



Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, October 18, 2015

Time: 9:10 AM – 12:30 PM

Location: Solomon Blatt PE Center, Columbia, SC

Attendees:

Name	Team	Name	Team
Karen Alexander	SC LSC Board Member	Kim Crounse	SC LSC Board Member
Catherine Bendziewicz	SC LSC Board Member	Stanley McIntosh**	Greenview Dolphin Swim Team (GVST)
Jessica Bennett	SC LSC Board Member	Scott McMillan	SC LSC Board Member
William Brown	SC LSC Board Member	Jon Mengerling**	Clemson Aquatic Team (CAT)
Tim Conley	SC LSC Board Member	Colleen P Miller	SC LSC Board Member
Roy Dessloch	SC LSC Board Member	Hannah Robins	SC LSC Board Member
Carol Hammond	SC LSC Board Member	Scott Stephens	SC LSC Board Member
Christian Jann	SC LSC Board Member	Jesup Szatkowski	SC LSC Board Member
Mike Jann	SC LSC Board Member	Lynn Williams**	Upper Palmetto YMCA (RAYS)
Logan Kraft	SC LSC Board Member	Kile Zeller	SC LSC Board Member
Tom Kraft	SC LSC Board Member		

**Guest

Spring 2014 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the Spring 2015 Board of Directors meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report [Ms. Jessica Bennett]:

In the past, there were several line items that have had to be increased each and every year. The decision was made to increase these lines ahead of time this year. The line item for Outreach was changed to Outreach and Diversity and the budget was increased. We also added a line item for athlete retreat. The increase in budget from last year is due to the fact that food will need to be purchased, instead of supplied by a parent. There is now a separate line item for Open Water Zones.

The budget was approved.



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Financial Report [Mr. Tom Kraft]:

With the recent turmoil in the market, our investments were down. The markets have started to come back up and we are nearing recovering our losses. Our account totals approximately \$ 173,000. Money is available for expenses.

Senior Vice Chair [Mr. Jesup Szatkowski]:

The Senior committee and the SDD have come to the conclusion that there will not be a Select Camp this year. They will instead focus on improving the Carolina Crown event, possibly adding an educational component. Feedback regarding the Select camps show that the swimmers are not as excited about them as they have been in years past. If we make the camps every other year instead of every year, we may be able to have more money each year to improve the overall quality of the camp. The swimmers seem to like having an elite athlete because they can teach technique and also share their experiences.

The Senior committee has also been working with the Athlete Committee to explore options for future All State Banquets and festivities. In addition, the committee has been supporting CAT to help improve attendance at the Death Valley Open Water State Championships.

The athlete travel reimbursement has been set to \$ 500.00 for Winter Junior Nationals and \$ 1000.00 for Winter Nationals. Originally the Olympic Trial budget was set to \$ 1600.00 but at this point we have tabled the discussion of how to account for a swimmer who does not attend the entire meet until January.

Age Group Chair [Mr. Scott Stephens]:

The Age Group committee has been working on trying to get more coaches involved with the Select Camps. Some thoughts about how to encourage more participation were to possibly give coaches a small stipend to account for travel. Another reason why coaches were not able to attend is because meets were scheduled for the same weekend. As the schedule is determined in April, we can wait until then to decide upon a weekend to avoid meets.

The Age Group committee will continue to work on coming up with a solution for splitting the State Meet and planning for Future Zones.

Legislative Chair [Mr. William Brown]:

The Legislative Committee has revised the Policies and Procedures, cleaning up formatting and typos. Substantive edits and cleanup will be proposed at the next HOD meeting.



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Officials Chair [Ms. Carol Hammond]:

The number of officials in the LSC has continued to increase. We also continue to have official's clinics, showing the increase in interest. Chad Hawkins has received his certification for Meet Referee.

The Official's committee is working to establish an SC LSC Open Water Clinic, as well as create requirements for Open Water Certification and Re-Certification.

The committee will continue to review and modify Officials certification and re-certification requirements, specifically when officials can begin training for an advancement level. USA Swimming would like to see more advancement among our officials. We have a proposal to help officials who work a lot of sessions advance earlier than the current 1-year requirement.

Coaches Representative [Mr. Tim Conley]:

The Coaches mentoring clinic went extremely well, with 30 coaches in attendance. Tim Conley will send surveys out to attendees to get their feedback. The Olympic Trial Stipend for coaches will be available again this year, with the total increasing from \$ 700 to \$ 800. This money will come from the coach's fund. The coach of the year nominations will be sent out with a brief instruction of how to fill it out. The coach's committee will continue to work with Age Group Committee and the SDD to come up with a solution for the increase in athletes at the State Meet. The excitement at the High School State Meet was extremely high and we would like to see that level of enthusiasm at our meets. The committee will send a survey out to coaches to see how to replicate that excitement level.

Sanctions/Registration Chair [Ms. Karen Alexander]:

We had a Registration workshop to help teams work on submitting their registration paperwork in a timelier manner. At this point seven teams have 100% of their meets sanctioned. However, meet documents are still being delivered late. It seems as though the information from the workshop was not passed down to the appropriate party. We need to encourage teams to share this information with the individuals responsible for submitting the paperwork. We will be posting the Power Point presentation from the workshop on the website to make it available to all teams.

Diversity and Inclusion Chair [Mr. Stanley McIntosh]:

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee has planned a 2nd South Carolina Diversity One Day Select Camp for Saturday, May 7 2016. In addition, we need to begin to track the number of Outreach athletes in our LSC, so that we can see how those numbers have increased.



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Nomination Chair [Ms. Lynn Williams]:

We need to nominate both a Treasurer and Senior Chair. There will be elections in April.

Technical Planning Chair [Mr. Roy Dessloch]:

Technical Planning continues to work with Sanctions as meet entries are coming in. Also on the agenda is looking to set the future dates for All State.

Safety Chair [Ms. Colleen Miller]:

The website has a new page for Safe Sport and Safety. We need to separate those two into their own sections. There were several messages that were being emphasized at the convention this year regarding Safe Sport. One of those was that we are encouraged to try to handle our Safe Sport violations within the LSC before sending them to the National level. Also, there is a push to have athletes watch the Athlete Protection Training videos. There is an APT video which is appropriate for athletes which is available. There is a budget request of \$ 600 for travel to the conference in Denver CO.

Administrative Chair [Mr. Mike Jann]:

The Administrative Chair has been working on finding a facility for the All State Banquet in 2016. We have secured a facility in Rock Hill, SC at the Baxter Hood Community Facility. We will cater from an outside vendor, as our last experience with this facility was not successful when it comes to food. Rock Hill Aquatic Center will be available if needed. York County visitor's bureau is booking hotels for the weekend.

We will need to start looking for a facility for 2017. Swim-posium will be included in 2017, so the demand is higher. We need to get competing bids on apparel.

Athlete Committee [Ms. Hannah Robins]:

The Athlete Committee would like to try to plan an Athlete Retreat around the Allstate Weekend.

Sport Development [Mr. Kile Zeller]:

The Sport Development Director received feedback from parents and swimmers in the form of the following recommendations. Parents would like to see the ability to make payments for camps online via PayPal, instead of via traditional checks. In an effort to try to encourage colleges in the state of SC to create collegiate swim programs, we will try to collect data from outgoing senior swimmers via a quick survey. The goal would be to find out if the swimmer would be interested in staying in SC to swim at the



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collegiate level if there were more swim programs available. A recommendation was made to have the LSC subsidize some of the cost of the Open Water camp. Parents have also requested additional information regarding college swimming and recruiting. To that end, we will be adding the presentation by Jesup Szatkowski to the website. We will look into possibly adding a “Donate Now” button to the website to possibly bring in more donations. Another recommendation is to put together a task force to look into how to prevent clubs from having to pay fines.

The coach’s clinic was a success. We hope to have even more involvement in the future, as it will benefit the LSC as a whole. One of our goals is to try to incorporate a mini camp into the Carolina Crown meet. We might make this into a 2-day event in the future, with one day being training and the other being the meet. We are planning a 2nd Diversity select camp as well.

No.	Description	Location	Recommendation (Pulled for discussion, tabled, endorsed, not endorsed)
R-1	Correcting formatting, font, and typos	Throughout	Endorsed
R-2	Revising Scratch Rules	IV.G12 through 14	Endorsed
R-3	Scratch rules for State Championship meets	Add Section II.B.17	Endorsed
R-4	Scratch rules for Palmetto Championships	Add Section II.A.5	Endorsed
R-5	Open Water State Championship meet close out	Add Section IV.I.3	Tabled, Pending Revisions
R-6	Clarify Zone team selection process	II.C.8.a	Endorsed
R-7	US Aquatics Sports Convention delegate selection process	XIX.A through C	Tabled, Pending Revisions
R-8	Outreach reimbursement for coaches and officials	Add Section III.F	Tabled, Pending Revisions



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New Business:

Open Water [Jon Mengerling]:

A request was made to prevent delays at either Zone or USA Swimming from causing fines to be levied on the host team, as long as they have submitted their applications in a timely manner? The Sanction Chair explained that this process is already in place.

A request was made to have the LSC help support the Death Valley Open Water State Championship. One method to increase number of athletes attending would be to request that it be put onto team schedules. Team Unify has the ability to send out an LSC event to all teams that are on their website. This would allow teams to easily add the event to the schedule.

January Meeting Topics [Kim Crounse]:

The main topics for the meeting on January 3rd in Columbia will be how to improve our Customer Service, plans for All-State weekends after 2016, and how to generate excitement among athletes for the IMX and Senior Select camps.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30