

South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2007

Roll Call: Vicky Montgomery, Charlotte Rupp, Doug Fetchen, Dent East, Scott Bonine, Jim Smith, Dave Horton, Roger Diggelmann, Roy Dessloch, Owen West, Jacque Grossman, Dan McDonough, Brielle Weinstein

Call to order by General Chair Vicky Montgomery 10:00

Meeting Minutes from November Teleconference approved.

Officers Reports

- **General Chair (Vicky Montgomery)**

- Paper legislation.

Motion to destroy ballots. Motion approved.

- Zones

Movement possibly to do away with Zones. Several LSC's are planning to do away with it in the future and the Gulf is probably planning to this year. Dave Thomas wants us the board to seriously consider its importance. We are urged to try On-line meet entries (OME's) This will be tried at the State Meet and entries will be cross checked still with paper entries.

- OVC chair

Meet results not getting into SWIMS database might warrant a second chair due to meet results not getting loaded timely due to OVC chair's health. The office position possibly could take over this position or Vicky has someone in mind that may be able to help. H.S. meets are extra work, but otherwise if no problems with data it should be an easy task.

- Hall of Fame

Other LSC's have started a virtual Hall of Fame. Alumni interest in helping to put it together. Roy Dessloch and Jim Keogh to be involved. Vicky is to talk to Eric Boyer.

- Board Business

Per Dave Thomas, when doing Board business "take off your club hat."

- Team of Excellence

Dave Marshall was selected and no one is clear how this selection process was determined. Mecklenberg said they could fund his salary for three years. Duffy Dillion and Richard Pocket are our reps. Roy Dessloch and Dan McDonough to draft a letter about how the process was handled and Tommy Bunch will review letter.

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

- Corporate Sponsorship

Great Southern Homes (Diamond Sponsor) They have provided ads and have been added to the website. Georgia Tech wants to advertise their camp and another individual is interested. There would be a charge for advertising on our website for camps. ¼ page ads can be placed in the heat sheet to promote sponsors.

- Newsletter

There is a February 28th deadline. Newsletter focus will be on All State/Swimposium and to honor seniors.

- Website

Wolfgang is doing a great job and providing fast turn around on website. Different file formats of meet results have been a problem, convert files to one format. Officials' page still needs officials' list and list of upcoming clinics. The coaches page has nothing on it except Peggy Kubala's advertising.

- Swimposium

The swimposium has a \$1K budget. E-mails sent have secured the speakers, biographies to be included on website. Olympic Swimmer Robert Margalis will be the main attraction. Coaches please push this to your clubs, athletes and parents!

What if other clubs from other LSC's want to come; how would the expenses be handled?

There is a six hour course from 1PM to 7PM on Club Business Management. It is not mandatory, but there is a BIG push for everyone to take it. The State Meet heat sheet will have information on the Swimposium with a form to register.

Everyone is going to have a job to do and a list of duties required for that job for the Swimposium and All State. Save your receipts for reimbursement. Publications will be ordered if speakers need them. Scott Bonine to talk to Bob Gillette about what is needed.

- All State

Things to do: book hotels, fill out sign up sheets, list of duties, deadlines and budget. Clubs to provide chaperone's for dance. Registration fees as per policies and procedures. Info to be posted on the website.

- Jennifer Smith Award – Roger Diggelmann and Brielle Weinstein to work on putting something in the newsletter and website on this award. Another reminder about deadline to be sent out and posted on the website.

- **Finance Vice-chair (Lee Woods – not present – Owen West presenting)**

YTD is in good shape and investments are paying off. Edward Jones account has 127K The Equity Fund's old reserve dollars and new have been broken out. Budget increased and meet profits increased. A correction to the financial report for \$400 in fine income and should be exception. Overall we are ahead of budget but some big items are ahead of us: All State, Swimposium, and Zones.

We showed fifty coaches registered prior to Christmas and now show seventy-one. There is \$7,221 in the coaches' fund.

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

- Reimbursement updates

Updates went out in November. Additional information will be forthcoming in April. There is some housekeeping to be done on the wording and Open Water information to be added. NCSA meet information with athletes that have junior national cuts is not included is left next September before adding other meets.

- Howard Wheeler Award

The award should be presented by someone who knew him. Winter Park, Clemson, and the internet are contacts for Wheeler

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

- Zones Planning

Doug accepted Head Coach position for Zones. Coach association has to approve. Zones has forty-four instead of forty-two airline tickets needed. Insurance regulations are a restriction for fifteen passenger vans. The largest amount of the zones budget is in transportation and has increased \$150 per person since 2005. 14.4K is the annual budget suggested for Zones. The Age-Group Committee looked at Zones and wants to see if the athletes will fund more of the trip. THE AGC supports the upcoming legislation. A proposed amount is \$710 per swimmer., but many felt this was too costly and coaches would rather take their teams elsewhere than to Zones for that amount of money. Age Group Vice-Chair to take information back to legislation and the Board would have to contribute more money to keep the athlete cost contained if they want Zones to remain a meet for our LSC.

- State Records

The state records do not include high school or college because they are not part of SC Swimming. Our athletes do not have a chance however, to compete against the better swimmers. Tied records were addressed via the P & P on page 23 which states that the first time counts not the second. There is a current tie in the 10 and under girls.

- **Safety (Roy Fakoury – not present)**

No report.

- **Secretary (vacant)**

No report. Position is open and needs to be filled by someone from a club.

- **Treasurer (Owen West)**

See Finance Vice-chair report. Financials have been sent out.

- **Technical Planning Chair (Roy Dessloch)**

- **Meet Information**

The State Meet may have to change the order and move the 11/12 year olds to the afternoon. The order of events went out and are minutely different from last year. Still waiting on final format and then it needs to be sanctioned. Supposedly, meet surveys to go out at every meet.

Palmetto is a protected meet and planned by technical planning. Another club wants to have another meet that weekend. Technical planning would have to sign off on it and get it sanctioned. Motion to protect the Palmetto meet: Yes – 4, Opposed – 0, Abstain – 7. . Motion was approved for 2007.

- **Jennifer Smith Relays**

Should the focus be on traditional relays or fun relays? Do we do a mix? We have a willing host for the meet. Technical planning to get input from people with other ideas and decide what format works best.

- **Bid Process**

Some members are not responding to the e-mails Roy has sent. If they are not responding then new people will have to be selected. It is Roy's prerogative who those people are.

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

- **Registration**

Currently we have 1950 athletes, 71 coaches, and 111 officials/other registered. Greenwood Y (GYG) came back bringing the total clubs registered to 22. EAC has only one coach registered. Coaches that completed their background screening have been sent their new coaches cards. There have been fourteen that have completed the process. Top 25 times will be listed on the website.

- **I-M Tough**

Tom Conley is in charge of the I-M Tough award winner. There are thirty or forty shirts left and the General Chair is in favor of supporting this event even if we use the same shirt. A board directive to purchase new shirts was tabled as the General Chair suggested a proposal for cost of new shirts should be sought. Jacque agreed to look into the cost of new shirts.

- **Unattached Memberships**

Unattached memberships have caused issues with other LSC's such as Florida Gold. Our LSC may have to address this issue in the future. Currently, we do not have a significant number. If a swimmer is unattached the coach of record issue is a hassle. The advantage for a club to remain unattached is it saves the club the fee for registering the club, but one disadvantage is that the responsibility falls on the meet host to assign a coach of record at a meet. Some other issues are, where are these swimmers to warm up and do we have to have an LSC coach on deck? A suggestion to contact Florida Gold was made and to see how they are dealing with the problems. Vicky will talk to Jay Thomas.

- **Legislative Chair (Tommy Bunch)**

There are a couple of legislative issues left over from the last meeting that will be addressed in April.

- **Coaches Representative (Scott Bonine)**

- **Coaches Fund**

It was voted upon and decided that revenue from the fund be put into a money market account.

- **Round Table**

Jennifer Smith - decisions are to be made in regards to the Jennifer Smith relays. Some coaches are interested in it being a one day fun meet. Rock Hill is very open minded, but giving no direction.

Swimposium – book rooms!

Coaches continue to get your background screenings done.

Nationals Reimbursement – Should we be reimbursing coaches and officials that participate in National level meets? We are one of the few LSC's that do not participate. A number of issues came up in regards to costs and

if athletes should be given first priority. Should a stipend be allowed? There will be more discussion in the future on this issue.

- **Athlete Report (Roger Diggelmann)**

- Jennifer Smith

Information to go out Monday or Tuesday and will be need back by Sunday. There are four weeks to complete. The final result will be on March 31st.

- Zones

A budget of \$40 per athlete and the suggested gift is a book bag. A model number and cost of the book bag has been asked for.

- All State

Music will be made up of individual songs for the banquet. The athlete directory will be handed out next to the heat sheet at the State Meet. Forms were put on the website. The breakfast at the Wingate is being hosted by Mount Pleasant. Charlotte will send information to Roger to get it out to the athletes

- **Ex officio (Paul Jamieson – not present)**

No report.

Committee Reports

- **Officials Chair (Kent Easty)**

Officials were supposed to have tested by the end of December, however, many have not. If the have not re-tested then they will not be working on the deck at State Meet. Cards are being put together once they have been tested, the results are received, and they have registered with the LSC. A better officials representation needs to be seen at the State Meet as there were only twelve out of fifty at last year's meet. Kent will send an e-mail to the office to be forwarded to the coaches.

- **Adaptive Swimming (Jim Keogh – not present – Vicky Montgomery presenting)**

Eligibility and reimbursement for athletes will probably be on the April agenda. Not much has been done with adaptive swimming and it is currently at a stand still.

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

Jeff Mead stepped in as the chair. Protest was discussed and all parties were notified.

- **Marketing (Brenda Rindge – not present)**

No report.

- **Scholarship (Roy Dessloch)**

No report.

- **Time Standards (Jim Smith)**

No report.

- **Office Committee (Charlotte Rupp)**

The fax machine is still not working properly. Lorraine will continue to work to resolve fax problems.

- **Outreach (Jim Keogh – not present)**

No report.

- **Open Water (Jacque Grossman)**

The date is a problem because the first weekend in May is available but Jacque is not; June looks better for the meet. Perhaps the Ultra swim weekend would be a good weekend for the meet. Need input and suggestions from

coaches. Will the coaches present this to their athletes and encourage them to participate? Expected cost is between \$100 to \$150 per person. Closest motel is Motel 6 near the Y. Some items will be at no cost through the Y in Columbia.

What will camp entail? Randy Knox – Master Swimmer- years of open water experience

Friday Evening –	VCR – Chuck Peterson – World Champion
Saturday –	Pool workout and lunch, open water (prelim)
	Downtime, Medical kit for coaches information
Sunday -	Back at the pool and dismissal

Old Business

Nominating chair recommendation of Heath Edwards is still a possibility.

New Business

Bid for PALM meeting includes a \$7.00 charge for pool fee. Traditionally, it is one dollar a session. However, the university will be closed and it will cost another \$1200. A motion for approval to raise pool fee to \$9.00 was issued, but it was questioned whether this was a board issue or technical planning issue. Vote to allow technical planning to allow CAT to raise the fee to \$9.00 resulted in: Yes -2, Opposed – 5, Abstain – 2. Motion rejected.

Can a legislative compromise be reached for relays when a small team with a fast relay team (with three fast swimmers and one slower swimmer) competes against a large team?

Mike Burgess is very ill and a card will be sent from the LSC. Roy will send the mail address to the office.

Resolutions and Orders

Concerns

Announcements

Adjournment