

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**June 15, 2021**  
**7:30 PM**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

**Board Members:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Sargent, Nick Cavataro, Lauren Lazar, Duffy Mudry, Kathleen and Davide Mendonca,, Kristen Finnigan, Ronnie Vaughan, Greg Pinchbeck, Jen Lyman, Ellen Johnston, John Scaldini, Finn Henry, Kaeley Steinnagel, David Heller, Claire Michalik, Emily Fox, Dennis Flores

**Absent Board Members:** Rob Bouchey

**Approval of Agenda**

***MOTION made to adopt the Agenda as distributed.***

***Passed unanimously***

**Adoption of Minutes from 5/18/21**

***MOTION made to adopt the Minutes from May 18, 2021 meeting as distributed.***

***Passed unanimously***

**NEW BUSINESS-**

- Since October 24th- we lost two of our own. George Backman- long time coach and Ed Doernberger- long time board member- over 20 years. Moment of silence for them or anyone else we lost in the last 6 months.
- COVID restrictions are going away. We are now able to practice and reasonable number of people in the pool. Meets have started.
- OT Trials- happening. Wave 1 is over and the athletes did well. Our first olympic trial qualifier- Kiernan Smith- won the 400 Freestyle and is the top seed in the 200 Freestyle tonight. Kate Douglas advanced to the finals tonight in the 200IM, and finished 3 rd in the 100 Fly. The Walsh sisters and many other CT swimmers. Shows that CT Swimming has come a very long way over the years.
- Championships are coming and start right after the Fourth of July with Seniors. They will be held in Cheshire. Then Regionals - 5 meets at 3 sites. Then Age Groups which are also at Cheshire. 10/U age groups being held by Rapids. It is all posted on CT Swim website.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS:**

General Chair Report- Rick Lewis

Administrative Vice Chair- Jeff Sargent- It is one of our LEAP years- expect it to be done before June 30th. CT Swimming Scholar Athlete- requirements posted online- one big change this year- applicants have to have participated in 1 meet during LC season between 5/21-8/31 2021. Deadline is September 6th.

Treasurer- Susan Lecza- Financials through 5/31- we are managing to hold our own in this COVID environment. Our revenue has been down significantly for 2021. Around \$150,000 less. As of May our net loss is around 20K. Expect this number to increase by 10-15K a month for the next three months. We will end up most likely with a total of 75K loss for the year. Difficult to put together a budget. Looked at 4 previous years- Biggest revenue is from the meet surcharge and athlete and non-athlete registration. Expense side tried to include programs that were running pre-COVID. Also put some money for training camp at Olympic Training Center and training for DEI and USA Swimming. Budget comes to a net loss of 50K. We do have the funds to cover this loss.

***MOTION made to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented  
Passed unanimously***

Age Group Committee Chair- Dave Modzelewski- Age groups- are on CT Swim Changes to eligibility requirements. The time period is going back to April 24, 2019. Most time standards went back to that date and made it a bit easier than past years. Meet announcement for Age Groups is finalized and will be posted. Regionals - time standards going with a maximum of the Age Group standard. Except 10/U- no time requirements. 11/12 and 13/14 have maximum Age Group standard plus .01. Still working on 15 and over. Hoping to have it out by the end of the week. For regionals- 10/U and 11/12- no times needed for 50s entries. 13/14 and 15-17- no times needed for 100s entries. Age groups will be run LC and as timed finals. If your time is entered as SCY or SCM then they will be converted to LCM for the meet.

Senior Committee Chair- Rob Bouchey- Working on the Senior meet announcement.

Technical Planning Committee Chair- Kaeley Steinnagel- nothing to report.

Program Development- Jen Lyman- We were able to put up the bid process.

Program Operations Chair- Mark Wollen- Deadline in place for the facilities for SC. Please submit your bids now for the fall SC season. Want to try to get the

schedule set up. Renovating the Wesleyan pool due to closure so hoping to be open come fall.

Officials Committee Chair- Dave Pite- Everything going well. More officials on deck this weekend than in the past. Looking forward to the championship season. We have had many clinics.

Operational Risk Coordinator- Duffy Mudry-

Coach Representatives- Kristen Finnegan/Ronnie Vaughan- Congratulations to Bill.

Athlete Representatives- Claire Michalik/ Emily Fox- Sam Ennis is the new junior athlete representative.

Safe Sport Coordinator- Greg Pinchbeck- USA Swimming safe sport released version 2. Everyone has to use this version as of September 1st.

Coach-at-Large- Nick Cavataro-

Registration/Membership Coordinator- Kathleen/Davide Mendonca- nothing new to report

Zone Team Coordinator- John Scaldini- Coaches application is live. Athlete pre-registration should be set up by the end of the week. We need AG committee to solidify the qualifying period. LSC is able to send 3 athletes per stroke/gender. It will be based on power point rankings. You have to be pre-registered to be eligible for the trip. July 19th is the last day to register. Then after AG they will tally who has the highest scores. Entire trip is done by parent travel. We will supply coaches on deck. As of now- 10/U timed finals and 11/12, 13/14- trials/finals- one A final. There will be relays- 1 relay per age group per gender. If you have any questions please e-mail [John@westonswimming.org](mailto:John@westonswimming.org)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion- Dennis Flores-nothing to report

Would like to thank all of the outgoing board members: Duffy Mudry, Mark Wollen and Kaeley Steinnagel for all of the work they put in.

Elections- David Heller- Run our 2021 elections- The governance committee had a very small window to get the slate of candidates together.

Any other nominations on the floor for Age Group Chair, Finance Chair, Membership Coordinator, Officials Chair, Program Operations, Safe Sport Coordinator, Technical Planning Chair, Treasurer?

Slate of Nominees for Governance Committee

**Slate as proposed**

Technical Planning Chair- Jason Paige- RYWC

Treasurer- Sue Lecza

Safe Sport Coordinator- Greg Pinchbeck

Operation Risk Coordinator- Brandon Foster, Dave Hagley, Jeremy Virgil

Officials Chair- Dave Pite

Membership Coordinator- David and Kathleen Mendonca

Age Group Chair- Dave Modzelewski

Finance Chair- Joan Lynch

Program Operations Chair- Yolanda Johan

***MOTION made that the secretary cast one vote on behalf of the slate as nominated.***

***Passed unanimously***

Three nominees for Operation Risk Coordinator- Brandon Foster is present tonight at the meeting. Thrilled to have three nominees. Any other nominees present? There is a voting system online. The Ballot is posted on Fast and is open for voting. Open for five minutes.

Winner for Operation Risk Coordinator is Brandon Foster.

House of Delegates Meeting- will be held on October 5th. Will look for a site.

The next Board Meeting will be held on July 20th at 7:30 pm via Zoom and in-person.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Lazar  
Secretary*