South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting
April 29, 2007

Roll Call: Vicky Montgomery, Charlotte Rupp, Doug Fetchen, Kent Easty, Scott Bonine, Jim Smith, Dave Horton, Roger Diggelmann, Roy Dessloch, Owen West, Jacque Grossman, Dan McDonough, Tommy Bunch, Lee Woods, Robin King and Brielle Weinstein

Call to order by General Chair Vicky Montgomery at 8:59 AM

Meeting minutes from teleconference of winter 2007 approved.

Officers Report

- **General Chair (Vicky Montgomery)**
  - Thank you for the team effort in the success of the Swimposium and All State Banquet. USA Swimming was very impressed.
  - Approval for HS Swimming, materials will be out on how we want to do it. Will the names be in the database? Is it possible to sanction it USA approval?
  - Open Water Camp – we will not have one this year. Re-approve $1000 for camp in May 2008.
  - Hall of Fame Committee
    Eric Boyer and Barney Giese are in charge of the committee. There is a possibility of starting an alumni page on the website and supporting the Jennifer Smith scholarship.
    An official letter and plaque will be given to someone outside the LSC that makes a huge contribution to our sport. This year the award will go to Mount Pleasant. Should become part of All-State?

- **Finance Vice-chair and Treasurer (Lee Woods and Owen West**)
  - Current financial status is good. We are 12 percent over budget and expenses are less than one percent over budget. Membership is over 2000 and meet profits are up. We are gaining revenue through fines. When revenue is up, so are expenses. The big ticket items are the banquet and Zones.
  - Balance sheet is getting more complex. Coaches' fund money has been moved to a separate conservative account and is earning a small amount. More people had utilized this fund this year than last year. This fund may or may not need to be separated from the LSC's money.
  - A significant check had bounced and took some time to clear this up.
  - Budget is based on the membership being in the 2000 range and at an increase of $1. More money has been added to the expenses for the convention. The better than net than expense revenue is $14.4, which is the maximum under the current P &P.
  - A small amount has been added to the Officials' fund and the committee has talked about possibly reimbursing Officials that attend National meets.
  - Congratulations to Owen on his award.

- **Senior Vice-chair (Dan McDonough)**
  - The committee proposes that the reimbursement policy has had some changes to mileage and air fare. Frequent flyer miles usage should be encouraged and will be reimbursed at $150 for a B level and $200 for an A level meet.
  - Driving mileage should be limited to up to 800 miles for reimbursement so that it is more cost effective.
  - The National short course meet is an A level meet, therefore a lower level athlete would be reimbursed at a higher rate. A proposal has been suggested to make this a B level meet.
  - The travel fund has $27K+ and $8,300 has been dispersed. Some of the $19K surplus will go into the program fund, outreach, and possibly to add other meets.
  - A new committee has been formed with Dan McDonough, Dave Horton, Scott Bonine, Brielle Weinstein, Molly Stanton and Sam Woods.

- **Age Group Vice-chair (Jim Smith)**
    - Two Zones budgets were sent out to the board. The Zone committee for 2007 is asking to limit the expense for 38 athletes to $650 per athlete and that the LSC pay the balance of the trip for 2007 which will be approximately an additional $2,600 for a total cost of 17K. The board voted for the Zone team in January and the committee is asking the board to stand behind the team. The cost for this year will be approximately $800 per athlete. Tickets were ordered for 38 athletes and six staff members. The Legislative Chair raised questions whether the Board had the authority to pass this proposal as it departs from P &P; however, the ability to override lies with a unified Board. The motion passed with five in favor, three opposed and three abstentions; however, this is a policy violation. A Board directive can be overridden by the House of Delegates. The legislation was pulled.
    - Matters discussed in relation to Zones were the cost of the vans increasing and change to the van company due to capacity requirements. The three options are: the athletes pay more, the board pays more, or the team takes fewer athletes. In future years possibly, a set amount of dollars should be for Zones and the amount of swimmers participating would fluctuate based upon that budget. The deadline to apply should be set back to June to make reservations for airlines and hotels. Also, in the future perhaps a Zone Manager will be elected to manage the budget for this event. Athlete and Parent document will be posted as soon as possible; some changes still need to be made primarily regarding conduct rules.
    - State Record recording processes are still being misunderstood and are being put out again. The tabulator will update as files are received, coaches still file an application for record with SC swimming but do not need a meet representative signature any longer. Team manager will not recognize relays and must be sent to Age Group Vice-chair.
    - Top 10 are updated as often as possible. Not all Y teams have sent in their result for Nationals and can not be downloaded because of coding differences.

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

- **Technical Planning Chair (Roy Dessloch)**
    - The Technical Planning Committee met on April 28, 2007 and the dates were changed on the draft dates. The open water date was added and set to June 14 and the Jennifer Smith date was adjusted to January 5th. The date changes were approved by the Board.
    - The approval meeting was set for June 10th and opposition ensued due to Jimmy Smith and five committee members being unavailable. Recommendation was to go back to last year plan and have the meeting late Saturday or early Sunday, after the Open Water Meet. The By-laws need to be overwritten to approve that the June House of Delegates, Board, and Technical Planning be moved to this weekend. The motion was made to override the By-laws and passed to have these meeting moved to Sunday, June 17th.
    - Jennifer Smith Relay will be open for bid and due Friday, May 18th via e-mail or hardcopy. Doug Fetchen is going to help redevelop the bid form. Technical Planning will work with the host to develop events. There will be a late morning start to allow for driving time.

- **Secretary (Robin King)**
    - The General Chair acknowledged the appointment and welcomed Robin King to the Secretary position.

- **Registration and Sanctions Chair (Doug Fetchen)**
    - Approximately 62 out of 85 coaches have completed the background screening. After Friday, May 4th, insurance expires and coaches will not be allowed on deck if they have not completed the screening. The new coaches' cards are being mailed weekly and if you have not received your card, please contact the office. E-mail will be forthcoming from the Registration Chair to remind coaches of the background screening deadline.
    - Registration has surpassed 2062;this is the highest membership we have ever had with one team at almost 300 members, two teams about to break 200, and eight teams with over 100 members. Registration is going well. There should be no surprise invoicing this year.
    - Doug Fetchen will stay on as Registration Chair, but due to other commitments will no longer be responsible for Sanctions. Jacque Grossman volunteered to lead the Sanctions Chair.

- **Coaches Representative (Scott Bonine)**
    - Coaches have selected Liz Campbell as their new representative to the Board of Directors
    - Letter to Mecklenberg (MAC) was to be written by Scott Bonine, no letter was written as it seemed that the situation no longer warranted a letter.
    - The High School State is now going to an all time standard/qualifying entry and are taking times from any High School meet and using those times to enter meets; there are no more qualifiers. No meets would be approved or observed other than the three High School Championship State Meets.

- **Athlete Report (Roger Diggelmann and Brielle Weinstein)**
    - New athlete representatives were voted on and the new Senior Athlete Representatives will be Brielle Weinstein and Molly Stanton; the new Junior Athlete Representatives are Mack Montgomery and Christine Hughes and the first representative ever from Myrtle Beach, Yuko Gruber was elected Secretary.
    - Everyone enjoyed All State and had fun at the dance.
    - The athletes liked the idea of the Jennifer Smith relays being unconventional relays and wanted to have a twenty minute meeting before the start of the relays.
    - Another suggestion was to have an Athlete LSC get-together where the athletes would swim at a club pool and then enjoy a beach day or some other event. The Board is in favor of supporting this idea.
    - Congratulations , thank you, and we will miss you Roger!

- **Administrative Vice-chair (Charlotte Rupp)**
    - A group effort was put forth in the success of the Swimposium and All-State Banquet and we should all be proud. The numbers are up for All State and we had over 230 athletes that were honorees and 540 at the banquet and 250 at the cookout. We collected over 6K All State and received a grant from the town of Mount Pleasant and a few corporate sponsorships for the Swimposium. We will be approximately $3.5K over for the banquet. Irene Thornley did an outstanding job coordinating aspects of the banquet and registration.
    - Exception reports for ASC and SMRT have not been submitted
    - The website has had a hacker but was addressed by Wolfgang. There have been 60,000 visitors to the website and a phenomenal job has been done by Wolfgang and his contract has been renewed.

- **Officials Chair (Kent Easty)**
    - A number of clinics have been given and we have increased the number of officials at meets as a direct result of the clinics. At the State Championship there were more officials present then the chair had ever seen. Jeff Chatlosh is running a clinic on May 26th and Kent Easty is working with the Y in Beaufort. Kent will run a clinic on May 16th and H2A and the Bluffton FINS are also interested in getting officials trained.
    - The Officials' track went well and the USA Swimming representative Janine Dennis was very pleased with the interaction. Rules and concept issues were resolved at the clinic; possibilities of future clinics are being entertained with speaker attending under limited cost controls.
    - Financial support should be considered for Officials who are participating in National Meets

Committee Reports

- **Nominating Committee (No Chair Present -Vicky Montgomery reported)**
    - Started talking to Nominating Committee in October. Jim Keogh could not take the position. Everyone else who is being nominated today has agreed to rerun. The only spot to be filled is the Administrative Chair and the position is elected by the Chair. The Chair encouraged that another look be taken at the people on the Nominating Committee and see if they should continue in their position. A Nominating Committee does not need to be elected today and you can not be an athlete and chair of a committee.

- **Adaptive and OutreachSwimming (Jim Keogh)**
    - Disability information will be posted on the website. It is not search and rescue but taking athletes with disabilities and making adaptations so they can participate in the sport.
    - Outreach reimbursement policy (for athletes registered with the LSC as outreach athletes, currently seven) need some degree of financial support to help them participate. Two concerns were articulated; bureaucracy and clubs should already been doing this. Reimbursement will come from the club and should be fronting the meet entries,

pool fees, and hotel bills. Athlete participation would be verified and reimbursement would be made on the following conditions: the first submittal would be full reimbursement; second time would be 50% of meet fees, and third time no reimbursement. A club could choose not to submit reimbursement. This is not a big budget item; an area that is considered trouble such as the Gulf region cost about $600 in fees for this program. The Outreach Chair is responsible for verifying the submissions.

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

  Dave did not have anything to report, however Brad Hitchings told of a potential lawsuit issue that occurred due to a pole hitting an athlete and two coaches. The athlete was examined and had a CAT scan. The athlete is no longer with the team she was part of at the meet when the alleged injury occurred.

- **Scholarship (Roy Dessloch**)
  - $2,500 was awarded to Marc Herbert for the Jennifer Smith scholarship
  - The Smith family is very happy to financial support this scholarship and with the SC LSC.

- **Marketing (Brenda Rindge)**
  - Items were put in papers in regards to the Swimposium and for All State in all the papers in South Carolina and a few in Georgia. It ran in several of the weekly and daily papers in Charleston.
  - An effort to list more swim results has been made to be put in papers and this has been successful in local papers.

Observed Swims (Vicky Montgomery for Jeff Chatlosh)

A second tabulator, Jeff King of Charleston, will be able to resolve issues and help Jeff Chatlosh when he gets busy with an abundance of High School issues.

- **Time Standards (Jim Smith)**
  - The committee is considering keeping the standards in effect; however the committee would like the standards to be reviewed annually as needed and be more reflective of T16 time standards. Standards for Long Course will not change. After the summer State Championships the committee will look again at the standards

- **Legislative Chair (Tommy Bunch)**

There are 17 pieces of legislation all at 50% to be endorsed or pulled.
R1 - Outreach legislation -not pulled
R2 – Audit of records – not pulled
R3- Same type of information – not pulled
R4 – Insurance issue compliance – not pulled
R5 – Time Standards for relays – pulled
R6 – withdrawn
R7 – Palmetto age-group- pulled
R8 – records legislation – not pulled
R9 – more records legislation – not pulled
R10 – withdrawn
R11 – Sr. open water – not pulled
R12 – Conventions – not pulled
R13 – pull
R14 – pull
R15 – Reimbursement - pulled
R16 – withdrawn
R17 – pulled

R5,7,13,14,15 and 17 to discuss – 6,10,16 withdrawn
Motion to Endorse 1,2,3,4,8,9,11,12 and approved

R5 – create time standards for relay events at state championships. In the event they can't be swum at a meet, then the coaches can use an aggregate of the four swimmers on the relay, but no swimmers time can be used more than once. Aggregate plus five percent will be used to create time standard. Similar legislation is proposed in R13. The Board did not endorse R5.

R7 – Palmetto Meet changes the way it is run. The wording of the name of the meet needs to consistent. Friendly amendment was called to change the meet name to Palmetto Championship. R7 was endorsed.

R13 – Relay legislation not endorsed

R14 – connected to R13 and not endorsed

R15 – Edited by author and endorsed for 90% legislation.

R17 – Endorsement of sanctions to be approved to teams in good standing to host meets on any weekend they pick with the exception of the State Meets. Technical Planning reserves the right to protect some meets that should remain protected such as Palmetto and Jennifer Smith. Official shortages would be another concern. The board did not endorse R17.

Recap:
R5 not endorsed
R6 withdrawn
R7 endorsed
R10 withdrawn
R 13 not endorsed
R 14 not endorsed
R 15 was endorsed, but requires 90% vote
R 16 withdrawn
R 17 not endorsed

Old Business
Jacque Grossman
I-M Tough is done and new T-Shirts were donated by Tiger-Town Graphics

New Business
Relay cards were lost for the Palmetto Spring Championships. No response has been forthcoming from the coaches when information was requested. It was suggested that the relays be taken out. SWIMS chairman may be able to help with this issue.

Award plaques were missed last night because of late submitted. An e-mail should be sent to Jacque Grossman for anyone who is missing a plaque.

Adjournment 11: 30