	O. West (EAC)
B. Hitchings (FAST)	J. Chatlosh (FAST)
T. Liston (Ion)	Li. Liston (Ion)
D. Fetchen (MPSC)	D. Goeckner (NYST)
L. Williams (RAYS)	D. Horton (SMRT)
La. Liston (SMRT)	D. McDaniels (TG)
S. Bonine (TG)	R. Diggelman (TG)
A. Carter (TG)	K. Broussard(YCSC)
C. Simensen (YCSC)	P. Wright (YSSC)
T. Conley (YSSC)	F. Nelsen (YSSC)

Non-voting in attendance were:

V. Montgomery (UN)	K. Davidson (SMRT)
D. McDonough (SMRT)	K. Easty (UN)
T. Bunch (CA)	

The meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 2:00 p.m. Minutes for the 4/05 HOD meeting were approved without exception.

The General Chair reminded HOD the importance of reviewing the minutes for the meetings prior to approving them.

The General Chair announced the Admin Vice-Chair was not present.

The General Chair reported the Merger Committee has been appointed and that Roy Dessloch has been named to Chair the Merger Committee. The General Chair reported the Merger Committee members would be posted on the SC Swimming website.

The General Chair reported a lunch meeting has been set to discuss high school approval for 05 times with R. Hazel and R. Copelan.

The General Chair reported participation in a general chair phone meeting earlier this summer and another one is scheduled to take place in August 2005. The General Chair will publish any pertinent information from those meetings.

The Financial Vice-Chair reported the current financial status of the SC LSC is good. The Financial Vice-Chair reported that there are a few items still outstanding such as banquet and membership final reporting of monies. The Financial Vice-Chair reported that the Office Committee will be looking for ways to reduce the office long distance expenses.

The Treasurer reported as of April 30, 2005, the SC LSC has \$39,000 in its operating bank account. The Treasurer reported \$118,354 was moved from the money market account to a new investment account where the LSC has the ability to significant more.

The Financial Vice-Chair reported that in line with the movement of funds to the new investment account, the budget for 05-06 reflects an increase in interest income. The Financial Vice-Chair reported that the new investments consisted of a series of Certificate of Deposits and have varying maturity dates. The Financial Vice-Chair reported generated interest income of approximately \$4,800 which is greater than the previous \$1,500.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported there were two athlete reimbursement policies submitted for legislation during the BOD meeting. (1 policy requiring 50% approval and 1 policy requiring 90% approval). These previous two pieces of legislation were being withdrawn. The Senior Vice-Chair reported the previous two pieces of legislation surrounding the athlete reimbursement policies were being combined and submitted as one proposal and would require a 90% approval and will be addressed in "New Business".

The Senior Vice-Chair open water athlete reimbursement needs to be addressed. The Senior Vice-Chair indicated that new legislation may be necessary to address this. The Senior Vice-Chair reported currently that an athlete has to have the mile standard at the National Level to receive reimbursement. The Senior Vice-Chair reported that other LSC's should be contacted to determine how they are handling open water reimbursements.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the time standards for the summer meet had no changes.

The Age-Group Vice-Chair reported the final cost per swimmer to attend the 2005 Zones will be \$600. Swimmers will be able to download their applications off of the SC Swimming website shortly.

Coach Dave Horton reported the cost of 2005 Zones may change for the swimmers based on the numbers attending. There are 30 plus applicants at this time.

The deadline to register for Zones is July 8, 2005. The head coach is Karl Kozicki. Asst. Coach is Doug Fetchen along with Tim Conley and Elizabeth Campbell. They are in the process of looking for one more chaperone. There are 20 rooms reserved at this time and 16 will be used. They are hoping to sell the excess plane fares and/or cancel rooms not needed.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported on AG USAS meeting he attended in Colorado Springs the weekend of April 23rd. The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the meeting started out with reading the 1998 Sports Science Summit for young swimmers which is available on the USA Swimming website. USA Swimming is in the midst of reorganization. USA Swimming has developed a “Club Developmental Division” that reviews club programs in the United States.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported there is a push for LSC’s and clubs to host meets that are “themed” related. Another meet format being tried in other LSC’s is hosting a meet over 2 weekends. They are asking clubs to be creative on their meet formats and trying to create more of a social atmosphere like a pizza party after the meet.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported statistics from the AG USAS meeting:

- Overall there were 700 brand new swimmers in the SC LSC last year and 776 renewals.
- The statistics for SC LSC reported that last year there were 250 brand new “8 & under” swimmers:
 - 147 girls, 76 renewed
 - 103 boys, 51 renewed
- Only one 18 year old joined the SC LSC this year. The older age groups show the biggest loss of retention.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the SC LSC does a good job bringing new swimmers to the sport but has an issue retaining swimmers.

The Safety Chair was not present.

The General Chair did report legislation regarding the safety of diving in during warm-ups had been put together by the Safety Chair and would be proposed later.

The Treasurer reported the SC LSC is ahead of budget and did not foresee problems meeting budget at year-end. The Treasurer reported that the office will be sending out to clubs statements regarding membership. The Treasurer requested that anyone having ideas or needing additional information of what is compiled in the Treasurer’s report to contact him.

The Technical Planning Chair presented the Schedule for 2005 – 2006 Bids for Meets. There was one meet that had multiple bids and that was the State Qualifier in February. (YSSC & RAYS) The Technical Planning Chair reported YSSC pulled their bid after discussion and the RAYS were awarded the meet with a vote of 4 to 0. The State Meet was originally bid starting on Thursday night. Technical Planning Committee recommended the state meet begin on a Friday and run through Monday over the holiday weekend was approved with a vote of 4 to 0.

The Technical Planning Chair reported the Age Group sectionals meet will take place in Mecklenburg, NC, the Spring Senior Meet will be in Nashville, TN, and the Summer sectional meet in Athens, GA.

The Technical Planning Chair indicated the only issue surrounding the meets being presented was the format of the Palmetto/Spring Champs meet. The Technical Planning Chair reported that the Technical Planning Committee will be working with Team Greenville to correct the format of bid submitted may potentially rename the meet.

The Technical Planning Chair reported the fall meeting dates have been set for the committees, BOD, and the HOD for the weekend of 9/24/05 and 9/25/05. The meetings will take place in Newberry, SC.

The Technical Planning Chair reported the Technical Planning Committee will work to develop a tentative schedule for the 2006 long-course season. There will be a bid deadline out sometime prior to the fall for the 2006 long-course season.

The Technical Planning Chair reported J. Grossman has challenged the LSC and the Technical Planning Committee to do a better job supporting open water swimming.

Tom Callaway asked the Technical Planning Chair if he had required pool contracts of all those clubs that had placed bids for the 2005-2006 proposed meet schedule as had been done in the past or was there legislation to come that would require pool contracts as a part of the bids in the future.

The Technical Planning Chair reported he did not require pool contracts from those clubs placing bids and had no legislation to present.

The General Chair reported the future use of the USC pool is still not known at this time and may still be unknown at the September meetings.

The Membership /Registration Coordinator reported all meets have been closed out to date for the short-course season and the May long-course meet. The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported that during the SC and LC season that the SC LSC has collected \$1,750 in various meet fines and will collect from 13 swimmers not being registered swimmers \$1,300 in fines.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported she asked the BOD to approve looking into an Outreach Program for the SC LSC. The BOD approved the further research of a potential Outreach Program and the Membership/Registration Coordinator will present at the September meeting. USA Swimming has an Outreach Program where swimmers pay a reduced annual membership fee if they qualify for free or reduced lunches at school.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported she researched two LSC's in the country that had developed outreach programs that go above and beyond the USA Swimming programs by providing such items as helping swimmers pay for their meet fees and defraying the costs of swimsuits, caps, and goggles.

The Legislative Chair reported the first two pieces of legislation regarding the athlete reimbursement policies were withdrawn and then resubmitted in a combined format and requiring a 90% vote. The Legislative Chair reported legislation had also been submitted regarding diving in during warm-ups.

The Coaches Representative reminded HOD the assistant coach's emails are not always turned in and that information he is sending out is only making it to the head coaches. The Coaches Representative requested that assistant coaches contact him and / or send your current email information to the office in order to receive information from him.

The Athlete Representative reported they are currently researching different awards for All-State 2006.

The Officials Chair reported current official cards have all been mailed and anyone not receiving should email the Officials Chair. The Officials Chair reported he has 8-10 cards without addresses and requested coaches to review to determine if anyone knows these individuals.

The Officials Chair reported there has been a revamping of the officials testing and it is now located on the USA website (not ASCA website). The new test allows you to start taking test, save, and go back to the test.

The Officials Chair reported an official's clinic by Jeff Chatlosh was completed prior to the meeting and included 15 individuals out of Myrtle Beach.

The Committee Chair for Adaptive Swimming was not present.

The General Chair reported information regarding adaptive swimmers for zones was not going to be available for 2005 zones.

The Board of Review Chair reported there were 2 protests before the BOR. An interim chair is in the process of being appointed. The Board of Review Chair reported on the timeline for the BOR process. The Board of Review reported there are 14

business days to respond to the protest, no less than 30 days to have a hearing, and no more than 60 days.

The Marketing Chair was not present.

The Office Committee Chair was not present. The General Chair reported the Office Committee Chair had appointed an Office Committee consisting of Lee Woods, Dena Goeckner, and TJ Liston.

The General Chair reported Jeff Chatlosh was not present. There was no information provided for website and database information as Jeff Chatlosh was not present.

The Zones Committee Chair requested the 2005 Zones Applications be placed on the SC Swimming website as soon as possible. The Zones Committee Chair reported he had applications available at this time for those interested.

In Old Business, the Athlete Chair reported the top 10 swims for May have been posted on the SC Swimming website.

Under New Business, The General Chair reported that the SC LSC attendees for the 2005 USAS Convention have not been finalized. The Senior Rep Athlete and the Junior Rep Athlete will be attending the 2005 USAS Convention.

The Legislative Chair introduced the new legislation:

R-1 & R-2 were combined into one piece of predominant legislation:

R-1 proposed criteria for establishing a reimbursement policy for athletes tied to specific time standards – US Open Cuts and a USAS meet. This legislation was proposed by the Senior Vice-Chair. The proposed legislation returns some of the writing/language that was removed from the P&P.

R-2 proposed criteria for establishing a reimbursement policy for athletes that applies to meets with all standards equal or faster to following minimum meet standards as proposed. The proposed legislation was based on listing out the time standards that would be required to allow reimbursement to athletes.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the combined legislation takes the time standards proposed in R-2 and incorporates them into the R-1 legislation. This allows flexibility to still approve meets in the spring if USA Swimming does not pick up a Junior meet in the spring. This puts back into the P & P an explanation of what the intent of the policy is and where the time standards come from and address the issue that the Senior Vice-Chair will have a copy of who has requested reimbursement to prevent or clear up mistakes.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported that a friendly amendment had been accepted and approved meets for athlete reimbursement will be published annually on the SC Swimming website and in the minutes after the September meeting by the SC LSC.

The Senior Vice-Chair accepted a friendly amendment to review annually in September the time standards proposed in the legislation for athlete reimbursement.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the legislation becomes effective as of today if passed.

The Senior Vice-Chair clarified the athletes must attend only 1 of 3 meets in order to be reimbursed.

The BOD endorsed this combined legislation regarding athlete reimbursement and the HOD voted to pass this legislation (For – 30, Against – 1, Abstain – 1)

R-3 proposed disqualifying an athlete for dive-in first in the pool during general warm-ups from the first event. Diving in first is a safety hazard during general warm-ups. This proposed legislation would replace the existing paragraph 6. The Meet Referee will be responsible for communicating this rule to all coaches and athletes. The only lane an athlete will be eligible to use for dive-in starts will be the lane designated as such. The proposed legislation states that first time violations would receive a warning from the appropriate deck official or Safety Marshall. The continued violation will be considered as misconduct and handled in the accordance with USA Swimming rules and may include removal from the meet.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation (For – 29, Against – 1, Abstain – 2)

The BOD endorsed the proposed 2005-2006 Short Course Schedule and the HOD adopted the SC schedule unanimously (as amended).

The Age-Group Vice-Chair proposed a subcommittee be formed to assist the Membership/Registration Coordinator in looking into possible federal funding or grants to help with the Outreach Program efforts.

There were no Resolutions and Orders.

The General Chair reported to the HOD athletes that we are all passionate about the sport of swimming and not to take personal any comments made throughout the meeting.

The HOD meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.