South Carolina Swimming
House of Delegates (HOD)
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2006

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

K. Kozicki (ASC)	J. Smith (CAT)
O. West (EAC)	D. Goeckner (NYST)
L. Williams (RAYS)	J. Grossman (CAT)
D. Horton (SMRT)	S. Bonine (TG)
J. Mead (YCSC)	R. Diggelman (TG)
P. Lister (NYST)	K. Giese (CA)
E. Williamson (TG)	E. Savage (PALM)
C. Rupp (SMRT)	Ja. Chatlosh (FAST)
C. Giese (CA)	H. Edwards (PALM)
J. Ragsdale (PALM)	D. Fetchen (MPSC)
Molly Stanton (MPSC)	L. Campbell (MPSC)
B. Hitchings (FAST)	E. Hitchings (FAST)
R. Dessloch (TG)	A. Johnson II (PALM)
B. Weinstein (SMRT)	

Non-voting in attendance were:

V. Montgomery (UN)	Ju. Chatlosh (UN)
D. McDonough (UN)	A. Johnson (UN)
A. Moxie (UN)	E. Kilgore (UN)

The meeting was called to order by the General Chair at 10:05 a.m. Minutes for the 11/05 HOD meeting were approved without exception.

The General Chair congratulated Pam Lister for one of the nicest All State Banquets. The General Chair congratulated Jason Chatlosh for winning the Jennifer Smith Award. The General Chair thanked all the clubs/committees who participated and helped with the banquet – YSSC for registration, MPSC & Rays for door prizes, Jacque Grossman, CA for decorations – room was beautiful. The General Chair congratulated Erin Kennedy for winning the scholarship.

The General Chair reported the LSC has a new Marketing Chair from SMRT – Brenda Rindge. She is a newspaper reporter who is enthusiastically ready to develop the sport of swimming in SC.

The General Chair reported high school meets for 2006 are going to be sanctioned meets. This plan would make it easier to get approval to get the times updated into SWIMS database.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported on the website status. The website has been updated. There is an issue that we have run out of space with our current host. Dena and Tori have been trying to find a new website host. The new website host they have found is cheaper than what we have now and has more megabytes. The new website host is projected to cost about half of what we pay right now. The website is unable to be updated with anything new at this time. The office committee will be meeting and discussing the changing the website host this weekend. The office committee is looking into purchasing a .org address or putting everything on the .com address.

The Admin Vice-Chair thanked Tori Blum for learning to update the website. She reported she has done a good job for updating quickly.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported on exception reports in the office. There were six teams with outstanding exception reports and April 26th was the deadline. They are due by 5pm and if late there is a $100 fine. There is a late fee if they are incorrect. The Admin Vice-Chair thanked the teams who have turned their exception reports in early.

The Admin Vice-Chair thanked Charlotte Rupp and SMRT and CA parents for putting together the athlete pancake breakfast.

The Secretary thanked Tracie Voss and CA for all their help with the athlete pancake breakfast.

The Finance Chair and Treasurer submitted 2 reports – 1) Balance Sheet as of 3/31/2006; 2) Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Statement 09/01/05 through 3/31/06. Copies of those reports are attached hereto.

The Treasurer reported the banquet will not come in on budget and will have to be revisited in June. We still have expenses to come in and this may be an issue.

The Treasurer reported on a positive note we have more than doubled our investment income that was budgeted. The Treasurer thanked Lee Woods for his efforts. Budgeted investment income at $1,400 and Actual $2,871. The Treasurer reported he expects this trend to continue.

The Treasurer reported we will have collected less on meet profits than originally budgeted. We are going to be short by about $2,000 in meet profits.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported on the Travel Fund – Reserve account $6,936. There is an overage developing in the travel fund and the Sr. Committee is looking for other uses for the money besides travel.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported they have been approached to help with funding and or setting aside money for the State Open Water Championships. The Sr. Committee is also looking at providing a B level reimbursement. Right now there is only an A level reimbursement.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the travel fund will approximately bring in $8,000 and the LSC will only reimburse about half that money. There will be excess money to put into other areas of the LSC – such as adaptive, outreach, etc.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the Sr Committee would like to set aside $5,000 annually in travel reserve and then anything in excess of $5,000 would go to other programs. The Sr. Committee would like to put the excess into different areas and here is a way to protect the travel fund and then help others in the LSC. Everyone pays into the travel fund. The Sr. Committee would work with other chairs on how to spend the excess.

The Senior Vice-Chair thanked Jacque Grossman for her assistance with the Open Water.

It was discussed changing the Travel Reserve fund to include Program – it would read as ***Travel Reserve Fund/Program Fund***.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported on the 2006 Zones. Zone applications are available at All State and they will be posted on-line. The Age Group Chair indicated he would be sending out an email with the Zones Applications to all coaches to distribute to interested individuals on their teams. The deadline to apply for Zones is July 24^{th}. The cost for Zones for athletes is $550 per swimmer.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the new Age Group Philosophy that was put together by the Age Group Committee has been approved. The Age Group Philosophy will make its way to a handbook that is being put together for athletes, parents, and coaches.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported on the new state records process. The new process will be simplified so that records will update every time new meet results are turned in. Coaches still need to fill out applications for records and hard copies to the office. If a coach sends an email with the proof of time, it is valid without meet referee signature. There will be a substantial penalty for any coach who submits an invalid time and signs off on it.

The Safety Chair was not present. The General Chair reported there are several individuals interested in taking on this position and we are in the process of doing so.

The Technical Planning Chair was not present. The Age Group Chair presented the technical planning report. The following scheduled items were given:

ASCA Clinics September 6-10th
Potential weekend for SC LSC Meetings September 23 – 24th
US Open – 11/29 thru 12/2   West Lafayette, Indiana
Weekend of February 3rd – Qualifier Meet

State Championships – plan to leave it up to the meet host; 2 potential dates: February 15 – 18 or February 16 – 19.

8 & Under Champs – March 3 or 4th
Senior Sectionals – March 8th – 11th
Age Group – March 15th – 18th
Palmetto Championships – March 23rd – 25th
USA Spring Champs – March 27th – 31st
Tentative Date – All State – April 28th.
Ultra Swim – June 7th – 10th
Open Water – June 16th
Senior Sectionals – July 12th – 15th
Depending on movement of zone date – LC SC State Championships/Finale July 26th – 29th.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported meet bids are due May 24th to Technical Planning. The Technical Planning Chair will send out meet bid forms to all clubs.

The Age Group Vice-Chair asked if we could have the technical planning and HOD LSC meeting on June 17th which is the same day as the Open Water Meet. The meeting was asked to be held at Newberry at 4 or 5pm.

The General Chair reported reservations about making the exemption from the By-Laws that do not allow a meeting on the same day as a meet.

The Coach's Representative made a motion to circumvent the By-Laws and have the meeting to allow technical planning to get the schedule ratified. HOD voted to circumvent the By-Laws and have the meeting for technical planning and HOD after the Open Water meet on Saturday at NYST - approved without exception.

Jacque Grossman of CAT voiced concern for the ability to host an Open Water meet the same day and make it to the HOD meetings. It was indicated this would potentially disenfranchise those who were participating and hosting the Open Water meet in Clemson. There was much discussion around this issue and CAT was satisfied with the compromise of moving the meeting later in the day and starting at 5pm for Technical Planning and HOD at 6pm.

The Age Group Vice-Chair reported the December meet was also discussed. There is no meet at this time in the month of December. It is an open month for anyone wishing to host a meet – open format.

The Senior Vice-Chair reported the Palmetto meet standards were discussed and Technical Planning endorsed having cut off standards. The cut-off standards for the meet will be addressed in legislation later this morning.

The Secretary asked clubs to get the LSC newsletters out to their memberships. The Secretary reminded everyone the next deadline for the next newsletter is May 31, 2006. Athletes were asked to send in pictures from the dance if they have any. The next newsletter is due out by June 15th per the P&P. It is not on the SC Swimming website as it can no longer date updates as we are out of space.

The Secretary reported the BOD was asked how they would feel about advertisements in the newsletter. There was discussion around who would decide what ads were appropriate and what size would the ads be and how much would be charged. The Secretary agreed to put together an advertising packet with a fee structure and plan for how to accept ads for BOD approval for the Fall Retreat.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported there have been a few clubs that have had issues with electronic filing. Tori is working to assist those clubs with the electronic filing issues. She and Tori have been assisting those clubs with getting their databases back on track. A club is required to use the electronic filing is they have more than 5 swimmers. She thanked everyone for their patience.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported on issues surrounding transfers. They still require a hard copy with a signature in the office prior to making the transfer.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported there are currently 1,965 swimmers registered as compared to 1,796 in 2000. The numbers have increased slightly.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported on seasonal registration. The seasonal registrations can be accepted and the cost is $29.50. The seasonal registrations cannot be entered until May 1st in the system. The seasonal registrations are only good up to the State level. Anything beyond that would need a regular registration.

The Coach's Representative reported the Zones Coaches have been selected and they are as follows:

Head Coach – Tim Conley (YSSC); Asst Head Coach – Liz Campbell (MPSC); Dave Horton (SMRT); Justin Ragsdale (PALM); and Jim Smith (CAT).

The Coach's Representative reported the Coach's Committee has been asked to come up with a plan to put more money into the Jennifer Smith Scholarship Fund. There is a proposal in process and would like to have this in place soon.

The Athlete Chair commented that the athletes really liked the banquet last night and enjoyed the format at the Marriott. The Athlete Chair reported the athletes were very thankful for the sweatshirt hoodies they received. The Athlete Chair reported they really liked the Italian buffet last night. The Athlete Chair thanks Mrs. Rupp and the other parents who put on the athlete pancake breakfast. They were very appreciative and hope this will continue in the future.

The Athlete Chair reported that there were too many nomination forms for the Jennifer Smith award and they are going to be making changes to the process next year.

The Athlete Chair reported on the athlete elections for the upcoming year. Results are as follows: Athlete Sr. Rep – Roger Diggelmann; Athlete Jr. Rep – Brielle Weinstein; Athlete Secretary – Justin Chatlosh.

The Athlete Chair reported the athletes did receive BOD approval to send to athletes to the USA Swimming Convention in Dearborn, Michigan in September.

The Athlete Chair asked if the All State athlete meeting can be moved to Sundays in conjunction with the pancake breakfast. 30% athletes attended the meetings today and the athletes believe it was attributed to the breakfast.

The General Chair congratulated the athletes – Roger Diggelmann and Brielle Weinstein and Justin Chatlosh for taking on their new positions.

The General Chair reported on behalf of Kent Easy. Jim Keogh will be attending a clinic in the next week or so to Colorado Springs on our behalf of the LSC and would cost approximately $500 and will be under clinic expenses. The hosts of the clinics asked for a non head official. The General Chair also reported on the Officials brochure. The Officials brochure is still a work in process by the Officials committee.

The Nominating Chair thanked all those who worked on the nominating committee for all their hard work and for putting this slate together.

The Nominating Chair announced the Nominating Slate for April 2006 as follows:

General Chair	Vicky Montgomery (CA)
Admin Vice-Chair	Charlotte Rupp (SMRT)
Secretary	Roy Dessloch (TG)
Sr. Vice-Chair	Dan McDonough (SMRT)
Financial Chair	Lee Woods (CAT)
Board of Review	Doug Fetchings (MPSC)
Board of Review	Ted Blackwell (PALM)

The General Chair thanked the nominating committee, Jim Keogh, and Heath Edwards for doing a great job.

The Outreach and Adaptive Chair was not present.

The BOR Chair was present and had nothing to report.

The General Chair thanked Roy Dessloch for all his hard work with the Jennifer Smith scholarship and that it meant a great deal to have the Smith's present at the banquet and to speak.

The Scholarship Chair reported on the 2006 Scholarship process. He felt the process went well and there were a lot of strong candidates.

The Admin Vice-Chair reported the Office Committee will be making decisions about the website host and the computer lease that is up for renewal in July. The Office Committee is looking whether the lease should be renewed and or a computer purchased for the office outright.

The OVC Chair was not present. The General Chair reported on his behalf. The General Chair reported on observed swims. There is an issue between what the coaches are sending in and what is in SWIMS. Coaches are asked to check what they are sending in and ensure the information is correct. The General Chair reported that USA Swimming ranks the LSC's how they are doing with reporting and SC did not do very well.

The Membership/Registration Coordinator reported pre-meet recons are being done and emails are going out to the coaches and should be going to the meet directors. This should be helping to ensure there are not that many discrepancies. There may be a name issue and then it is researched and sent to SWIMS database and or the coaches so that they may correct the name.

The General Chair reported she would get with the OVC Chair to determine what can be done to make it easier for him to update the SWIMS database. Basically, what can be done to make the process smoother and timelier?

New Business –

HOD voted earlier to circumvent the By-Laws and have the meeting for technical planning and HOD after the Open Water meet on Saturday at NYST - approved without exception. Discussion took place around the time of the meetings and the location. It was voted and approved without exception to keep the meetings at NYST and start the Technical Planning at 5pm and the HOD at 6pm on June 17th.

The Technical Planning schedule was voted on and approved without exception.

Nominations for the Nominating Slate were opened up to the floor. The Nominating Slate for April 2006 was voted and approved without exception.

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Nominating Committee nominations were opened up to the floor. The following individuals were nominated for the nominating committee: Lynn Williams, Molly Stanton, Jim Keogh, Brielle Weinstein, Heath Edwards, Liz Campbell, Andrew Johnson II, Brad Hitchings, and Karl Kozicki.

The Nominating Committee nominations above were voted and approved without exception.

Roy Dessloch presented the legislation:

<u>50% Legislation:</u>

R-1 Location: SC By-Laws 607.3.8
Proposed By: Athlete Committee

Purpose: Establish a permanent position for the Athlete Committee Secretary on the Technical Planning Committee

Effective: Upon approval of the House of Delegates

Current: 607.3.8 Technical Planning Committee- The members of the Technical Planning Committee shall be the Technical Planning Committee Chair, who shall serve as chair, an Athlete Member and at least six (6) additional members of whom at least fifty percent (50%) shall be Coach Members. The Athlete Member and the additional members shall be appointed by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

Change to: 607.3.8 Technical Planning Committee- The members of the Technical Planning Committee shall be the Technical Planning Committee Chair, who shall serve as chair, an Athlete Member and at least six (6) additional members of whom at least fifty percent (50%) shall be Coach Members. The Athlete Member shall be appointed by the Athlete Committee with consent of the Technical Planning Chair, and the additional members shall be appointed by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-2 Location: SC P&P § II.F.1
Proposed By: Athlete Committee

Purpose: To establish a permanent spot on the committee for the Junior Athlete Representative

Effective: Upon passage by the House of Delegates

Current: II.F.1 None

Change to: II.F.1 The Athlete Committee will designate one Athlete to serve on the Age Group Committee with the consent of the Age Group Chair.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-3 Location: SC P&P § I
Proposed By: Athlete Committee

Purpose: To establish a permanent spot on the committee for the Senior Athlete Representative

Effective: Upon approval by the House of Delegates.

Current: I.D None

Change to: I.D The Athlete Committee will designate one Athlete to serve on the Senior Committee with the consent of the Senior Chair.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-4 Location: SC P&P § XVII. C.
Proposed By: Vicky Montgomery

Purpose: This will clarify long term LSC policy and precedent that the LSC has employed for the last decade regarding All State by adding paragraphs XVII.C. 3 thru 5

Effective: Recognition for All-State selections in April 2007

Current: XVII.C. All-State Recognition

1. All-State Recognition is earned by achieving an all-state cut-off time (AAA) in at least two events during the qualifying period.

2. All-State recognition goes to any swimmer that makes the time standards established by the National Adaptive Swimming Committee to attend the Adaptive National Championships. The time standards apply only after the swimmer has been officially classified. The responsibility of reporting this accomplishment lies wholly with the swimmer's head coach.

Change to: XVII.C. All-State Recognition {by adding paragraphs 3, 4 and 5}

1. All-State Recognition is earned by achieving an all-state cut-off time (AAA) in at least two events during the qualifying period.

2. All-State recognition goes to any swimmer that makes the time standards established by the National Adaptive Swimming Committee to attend the Adaptive National Championships. The time standards apply only after the swimmer has been officially classified. The responsibility of reporting this accomplishment lies wholly with the swimmer's head coach.
3. All-State athletes will be recognized if the standards are achieved while registered with SC Swimming at any time during the qualifying period to include both long course and/or short course.
4. All-State athlete eligibility ends at the conclusion of the short course season that ends within the Athlete's Senior High School Academic Year. Athletes attending college for their freshman year shall not be considered for the gift but will be recognized in the program.
5. An athlete will be considered a South Carolina Swimming Graduating Senior if he or she was registered with the LSC for the entire registration year ending on December 31 during which the athlete enters his or her senior (graduation) year of high school.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-5 Pulled and not presented.

R-6 Location: SC P&P § II.A
Proposed By: Age Group Committee

Effective: Upon passage by the House of Delegates

Current: None

Change to: Add a new paragraph 13: All Developmental meets shall submit a pre-meet reconciliation for athlete and coach USA-S membership within 3 days prior to the start of the meet to the SCLSC membership chair.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-7 Pulled and not presented.

R-8 Location: S.C. P&P § II.B (Palmetto Championships)
Proposed By: Age Group Committee

Effective: Upon passage by the House of Delegates

Current: **II. B**: **Palmetto**

1. The Palmetto Meet will be a closed meet open only to South Carolina Registered Swimmers.
2. A swimmer with 2 "A" times or 1 "AA" times may not swim in the Palmetto State Championship Meet.
3. 9 – 12 year old swimmer may not enter any event in which they have a BB or faster time. A swimmer with a BB or faster time may not participate in that stroke and distance or that stroke and distance in the relays
    a. 13 to 18 may not have a "A" time or faster time may not participate in that stroke and distance or that stroke and distance in the relays
4. The format for the Palmetto State Championships will be amended as follows:
    a) 9-10, will swim timed finals.
    b) The 11-12, 13-18 will swim prelims / final.
        (a) Qualifiers will advance to finals in 11-12, 13-14-15-18.
    c) Swimmers in the 15-18 age group may not enter any event in which they have a current 15-16 "A" or faster time.

Change to: Delete paragraphs II.B. 2,3, and 4c), and add a new paragraph II.B.5.

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3. *[deleted]*
4. The format for the Palmetto State Championships will be amended as follows:

a) 9-10, will swim timed finals.
b) The 11&O will swim prelims / final.
(a) Qualifiers will advance to finals in 11-12, 13-14, 15-18/or open.
c) [deleted]

5. All events will have an entry time maximum of the current Age-group Sectional Championship time standards for individual events classified 10/Under, 11-12, and 13-14; and the current Senior Sectional Championship time standards for individual events classified 15/Over and/or OPEN. Swimmers ages 14 and under may not compete in an Open or 15-18 classified event if they have earned the Age-group Sectional Standard for that event.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation.

R-9 Pulled and not presented.

R-10 Location: SC P&P §II.C.3
Proposed By: Age Group Committee

Purpose: Limit participation in SCLSC Championship meets to SC swimmers

Effective: Upon passage by the House of Delegates

Current: None

Change to: Add Rule II.C.3.c) Athletes entered into the current SCLSC State Championship must be a member in good standing of the SCLSC.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-11 Location: SC P&P §II.E.8.f
Proposed By: Age Group Committee

Effective: Upon Approval by the House of Delegates

Current: The minimum cost for the athlete for the Southern Zone trip is set at $250.00

Change to: The minimum athlete contribution will be $250. The SCLSC shall increase its' individual athlete contribution from $250 per athlete to $300 per athlete.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-12 Location: SC P&P §II.C.3
Proposed By: Jim Smith

Effective: Upon approval of the House of Delegates

Current: II.C.3. All Swimmers shall meet qualifying time standards for State Short and Long Course Championships.

a) If swimmers participate in a relay and not in an individual event the qualifying time for the individual event must be proven. Failure to prove the entry time for said individual is a one hundred dollar ($100.00) fine charged to the club.

b) In all SCLSC Championship Meets nonconforming time entries shall be sent to the club by electronic mail (e-mail). The club shall have the opportunity to correct the entry if done so within 24 hours from email time stamp.

Change to: II.C.3. All Swimmers competing in *individual* events shall meet qualifying time standards for State Short and Long Course Championships.

a) ~~If swimmers participate in a relay and not in an individual event the qualifying time for the individual event must be proven. Failure to prove the entry time for said individual is a one hundred dollar ($100.00) fine charged to the club.~~
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b) In all SCLSC Championship Meets nonconforming time entries shall be sent to the club by electronic mail (e-mail). The club shall have the opportunity to correct the entry if done so within 24 hours from email time stamp.

[add new para. c} The Time Standards Committee shall create time standards for relay events. Time standards shall be reviewed similarly to individual events for updating. Teams may enter an unlimited number of relays per relay event, however, only the fastest relay may score. If a relay team does not equal or exceed the relay event time standard and an aggregate can not be proven then the team of record is liable for the fine of $100 as per rule II.C.4. {which is proposed by the author contingent upon passage of this item of legislation}~~.~~ An aggregate time of the members of a relay team may be used to prove said relay's entry time, as long as the individual aggregate times are not times previous to the last like-course SCLSC State Championship

The BOD voted to endorse this legislation and the HOD voted to not pass this legislation.

R-13 Pulled

<u>90% Legislation:</u>

R-14 Location: SC P&P XI.B
Proposed By: Dan McDonough/Jacque Grossman

Purpose: Change Reimbursement, Update, Addition, and Housekeeping

Effective: Immediately

Current:

Change to:

a) Junior Championship to USAS Spring Championship

Add a) USAS Junior Nationals

Change e) (3) them to diem

Add g) "A" after the word "championship"
Swimmers attending a National Open Water Championship shall be compensated at the "B" level if they have achieved the 1500/1650 Junior National qualifying time standard in the qualifying period.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

R-15 Location: P&P Section I – Senior :
Proposed By: Dan McDonough/Jacque Grossman

Purpose: To limit scoring swims at the Open Water State Championships to one per athlete.

Effective: Immediately

Current: I. B. 1. The Open Water meet is an LSC Championships with individual awards, not team awards. Awards to be given to 10&U 1K, 11-12 3K, 13-14 5K, Senior 5K.

Change to: 1. B. 1. The Open Water meet is an LSC Championships with individual awards, not team awards. Awards to be given to 10&U 1K, 11-12 3K, 13-14 5K, Senior 5K. A swimmer may score in one event.

The BOD endorsed this legislation and the HOD voted to pass this legislation unanimously.

Resolutions and Orders – The General Chair thanked Pam Lister for all her time she has devoted and her hard work as the Admin Vice–Chair over the past two years. The General Chair asked everyone to give a round of applause to thank Pam for all her efforts.

The HOD meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.