

South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting
Northwest Columbia YMCA
09/23/2006

7:30 am Roll Call: Vicky Montgomery, Jimmy Smith, Peter Wright, Owen West, Kent Easty, Roger Diggelmann, Brielle Weinstein, Dan McDonough, Brenda Rindge, Charlotte Rupp, Jim Keogh, Doug Fetchen, Jacque Grossman, Tommy Bunch. Guests: Jeff Mead, Lorraine Laws.

Call to order by General Chair Vicky Montgomery at 7:33 am. Vision, Mission, Overriding Principles/Priorities, and Strategic Objectives/Key Issues/Values passed around.

Approval of April 2006 Meeting Minutes. Passed 13-0.

Officers Report

- **General Chair (Vicky Montgomery)**

Compared to a lot of LSC's we are ahead of the curve (i.e. office). Should we pay for hotels for delegates attending meeting to encourage participation? Motion by Scott Bonine to reimburse board and committee chairs at half the room rate for one night at a designated hotel for the spring and fall semi-annual meetings. Second by Owen West. Passed 11-0-1.

- CCST donation

Total of \$8551.00. \$1000.00 already designated to Jennifer Smith Scholarship. What to do with the rest? Motion to Dan McDonough to put \$3000.00 to Marketing Committee. Second by Scott Bonine. Concern expressed we have a number of new initiatives that the money could go towards. Passed 9-2-1.

- **Administrative Vice-chair (Charlotte Rupp)**

- Popowski & Callas relationship, sale of copier, and office computer

Introduction of new office employee Lorraine Laws. Need to move office furniture into new office location with building. Copier to be sold to attorney's office for \$250.00. In exchange for this sale we will have access to an office copier free of charge. Motion to sell passes 13-0. Office computer is owned by the LSC and is being cleaned up (old programs removed), memory will be added, external hard drive added.

- State Championships exception report

Deadline is October 1st at 5:00 pm.

- Production and Sponsorship of newsletter

Deadline is September 27th. Due to be posted on website October 1st. Link to be sent to website.

Various sponsorship levels would be available. Some businesses will be excluded. Motion to accept Charlotte's sponsorship package and seconded. Discussion about potential conflict of interest between meet host and LSC sponsor advertisements in heat sheets for state championships. Passed 8-2-2.

- Website status

Since July 26th 7186 visitors. Items waiting to be included are: Officials Page, Coaches Page, Photo Gallery, Upcoming Events section, Alumni and/or Hall of Fame Page, and Adaptive Swimming Section. Changes need to be communicated to crupp1@sc.rr.com in order to update website.

- All-State info

Date is April 27-29 and includes Swimposium. Location to be Mt. Pleasant or Charleston. Deadline to book October 31st. Committee to be formed. Athletes are going to develop theme. Team assignments: Registration – PALM; Decorations – SMRT & H2A; Door prizes – YSSC & MBST; Awards – CAT; Pancake Breakfast – MPSC.

- Swimposium

To run in connection with All-State weekend. Carol Burch and Dave Thomas already committed. Need to encourage clubs to participate. Committee to be formed.

- **Finance Vice-chair (Owen West for Lee Woods)**

P&L for 2006 was passed out. 2007 budget was presented.

- **Senior Vice-chair (Dan McDonough)**

- USA Swimming schedule - national meets, convention

Time standards and summaries from the convention are available for pick-up (Age Group sectionals have changed). National meet schedule has been established. Highlights: short course national championship created in US Open slot in late November, US Open may move to June, no Spring Championships meet

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in 2008 (Dan to pursue NCSA Juniors bid for spring 2008 LCM at USC to fill void). Race analysis now to be offered at Sectional level. Progress is being made with scoring of disability athletes.

- Sr Committee

Accepted Vision and Mission Statement for committee yesterday. Jacque Grossman: Open Water comes under Senior and objects to Vision and Mission. Dan and Jacque to meet to reconcile. Various initiative and programs are planned to increase participation and provide incentives to athletes. Working with Outreach Committee to increase participation. Goal is to maintain travel fund (Open Water is now included). Retention legislation pending, to be pulled to look at all areas for retention. Reimbursement legislation will be pulled for further modification. One of the issues is college reimbursement – we want to support swimmers who grew up in this state, but limit support for those who move in as college athletes. Revised legislation will be out by November. Total for qualifiers for this year: 1 Olympic Trials, 9 National, 19 US Open, 15 Junior Nationals. Excluding collegiate swimmers totals are: 2 National, 8 US Open, 14 Junior National.

- **Age Group Vice-chair (Jim Smith)**

No old business. Time standards will stay the same for state championships, will continue to review. Records procedure was reviewed, CL files need to be sent in to the Top Ten tabulator. Records application does need to be filled out accompanied by results. Tentative copy will be posted at the end of the season for coaches to verify. College records removed, TBD. Zone staff and chaperones did a great job. Suggestion was made to return to same hotel for 2008 as Zones are at Georgia Tech since they were so accommodating, date TBD. Zones in Houston 2007, July 31-August 4. Board retreat discussed in committee. Change of order of events for Zones discussed. Need to improve Open Water participation. Increase Academic All-American recognition by not limiting to Sectional participants.

- **Safety (Roy Fakoury)**

Not present.

- **Secretary (Roy Dessloch)**

All committees are reminded to get agendas to the secretary prior to, and minutes following all meetings.

- **Treasurer (Owen West)**

Audit conducted yesterday looking at opening and closing balances, bank statements, cancelled checks and invoices, credit card statements, investment account was checked, checks were pulled and examined, accruals were examined. All was well.

- **Technical Planning Chair (Peter Wright)**

Bid deposits will now be sent in with sanction fee and application. Meet evaluation form was presented and discussed. Information will be collected by the chair and used as an informational tool for meet bidding process in the future. Meet officials section to be added to evaluation. This will be a pilot project. Adequate officials coverage for meets was discussed. Chair to track officials participation via post meet recon paperwork. Bid process will be massaged to ensure good procedures. Needs to be matched with current P&P and made a legislative item for April 2007. Will work with Sanctions chair to ensure a smooth process.

- **Membership/Registration Coordinator (Doug Fetchen)**

11 meets sanctioned so far this year. Need to update Hy-Tek software before sending in athlete registration. New team: Bluffton Fins. Over 200 swimmers have been registered so far. New style cards to be issued. Teams will be asked whether they want one or two card. Note: office only open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for handle registration. Background checks to be done, new cards will be issued once they are done. March is tentative rollout date. To be done online. Would like to eliminate need to file transfer for kids that have not been registered for a year. Motion: To eliminate need for transfer forms for swimmer not registered the previous year. Passed 12-0-1.

- **Legislative Chair (Tommy Bunch)**

By-laws have been updated. Numerous typographical errors were corrected.

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- **Coaches Representative (Scott Bonine)**

Numerous internal issues were discussed. Handbook updated.

- High school approval

Process was in place, but still not resolved. ID numbers need to be updated in database. Vicky Montgomery to speak with Pete Combes to see if there is anything we can do to get these ID's into the meet database.

- **Athlete Report (Roger Diggelmann)**

USAS Convention went well. Our LSC athlete representation and participation is very good in South Carolina at the LSC level. Motion: to send two athletes to 2007 convention. Passed 11-0-3. Would like to establish athlete e-mail list and directory. Directory will not be placed on website.

- **Ex Officio (Paul Jamieson)**

Not present.

Committee Reports

- **Officials Chair (Kent Easty)**

Working on scheduling officials clinic in upstate and lowstate. Do not want to conduct individual clinics for club, want to try and get more mass gatherings. Can take test online before clinic. Looking at making sure clubs have a minimum number of officials to bid on meets. State Meets: e-mail sent out prior to meet looking for volunteers, would like to know who will be available to work.

Adjourn: 10:30 am

Noon Roll Call: Vicky Montgomery, Jimmy Smith, Peter Wright, Owen West, Kent Easty, Roger Diggelmann, Brielle Weinstein, Dan McDonough, Brenda Rindge, Charlotte Rupp, Jim Keogh, Doug Fetchen, Jacque Grossman, Tommy Bunch, Dave Horton. Guests: Lorraine Laws, Tim Conley, Liz Campbell, Colleen Miller, Ed Miller, Erin McConkey, Pam Lister, Yuko Gruber, Ashley Maness, Colette Adams, Amanda Bowles, Joshua Schaff, Kenneth Schaff, Lindsey Olson, Phil Carey, Madison Rupp, Will Clark, Jeff Chatlosh, Jan Chatlosh, Justin Chatlosh, Brad Hitchings, Lynn Williams.

Meeting reconvened by General Chair Vicky Montgomery at 12:02 pm.

Committee Reports (continued)

- **Adaptive Swimming (Jim Keogh)**

USA Swimming initiatives forthcoming. Definition of disabled swimmer: permanent physical or mental condition that affects performance. Designated swimmer in meets get a \$40.00 per verified disabled swimmer, only eligible twice per year. \$1000.00 to club in USA that encourages/foster participation with disabled swimmer. Internet challenge meet with several categories (check website for details). Performances must be in SWIMS.

- **Board of Review (Dave Horton)**

No current activity.

- **Marketing (Brenda Rindge)**

Cannot market in high school league meets due to SCHSL rules.

- **Nominating (Heath Edwards)**

Not present. Committee did not meet.

- **Observed Swims / Top 16 (Jeff Chatlosh)**

Getting HS swims counted still a challenge.

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- **Scholarship (Roy Dessloch)**

Forms for the Jennifer Smith Scholarship to go on website next month. Deadline to be early February.

- **Time Standards (Jim Smith)**

No changes to be made for 2006-2007.

- **Office Committee (Madison Rupp)**

Covered earlier in Administrative Vice-Chair report.

- **Outreach (Jim Keogh)**

Already criteria in use. Free or reduced lunch can receive reduced registration fee. Tax returns may be used in the future.

- **Open Water (Jacque Grossman)**

National committee has been sunseted. SCLSC did not participate in Zone open water meet. No Olympic Trials in 2008, will be selected based upon other meet results. Zone camp is being proposed but needs seed money. Lake Murray in May or Clemson in June. Motion: \$1000.00 from CCST money fund to start process of establishing a camp. Passes 6-3-4.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Kent Easty: spoke with Josh Davis about holding a clinic here at the end of January. Could he be available for All-State/Swimposium weekend? Kent and Charlotte will contact Josh.

- **Legislation (Tommy Bunch)**

Nine pieces were presented. All but one was withdrawn. From Zone staff via Jim Smith: athletes shall be prohibited from bringing a cell phone or similar device on the trip. Withdrawn to make it a board directive.

Board Directive regarding cell phones at zones. Motion: no cell phones or electronic devices allowed on zone trip. Discussion – athletes support motion. Some parents object to prohibition. Failed 4-6-2.

Motion: no cell phones or electronic communication devices capable to two-way communication on the zone trip. Passed 9-1-2.

Resolutions and Orders

None.

Concerns

None.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Dessloch
SCLSC Secretary