

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
House of Delegates
May 22, 2001

Call to Order: The House of Delegates was called to order by General Chairman Steve Carroll at 7:40 PM at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT.

Present: Board members: Jeff Allen, Bill Ball, Brian Carey, Steve Carroll, Clark Cooper, Barbara Ehmer, Bill Krumm, Susan Lecza, Pam Liberty, Sara Massa, John McCann, Tim Quill, Bill Repass, Judy Snow, Lauren Taft and Kathy Walsh.

Absent Board members: Ken Block, Mary Anne Condon, April Haskell, and George Miles.

At-Large Delegates: Bonnie Fisher, Larry Frost, Ed Steinnagel and Johanne Taft.

Also present: Debbie Barriss (GWC), Peter Boucher (LEHY), Nick Cavaturo (GWYD), Sean Farrell (CDEV), Carol Feeney (NCY) Pam Hobbs (GWC), Henk Jansen (OMNI), Ellen Johnston (WRAT), Susan Loock (HMST), Pat Love (WEST), George May (SOCO), Skip Nitardy (PSDY), Jim Ottman (OAK), Barry Silver (NCY), Bryan Waits (RAC), Jim Wing (NES), Tim Wise (OMNI), and Nan Cooper.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Adoption of Minutes of October 24, 2000 House of Delegates Meeting: A motion to adopt the minutes of October 24, 2000 House of Delegates meeting was made, seconded and approved.

Welcome/ Announcements/ Chairman's Report: Steve Carroll announced that the main order of business for the meeting was the election of officers. He welcomed the new Junior Athlete Representative, Hayley Wolfgruber (WYW) and the new Junior Coaches Representative, George May (SOCO). Steve commented that the new CSI Championship meet formats went well. On the Eastern Zone level, the sectional meets were successful largely because there were two meets. LC 2001 Sectionals will be Buffalo and SC 2002 Sectionals will be in Long Island. Our current budget is operating with a surplus, and a balanced budget for 2001-2002, with the \$1.00 meet entry fee eliminated, will be presented tonight. Correspondence from USA Swimming indicated that Registration will be an important topic at the USAS convention with a possible increase in the registration fee. Bonnie Fisher and Johanne Taft are the LC Zone Coordinators. Swimmers will have to pre-apply for the team.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The following information is in addition to the written reports each officer submitted.

Administrative vice-chairman: Clark Cooper recognized Peter Boucher and Wendy Jackwin who did an excellent job running the Banquet; they will also run next year's banquet. He also thanked Larry Frost who worked very hard at keeping the Top 16 times and Records up to date. The Scholar Athlete criteria have been revised, and the Meet Manager's Guide needs a complete revision. Clark congratulated Deb Gruen and Dana Albrycht who represented our country in the Paralympics in Sydney. Clark serves on the CSI task force working to integrate the adapted swimmers.

Treasurer: Sue Lecza reported a surplus of \$45, 500 at the end of April.

Finance Vice-Chairman: John McCann informed the group that our investments have been following the market.

Age Group Committee: Ken Block has resigned and Steve Carroll has appointed Barry Silver as committee chair. The Age Group Committee will continue to run an LSC Championship with a senior component and the Senior Committee will

continue to run a Senior Open.

Senior Committee: Tim Quill said that the SC Senior Open Invitational in February ran well, and he will run the same order of events in the LC Senior Open as last long course season. He is hoping to conduct an Elite Senior Training Camp in Colorado from August 29 to September 3. The top two CSI swimmers in each event at the SC Senior Open and swimmers with a US Open qualifying time will qualify according to prescribed criteria.

Program Development: Bill Krumm announced that there would be an open water championship meet this summer. (Bill Ball is the Open Water Committee Coordinator.) Bill wants to resume the running of Age Group camps. Steve has been approached by New England Swimming to run a combined NE-CSI senior level meet.

Program Operations: Pam Liberty noted that several LC meets were filled. She is ready to send out the bid packets for short course. All short course weekends will be open to qualifier meets. Teams may run as many meets as they wish as long as there is a two to one ratio of invitationals to qualifiers. Steve reminded teams that there was a LC pool subsidy for teams running meets, especially distance meets.

Technical Planning: Bill Krumm reported in George Miles absence. The standards for the LC LSC meet were made somewhat easier in the senior category (halfway back to where they were a year ago) because Sectionals will run the same weekend as the LC LSC Championship.

Coaches Representatives: Sara Massa and Bill Ball feel that coaches prefer speakers over clinics for the annual coaches conference. Sara and Bill will review the nomination and election procedures for coaches and athletes.

Athletes Representatives: Lauren Taft noted that the most significant accomplishments they had made this year was the establishment of a web page for athletes. There was a lot of response at first and swimmers are continuing to use the site. Brian Carey remarked that the swimmers did not have to hold an election for the new Junior Athlete Representative since there was only one nominee.

Coach-at-Large: Jeff Allen thanked Steve for appointing him. He believes CSI is in good hands.

Officials Chairman: Bill Repass is concerned about the number of referees available (only about 40). Some of the referees listed in the database are not active. We have to continue to recruit new officials.

Registration: Judy Snow announced that CSI has surpassed the highest number of registered swimmers we have ever had, however it is difficult to keep the coaches on deck because their credentials keep expiring and some new coaches have not taken the ASCA test.

Safety Chair: Kathy Walsh presented ideas of how to use the safety videos, each of which lasts about five minutes. She has videos to distribute at the end of the meeting to each club. Steve explained that there were 70-75 head and neck injuries (the most serious kind of injury) last year nationwide. They all occurred during practice diving off blocks in depths of less than 5 feet of water. USA Swimming is discussing the prohibition of starts in practice in less than 5 feet of water. This legislation is pending at the USAS Convention in September.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

Zone team: Bonnie Fisher and Johanne Taft reported on a successful SC Zone met. 54 swimmers participated and Connecticut finished eighth overall. Plans for LC zones are underway. 10/U will stay with their parents and 11/O will travel as a team. Bonnie asked the coaches to encourage 15/O swimmers to participate, especially since there is no longer a Junior National Meet. College coaches attend zone meets to recruit which is good for the older swimmers. The LC Zone meet will be expensive because of the difficulty in securing rooms. Rooms for next year's SC Zones have already been booked at a reasonable rate.

Awards Banquet: Peter Boucher and Wendy Jackwin would like to work more closely with the Athlete Representatives in

planning for the 2001 Banquet since it is for the athletes. Feedback regarding the Top 16 badges was positive.

Time Standards: See Technical Planning report.

Technology: No report.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The budget for 2001-2002, which is up by approximately 3.5%, was presented by John McCann and discussed. As noted earlier, the \$1.00 meet entry fee was eliminated. A motion to accept the budget was made, seconded and approved.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Susan Lecza reported that the auditors confirmed an increase in net assets and found the books to be in order. The taxes have been filed with the IRS. A motion to accept the audit was made, seconded and approved.

ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee Chairman Clark Cooper presented the candidates and had each candidate speak about his/her qualifications. One ballot was cast for the uncontested candidates. A secret ballot vote was held for the Technical Planning committee Chairman. Bill Ball was the successful candidate. A motion to destroy the ballots was made, seconded and approved. The following candidates were elected: Jeff Allen, Coach at Large; Bill Ball, Technical Planning; Susan Lecza, Treasurer; Pam Libertiny, Program Operations; Bill Repass, Officials Chair; Barry Silver, Age Group Chair; Judy Snow, Registration and Membership Coordinator and Kathy Walsh, Safety Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ehmer, Secretary