South Carolina Swimming
House of Delegates (HOD)
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2005

Twenty-nine delegates were present at the House of Delegates meeting. Those present included:

K. Kozicki (ASC)	M. Beckwith (CA)
J. Smith (CAT)	J. Grossman (CAT)
L. Woods (CAT)	S. Woods (CAT)
T. Callaway (EAC)	O. West (EAC)
B. Hitchings (FAST)	J. Chatlosh (FAST)
D. Fetchen (MPSC)	D. Goeckner (NYST)
L. Williams (RAYS)	D. Horton (SMRT)
J. Keogh (TG)	S. Bonine (TG)
B. Weinstein (SMRT)	J. Mead (YCSC)
P. Wright (YSSC)	R. Diggelman (TG)
Je. Chatlosh (FAST)	C. Washnock (EAC)
P. Lister (NYST)	H. Edwards (PALM)
D. McDonough (SMRT)	

Non-voting in attendance were:

V. Montgomery (UN)	K. Easty (UN)	T. Bunch (CA)

The meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 2:00 p.m. Minutes for the 6/05 HOD meeting were approved without exception.

The <u>General Chair</u> reported she spoke with Roy Copelan regarding high school approval. Roy Copelan indicated he did not think there would be a problem with USA officials observing the high school swims and having those times count for the athletes.

The <u>General Chair</u> reported the Merger Committee provided a merger committee report which consisted of all the information gathered by the committee on September 24, 2005. The General Chair reported that she will be requesting Roy Dessloch and the committee to provide a summation of their fact finding work. The General Chair reported that she had not had an opportunity to read through the information to determine what the committee recommended. The General Chair asked that further comments be saved until November meeting. The General Chair reported the information provided by the merger committee will be made available to the general public.

The <u>General Chair</u> reported the Outreach Committee has put a proposal on the table for the SC LSC to pay meet entry fees for those athletes that qualify and Jim Keogh has been appointed as the new Outreach Committee chair. Jim Keogh has been asked to look into the feasibility of the SC LSC paying the meet entry fees and to look into the possibility of supply other items such as suits, goggles, and free caps, etc. The General Chair asked that anyone interested in serving on this committee contact Jim Keogh.

The General Chair reported Jim Keogh will also serve as the acting chair for adaptive swimming. The General Chair reported Jim Keogh will be meeting with the adaptive chair from Georgia LSC who lives in Augusta to look for guidance on how SC LSC can get caught up in this area.

The General Chair reported the SC LSC is looking for a new marketing committee chairperson. The General Chair reported the committee may be disbanded if no one steps up to chair this committee. The General Chair reported she will be benchmarking other LSC marketing committees.

The General Chair reminded everyone to access the USA swimming website and learn more about the new programs that are being offered - IMAX program, Virtual Club Championship program, and information on Club Recognition which focuses on business plan, volunteer development, and coach development.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported All State 2006 will be held April 21 – 23, 2006 in Columbia, SC. The athletes have been asked to look into new awards to promote the sport and encouraging swimmers. The athletes have been asked to consider the gifts to be given to athletes for All State.

The Admin Vice-Chair announced the team assignments for the All State Banquet April 21-23, 2006:

Registration – YSSC
Decorations – Carolina Aquatics & Palmetto Aquatics
Door Prizes – Mount Pleasant Swim Club & Rays
Awards – Clemson Aquatic Team & NYST

The Admin Vice-Chair reported the finalized exception reports for long course 2005 is incomplete. There are still three teams that have not finalized there exception reports. The Admin Vice-Chair reported the increase in fines has helped to make coaches more diligent in getting their information complete. The Admin Vice-Chair reported a complete report should be ready for the November meeting.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported Jim Smith is looking into using SWIMS as a database to prevent the use of exception reports.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported the HOD meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2005 most likely to be held in Columbia. The meeting information once complete will be sent out to everyone as soon as possible.

The Financial Vice-Chair reported on the financial status of the SC LSC. The Financial Vice-Chair reported the LSC finished the fiscal year in August with a net income of $3,721.67. The Financial Vice-Chair reported as of August 31, 2005 the operating account at Wachovia balance was $21,603.36. The Financial Vice-Chair reported as of August 31, 2005 the balance in the investment account was $118,022.89.

The Financial Vice-Chair reported he has proposed legislation for today regarding the SC LSC's investment policy that would allow the SC LSC to grow capital as well as increase income in our portfolio.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the Senior Committee will leave the time standards alone for 2006 short course and long course. The schedule for senior meets will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the U.S. Open time standards are available from USA Swimming for 2005 & 2006. Spring Championships for 06 will have 2 standards – 18 & under and 19 & over. Junior Nationals is no longer called Junior Championships. Junior National relay only swimmers will be allowed to do time trials. The Senior National cuts and schedules 2005 – 2007 are now available on line on the USA swimming website.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported November 7, 2005 as the deadline for submitting bids for the 2006 LC meets. There will be a Technical Planning meeting on November 13, 2005.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported they had been asked by the Coach's Committee and the Technical Planning Committee to work on the developmental meets formats. The Senior Vice-Chair has asked that coach's more familiar with the developmental meets to email information / suggestions / potential schedules to him.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported on the breast stroke change allowing a one downward butterfly kick that became effective on September 21, 2005. The Senior Vice-Chair also reported on the change regarding the backstroke start. The toes do not have to be below the water. The athlete is still not allowed to curl toes over the gutter and or stand in the gutter at the start.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported reimbursement procedures for athletes will remain the same. The Senior Vice-Chair reported they will have to add and or change names of meets. The Junior Championship name needs to be changed to Junior Nationals and the Spring Championship meet needs to be added.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported he has asked Jacque Grossman to develop an athlete reimbursement policy for Open Water swimmers competing at the national level. The Senior Vice-Chair reported he asked this proposal be presented at November meetings.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the Senior Committee endorsed adding all the senior level meets in reference to the Howard Wheeler Award in the P&P. The Senior Committee identified the meets in order of importance for the P&P: 1st) Olympic Trials, 2nd) Nationals, 3rd) Spring Championships, 4th) U.S. Open, and 5th) Junior Nationals.

The Senior Vice-Chair recommended setting up mission statements for committees.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported tracking down the IM Tough Awards. Tim Conley has the T-shirts for the IM Tough Awards and is in charge of the IM Tough Awards. Brad Hitchings has requested updated labels to be used for the developmental meets. Brad Hitchings has the developmental meet awards and ribbons.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the final budget for zones has been submitted. The Age Group Vice-Chair reported that overall coaches were happy with the performance of the athletes at the 2005 Zones meet. The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the 05 zones meet was approximately $1,000 over budget.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the convention reports were sent out to everyone.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported a request has been made for the LSC to purchase in bulk ribbons for the Spring Champs and summer finale meets to help teams defray the cost in running meets.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported everyone is happy with the database and they are in the process of developing other used for the database and potentially using the database as a proof of times for state championship meets.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the Age Group committee has been asked to develop a zones philosophy and an age group committee philosophy. The committee will also be looking into paying the zones coaching staff additional funds.

The Age Group Vice-Chair requested that the individuals on the Age Group committee and those that receive emails from the Age Group committee respond to emails that they receive.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported they will be looking at developing and promoting better developmental meets.

The Safety Chair was not present.

The Treasurer touched on highlights for the balance sheet. The Treasurer indicated there is no longer a money market account. The SC LSC now only has two accounts – Wachovia checking account and the Edward Jones Investment account. The

Edward Jones Investment account amount of (874.50) represents accrued investment fees.

The Treasurer reported on the Other Assets amount of $12,571.37. This amount represents the prepaid medals purchased by the SC LSC and will continue to decrease as those items are used over time. The original purchase price of the medals was approximately $13,500. The other amount in other assets of $675 represents 06 spending and was the amount prepaid for convention attendees. This will reverse out in September.

The Treasurer reported on Accounts Receivable of $4,119.16 includes the debt receivable for NSF registration checks and registration amounts not paid in full in 05. The Treasurer reported most of the past due registration amounts have now come in during September. This is an area where the SC LSC (Treasurer and Tori Blum SC Office) will have to do a better job in collecting registration money timely.

The Treasurer reported on the Coach's Fund net amount is $9,300. $1,400 was spent during the All State Banquet 2005.

The Treasurer reported an additional $3,000 was authorized to be spent on zones 2005.

The General Chair reported SC swimming is in possession of the City of Charleston money and is in the process of working on this legal issue.

The Treasurer reported the City of Charleston money is treated as a separate line item reserve amount that cannot be spent by the LCS and it is earning interest at this time. It is not in a separate interest bearing account.

The Treasurer touched on highlights for the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual. One of the main reasons for income over expenses is the SC LSC continues to take in more money for the travel fund ($11,600) than is reimbursed out to athletes ($3,600). Over the past five years, athlete's reimbursements have totaled approximately $49,000 and the LSC travel fund has taken in approximately $70,000. The Finance Committee has discussed setting aside the travel fund in a reserve account to avoid co-mingling of funds. This will be similar to how the Coaches Association fund is treated. The BOD agreed to this treatment of the travel fund. The Treasurer indicated that this may change the treatment of the item on the Profit & Loss Budget Overview.

Brad Hitchings requested the Treasurer bring to the November meetings a summary of reimbursements that have taken place over the past five years. (report should break out year by year - how much the total of athlete reimbursement was for each year, # of athletes for each of these past five years) The Treasurer agreed to provide that information.

The Technical Planning Chair reported on the 2006 LC schedule. The Technical Planning Committee voted to have the LC State Championship on July 26-29. (Wednesday through Saturday) The change of dates assists the zones coaching staff and the zone athletes. The 2006 LC bid form has been updated and presented to the technical planning committee. The final 2006 LC bid form is to be mailed out to everyone within the next week.

The Technical Planning Chair reported November 7, 2005 as the deadline for submitting bids for the 2006 LC meets. There will be a Technical Planning meeting on November 13, 2005.

The Technical Planning Chair discussed developing a process to evaluating meets in the future. This would be used in the rewarding of bids in the future. This may consist of developing an evaluation form. The evaluation forms would probably be given to the meet host and technical planning.

The Technical Planning Chair reported the official's evaluation should also be received by the meet host.

The Secretary was not present. The General Chair reported Charlotte Rupp did attend the USA Swimming convention on the BOD's behalf and Tori would forward convention notes.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported 11 clubs have renewed so far and 546 swimmers registered as of Friday afternoon. (565 with coaches, officials, and other non-athletes)

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported registration went electronic this year. There have been some issues, but for the most part, clubs are more receptive to the electronic process.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported there is still one meet to close out for the LC season and there is new meet director's packet that was sent to all the clubs that were awarded meets for the SC 05-06 season. There is also a new application for obtaining sanctions that is available. The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported this information has been forwarded to Jeff Chatlosh and she has requested that the new application be placed and made available on the SC swimming website.

The Legislative Chair reported the P&P manual has been updated and being reviewed by Jeff Chatlosh and Vicky Montgomery and Pam Lister. (overhaul of obsolete/incorrect sections). The updated P&P has been circulated to the prior legislative chair for review. The Legislative Chair reported he hopes this process to be completed soon.

The Legislative Chair reported there was a BOD directive issued this morning that the P&P be updated within 30 days of legislation being passed by the HOD.

The Legislative Chair reported there were 5 new pieces of legislation coming up in new business.

The Coach's Chair reported on the potential for background checks for USA swimming coaches is still a work in process. The Coach's Chair is working on a speaker for the 06 All State Banquet for the coaches. The Coaches handbook is available for review. The Coaches Chair requested coaches take a look at it and provide feedback.

The Coach's Chair reported the Coaches Committee may contribute money towards the 06 zone head coach since it involves working and planning over a year. The current stipend is about $500 and is covered by the LSC. The Coach's Chair reported they are looking at how the zone selection process works.

The Coach's Chair reported the Coach's Committee did take a look at the coaching staff for zones and selection of coaches for zones. The Coach's Chair asked that any coach interested in being part of the zone coaching staff to be proactive and get information into the Coach's Committee.

The General Chair asked Dave Thomas how far USA swimming was away from requiring background checks. Dave Thomas reported that USA swimming is in the process of interviewing background companies and hopes to come before the BOD in January and does not anticipate this being a requirement for a year or so – maybe next summer.

The Coach's Chair reported they are looking at a "Club of the Year" award. Applications are available now for Age Group Coach of the Year Award and Head Coach of the Year Award. He asked everyone to be involved in the process.

The Athlete Chair presented the athlete report. There were two athletes who traveled to the USA Swimming convention and thought it was a good experience. The Athlete Chair and athlete's committee recommended that in the future two athletes always attend the convention.

The Athlete Chair challenged the LSC to provide guides for new attendees to the LSC HOD.

The Athlete Chair reported on the Athlete's Committee meeting. There were only seven athletes that attended and this is the lowest attendance record in 4 -5 years. There were 15 teams that did not have representation. Due to poor attendance, it was decided to have another athletes meeting on Sunday October 16th at 9:30am in Columbia. The meeting will be about 2-2 1/2 hours and have lunch together. The mission statement for the athlete's committee will be one of the topics.

The Athlete Chair reported the athlete's committee requested for All State 06 navy blue hoodies sweatshirts with the following printed: SC palmetto tree in the corner on the front and on the back in silver and or white writing "South Carolina Swimming".

The Athlete Chair reported feedback from the zone athletes was good and it was a success.

The Coach's Chair discussed the October 9:30am may be an issue for those athletes that have church commitments.

Tom Callaway recommended an online chat room instead of requiring athletes to travel.

The Athlete Chair reported he was trying to provide an opportunity for the athletes to get together.

The General Chair thanked the athletes for attending the USA Swimming convention.

The Officials Chair reported he has the official information on the stroke changes and will be putting the new rule changes out to everyone. He will work to have the new rule changes regarding breast stroke and back stroke starts available to all officials on the website.

The Officials Chair reminded everyone that officials are volunteers and realizes there are some issues with staffing some meets with enough officials – especially in the developmental meet area. The Officials Chair recommended that each club have at least one stroke and turn official. The Officials Chair clarified that depending on an official's level that they are required to do so many sessions per two year period to receive re-certification. It does not specify which meets are required.

The Officials Chair reported an official's clinic is going to be held at the SC State Championships between prelims and finals. The clinic may take two days depending on the time involved. The 8 & under Champs will also have an official's clinic available during the meet. He indicated there is a possibility of running the clinics in the evenings if parents would prefer.

The Officials Chair reported an official's clinic is going to be held October 22nd starting at 11:30am in Greenville by Jim Keogh. The Officials Chair reported an official's training session may also take place at the Rays meet – October 28 – 30. The Officials Chair asked this information be placed on the website. The Officials Chair indicated he will send information regarding clinics and or training sessions to Tori at the office and ask her to forward. The Officials Chair asked that all clubs ensure that the individuals attending the clinics be USA registered prior to showing up.

The Officials Chair reported he will be attending the Official's Chairs workshop in Omaha Nebraska October 7th – 9th. The workshop is in Omaha because that is where the 2008 Olympic Trials will be taking place.

The Officials Chair was requested to ask the Officials Committee to develop a pamphlet with questions and answers on about becoming an official. Basically, it would serve as a recruitment brochure. He would like to have available for review at the November meetings.

The Official's Chair clarified the members of the Official's Committee are the ones who will teach the training sessions for new / returning officials.

The Admin Vice-Chair requested those interested in being part of the Nominating Committee come forward and a potential election for that committee is to take place at the November meeting.

The General Chair reported Jim Keogh has been asked to chair the Adaptive Swimming committee and will be seeking information from the Georgia LSC. The General Chair requested that coaches and parents of adaptive swimming be put on the committee for Adaptive swimming.

The BOR Chair reported there were no issues to report at this time.

The General Chair reiterated the SC LSC is looking for a new marketing committee chairperson. The General Chair reported the committee may be disbanded if no one steps up to chair this committee. The General Chair reported she will be benchmarking other LSC marketing committees.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported the Office Committee is looking at long term savings for the office. They are working to reduce the office supplies expense and address the computer issue in the office.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported that a computer had originally been leased in 2003 and the lease expires in July 2006. The office committee would like to get out of the lease right now as it is costing more every year than purchasing a computer. The office committee will be researching the costs to get out of the lease early and purchase a new computer. The Office Committee would like to purchase a new computer.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported a new fax machine was purchased and it is up and running.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported on the office inventory the LSC owns. The inventory list will be reviewed and will compress the information. They are looking into the background of the inventory and whether the assets work or not.

Jeff Chatlosh reported on observed swims. He reported the USA forms for observed swims for high school will be available on the website this weekend. The USA forms must be used.

No additional information reported regarding the zones 05 report and or the website.

Karl Kozicki reported they had a successful 05 Zones meet. He reported the coaches have received many compliments about the good behavior of the athletes during the travel and throughout the meet. He thanked Dave Horton for all the pre-planning and set-up he did prior to the 05 Zones meet. He thanked the zones coaching staff. He thanked the chaperones for their hard work and organization of meals. He reported there were a high percentage of best times throughout the meet by the athletes and second swims by the athletes. There were some athletes who had top eight swims. The SC zones team finished seventh overall.

Karl Kozicki reported they are in the process of organizing the 06 Zone meets in Atlanta next summer and hope to fill all the slots. The athletes who have junior national cuts can still compete in the zones meet.

The General Chair congratulated Karl Kozicki for his efforts for the zone meet.

New Business:

The Admin Vice-Chair requested from the floor nominees for the "Volunteer of the Year". The award is presented at the All State Banquet.

The General Chair nominated three individuals:

-Official Kent Easty – officiates at more developmental meets & represents LSC at Nationals, rulings at big meets consistent and fair.

-Coach Dave Horton – 05 Zone Planning – he did a tremendous amount of work for 05 zones and went well above what was required of him.

-Owen West – Has done a tremendous amount of treasury work this year. He has worked hard on nights and weekends to save the LSC money, saved money on zones, and solved a lot of problems for the LSC over the past couple of years.

Matt Beckwith nominated General Chair Vicky Montgomery. Vicky Montgomery withdrew her name from the running.

The official nominees for the "Volunteer of the Year Award" were Kent Easty, Dave Horton, Owen West, and Jim Keogh. Ballots were filled out by delegates, given to Admin Vice-Chair who will count, and the award will be presented at the All State Banquet in April 06.

The Age Group Chair requested the 90% rule be set aside because of the technical error that occurred earlier.

The Legislative reported when legislation requires a majority vote versus a 90% vote for passage. The Legislative Chair reported there were technical computer errors that prevented him from sending out the legislation timely.

Tom Callaway requested the Merger Committee be disbanded.

The Admin Vice-Chair recommended the General Chair be afforded the opportunity to review the information collected / reports since the Merger Committee Chair was not present before disbanding the committee.

The Treasurer reminded the delegates the idea behind the original merger was we did not function well as an LSC. There were criticisms of the LSC and the BOD was asked to look outside the SC LSC for support from NC and or GA.

The General Chair requested there be more time to review the information being provided by the Merger Committee Chair.

The Coach's Chair requested the disbanding of the committee be voted on at the November meeting.

The motion to disband the Merger Committee was approved. There were 29 voting delegates – 16 For, 10 Opposed, 3 Abstentions. (50% rule)

Tom Callaway requested a retro-active five year report on what the travel funds collected were and the travel athletes reimbursements expenses paid be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Age Group & Senior Committee. This motion was passed. The Treasurer has already produced and will forward to the committees as requested.

The Technical Planning Chair requested the 06 LC State Championships dates of July 26 -29, 2006 be approved and accepted. The motion for 06 LC State Championships proposed dates were approved.

Brad Hitchings asked the LSC BOD if they would be willing to purchase new labels for the developmental meets. The General Chair requested these questions be directed to Age Group Chair and a motion at this time was not appropriate. There is a developmental budget.

Tom Callaway requested in the future extra special committees (outside the normal authority of the P&P) be given a written charge their committee of the scope and time of their committee. Non-standing committees be charged in written form their mission, scope of their work, and a deadline in order to reach their mission. The motion was voted on and approved.

The Legislative Chair presented the five new pieces of legislation:

R-1 involves qualifications to swim in the state meet in regards to swim a relay. All Swimmers shall meet qualifying time standards for State Short and Long Course Championships with the exception of relay-only swimmers. This piece of legislation was supported by the Age Group Committee and not supported by the Coach's Committee. The BOD voted not to endorse this legislation.

This legislation was voted on by the HOD and the HOD voted to not pass this legislation.

R-2 runs concurrently with R-1. All swimmers shall meet qualifying time standards for State Short and Long Course Championships with the exception of relay-only swimmers. Only 1 relay would score. Friendly amendment requested by the original author to section c) SCLSC – registered teams in good standing may enter an unlimited amount of relays per event. This piece of legislation was supported by the Age Group Committee and not supported by the Coach's Committee. The BOD voted not to endorse this legislation. This legislation was pulled and the Age Group Chair will re-work.

R-5 Add a new Section II.C.15 as follows:

The meet host of the SCLSC State Championships, short-course and long-course, shall post the meet psych sheet within 72 hours following the meet entry deadline. Coaches will then have 48 hours upon notice of posting to review psych sheet and notify hosting team of any corrections. Coaches can not change athlete's events or times once entries are received by hosting team (except as currently stated in the P&P where non-conforming times can be changed within 24 hours of notification by the host team to the athlete's coach). Only omissions can be corrected at the published cost of the event.

This legislation was voted on by the HOD and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-8 Legislation regarding a new LSC Investment Philosophy separates the money into two groups of money in order to achieve two components of growth – one is income and the other is capital appreciation.

A. <u>Operating Account</u>

Objective: 1. Preservation of principal;
2. Liquidity.

Guidelines: 1. Provide liquidity to meet day-to-day operating budget needs;
2. Excess cash will be proportionally swept into the investment account, as fixed income and capital appreciation.

B. <u>Investment Account</u>

Objective: Account will be designed to achieve, over the long term, the two components of total return: income and capital appreciation.

1. **Income Portfolio:** Target is 50% of account value.

Objective: 1. Preservation of principal;
2. Generation of income.

Guidelines: 1. No issues purchased with greater than 20 year maturity;
2. Follow recommendations of investment advisor with regard to percentage of portfolio at differing maturities;
3. Interest payments will be swept to cash account within investment account. This will serve to supplement operating account when needed. If not needed, cash will purchase additional investments in capital appreciation portfolio;
4. Principal from maturing securities will be used initially to establish capital appreciation portfolio and when fully funded, will add to ladder of fixed income investments.

2. Capital Appreciation Portfolio: Target is 50% of account value.

Objective: 1. Preservation of principal;
2. Long-term appreciation of assets.

Guidelines: 1. High quality mutual funds are the preferred security to achieve objective. Growth & Income and Growth mutual funds provide diversification and professional management.
2. All dividends and capital gains are to be reinvested.
3. Asset allocation target will be 80% Growth & Income and 20% Growth.

C. <u>Oversight</u>

1. Members of the Finance Committee are responsible for oversight of all financial operations aspects of the SCLSC. The Financial Vice-Chair is responsible for oversight of the Operating and Investment accounts in concert with the Treasurer.

2. Members of the Finance Committee should meet quarterly, either face-to-face or telephonically to address any issues to be brought to the General Chair and Board.

3. Treasurer will keep records for all Operating and Investment Account activities. In the case of the former, bank statement, check register and all related request/approval documents will suffice. In the case of the latter, the statement (monthly or quarterly) and all trade confirmations and 1099s will suffice. The BOD voted to endorse this legislation.

This legislation was voted on by the HOD and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-11 Legislation deletes developmental meets from being required for sending entries to registration 3 days prior to the meet to the SC Swimming office. This allows entries the morning of the meet without being subject to fines. USA Swimming and not USS no longer exists since 1999. This was pulled for further discussion. This legislation was voted on and the HOD voted to pass this legislation. (22 For, 2 Against, and 4 Abstentions)

The Senior Vice Chair requested the following be noted regarding athlete reimbursement. It was tabled until November meeting.

The HOD voted and endorsed Jim Smith for Age Group Chair and Dan McDonough for Senior Vice-Chair.

The General Chair requested the following schedule for the November 13 HOD meeting: 9am Technical Planning, 10am BOD Meeting, and 12pm HOD.

There were no Resolutions and Orders.

The General Chair requested clubs may want to adopt a club that was affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Dave Thomas reported he did bring information from the USA Swimming changes, programs, and other information. Please pick up as you leave. There will be a coach's presentation online every month. It will be available for all coaches and will take place 11am eastern time.

The Senior Vice-Chair reminded everyone that USA Swimming needs to know if you have displaced swimmers.

Dave Thomas reported that there will be information on the website for clubs to contact USA swimming about displaced swimmers.

Rays Coach reported there was an error on their meet information order of events and corrections will be sent out this weekend.

The HOD meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.