

# CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES

### MINUTES

May 19, 2008

General Chairman Jeff Gray called the meeting to order at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT at 7:41 P.M.

**Present Board Members:** Jeff Gray, David Heller, Mike Huffman, Henk Jensen, Ellen Johnston, and Sue Lecza.

**Absent Board Members:** Peter Boucher, Bruce Collins, Ed Doernberger, Michael Ferraro, Dana Gnerre, Chris Hug, Rick Lewis, Christine Pelham, Barry Silver, Jeff Scobee, Judy Snow, Dan Zeek.

**Clubs Present:** John McCann AJSC, Robin Gibbons CAT, Jeff Mackiewicz CCAT, Lauren Solernou CDOG, Scott Roberts, FINS, Mark Sedlak GRYM, Katie Armitage HNHS, Alicia Gurette NCY, Tim Wise OMNI, Rob Shearer RAC, Kim Adler SMST, Brian Thomas UAC, Robert Bouchey and Roger Simmons WCYM, Tom Jurzynski WILD, Bonnie Strittmatter WRAT, and Jeff Allen WYW.

**Also Present:** Nan Cooper.

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion to accept the Agenda as written was unanimously approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of the October 2007 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

**Welcome/Announcements/Chairman's Report:** General Chair Jeff Gray welcomed all in attendance to the Spring 2008 House of Delegates Meeting. Mr. Gray announced that the strength of the organization was found in the collective knowledge, skills and abilities of our many volunteers. Mr. Gray expressed thanks to the many, many volunteers who make CT Swimming the outstanding organization that it is. He extended the thanks of everyone to outgoing CSI Board members Jeff Scobee and Dan Zeek. He also welcomed new Board Members: Lauren Solernou (Junior Athlete Representative) and Dennis Flores (Junior Coach Representative). Mr. Gray also urged CSI Treasurer Sue Lecza to consider running for re-election in 2009. Mr. Gray provided the membership with an update regarding his communication efforts with the CIAC regarding athlete participation and eligibility to participate in USA Swimming meets during High School swim season. Mr. Gray also reported that CT Swimming continues to sponsor and/or conduct both in state and out of state Coaches Clinics to continue to improve the ability of our CSI Coaches to coach, motivate and improve their swimmers. In addition, CSI is continuing to study changes to USA Swimming's Top 16/Top 10 recognition program in order to decide what recognition program is best for CT Swimming. Mr. Gray was very pleased to report that 12 Olympic Trials Qualifiers from Connecticut will be participating in the 2008 Olympic Trials. In conclusion, Mr. Gray reported that 2007-2008 was a very good year for CT Swimming and that he looks forward to another successful year during 2008-2009.

### Reports of Officers

**Administrative Vice Chair – Chris Hug**

No Report.

**Treasurer – Sue Lecza**

Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Sheets were distributed to all attendees. The Treasurer reported that the new fiscal year starts on September 1, 2008. The Treasurer was pleased to report that CSI remains in a strong financial position.

**Finance Vice Chair – Jeff Scobee**

No Report.

**Age Group Committee – Peter Boucher**

No Report.

**Senior Committee – Henk Jensen**

Approximately thirty coaches attended a Coaches Clinic conducted at Yale University on April 26, 2008. Distinguished USA Swimming Coach Ernie Maglischo was the Guest Speaker for the Clinic. The Clinic was sponsored and funded by CT Swimming. Special Thanks to Tim Wise for all of his assistance with the Clinic. In addition, updated Athlete of the Year criteria will be posted on the CSI website soon.

**Program Development – Rick Lewis**

No Report.

**Program Operations – Barry Silver**

No Report.

**Technical Planning – Ellen Johnston**

The Technical Planning Committee helped with the review, analysis and evaluation of the revised CSI Warm-up Procedures. Discussed USA Swimming's new recognition program.

**Coach Representative – Mike Ferraro**

No Report.

**Athlete Representative - Dana Gnerre**

No Report

**Coach at Large – Christine Pelham**

No Report

**Safety – Bruce Collins**

No Report

**Officials – Mike Huffman**

A CSI Official from Westport YMCA attended a National USA Swimming sponsored Officials Clinic. A record number of officials' clinics were conducted in Connecticut during 2007-2008.

**Registration – Judy Snow**

Registration information to date shows 59 registered clubs, 256 registered coaches and 263 registered officials and 72 others.

**Reports of Committees and Coordinators**

**Zone Team – Randy LaRocca and Chris Hayes**

No Report

**Banquet – Peter Boucher and Wendy Jackwin**

No Report

**Times Standards – George Miles**

No Report

**Presentation and Approval of the Annual Budget for 2008-2009**

The 2008-2009 Budget was presented to all attendees. The budget included a proposal to increase the club membership annual CSI dues from \$ 135.00 to \$ 180.00 per year. The 2008-2009 Budget was unanimously approved.

**2008 CSI Elections**

David Heller, Nominating Committee Chairman reported the following nominations for election to the CSI Board of Directors: General Chair: Jeff Gray (PSDY), Administrative Vice Chair: Chris Hug (BEAR), Program Development: Rick Lewis (SHKS), Finance Vice Chair: Bonnie Strittmatter (WRAT), Secretary: David Heller (NTSC), Senior Committee Chair: Henk Jensen (PSDY). A special thanks to the members of the 2008 Nominating Committee: Peter Boucher, Omar Cruz, Sean Farrell, David Heller and Sara Massa.

The Slate of Officers as nominated was elected by unanimous voice acclamation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Long Course Meets Discussion**

Discussion conducted regarding the difficulty of finding long course meets with entry availability for smaller teams. Discussion was also conducted regarding the difficulty of finding distance events for slower swimmers that are being cut from long course meets that are oversubscribed.

Next House of Delegates Meeting to be conducted on May 19, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Heller  
Secretary