

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING,  
INC.  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Minutes  
October 24, 2023  
8:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

**Board Members:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Sargent, Susan Lecza, Yolanda Jahan, Jen Lyman, Ronnie Vaughan, Yolanda Jahan, Rob Riccoban, David Heller, Ellen Johnston, Greg Pinchbeck, Bill Natlo, Dana Parsons, Peter Michalik, Lorenzo Zullo, Joan Lynch, Rob Ensling, Adrian Schack, Nick Cavataro, Davide Mendonca, Sean Farrell, Jeremy Virgil, Dennis Flores, Dylan Lee, Jason Paige, Margy Sargent, Samantha Haley, Kaeley Steinnagel

**Absent Board Members:** Lauren Lazar, Andrew Berkowitz, Brandon Foster, Dana Parsons, Joan Lynch, Madison Winslow, Sara Omar, Penny Lazar, Lily Archibald,

**Teams NOT in attendance:** Stamford JCC Stingrays (SJCC), CAC (Connecticut Aquatic Club), AJSC (Aqua Jets Swim Club), FFLY (Fairfield YMCA), FVYT (Farmington Valley YMCA Tsunamis), HHAC (Hamden Hall Aquatic Center), MAC (Middlesex Aquatic Club), NMBS (New Milford Barracudas Swim Team)PSDY (Piranha Swimming @Darien YMCA),TAC (Thames Aquatic Club), SLAC (Shoreline Aquatic Club), WEST (Weston Swimming Inc.), ZEUS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Want to welcome everyone to the call

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- General Chair Report – Rick Lewis -
- Administrative Vice-Chair – Jeff Sargent- Cullen Jones to speak at banquet, DEI learn to swim clinic at Norwalk pool from 1-3 pm. USA Swimming is generous in lending us Cullen this year. Hopefully get someone equally as good next year.
- Treasurer-Susan Lecza- August 31 was the end of the fiscal year- not a stellar year. Net income prior to investment earnings was -\$24800 which is a little bit under the budget. If you add the investment earnings it was a net loss of \$3900. We have \$735,000 in investment fund and 200,000 in bank. Cash position is strong. Registrations and surcharges are slightly down. The biggest drain was the Championship meets.
  - Lost \$37 K-Senior SC
  - Lost \$14K- Senior LC
  - Lost \$1400- AG SC
  - Gained \$3500- AG LC

2023-2024- budgeted to lose same amount. Biggest increase in expenses was cost of the pool rentals.

- Finance Vice-Chair – Joan Lynch-nothing to report
- Age Group Committee Chair – Ronnie Vaughan- Cuts are out and location is set. Regionals will be out soon. Hoping to have everything done and posted before Thanksgiving.
- Senior Committee Chair –Sean and Adriana- Happy to be back at Wesleyan
- Technical Planning- Jason Paige- nothing to report
- Program Development Vice-Chair- Jen Lyman- nothing to report
- Officials Committee Chair – Margy and Dylan- About to run 5th clinic of the season. 50 stroke and turn. Clinics posted through Nov/Dec.
- Program Operations Vice-Chair – Yolanda Jahan- Working on approving meet changes and approving season championships. SASC volunteered to help with hospitality for AG.
- Operational Risk Coordinator – Brandon Foster- Nothing to report
- Coach Representatives –Sarah and Rob- nothing to report
- Coach-at-large- Nick Cavataro- nothing to report
- Athlete Representatives – Madison/Sam - nothing to report
- Registration/Membership Coordinator – Kathleen/Davide Mendonca-General reminders- registrations going well. APT- started a new course- if you don't finish your course by midnight tonight you will have to start over again. Coaches please let staff know any concussion certs or Red Cross certs- send to registrar at LSC level not USA Swimming. Updating membership- contact LSC first before submitting support ticket. Seen a few memberships where kids swimming on multiple teams. They are taking one team e-mail and registering all kids on one link instead of doing it separately. Coach official or junior coach - if you already have a log-in use same log in as the one sent by their team. Once you have a log-in no need to create another one. If you already paid then don't pay again.
- Zone Team Coordinators –Dana Parsons and Gale Dwyer- nothing to report
- Safe Sport Coordinator- Jeremy- We have 3 clubs are Safe Sport certified.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Dennis Flores- nothing to report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Central office updates- Taking a while to update FAST. Can't update new swimmers or transfers. Meet results going into SWIMS not FAST. Have not been able to update officials certifications in FAST. Nothing is official in FAST. SWIMS is official. Bulk renewal went well.
- Eastern Zone Fall Meeting- There were a number of elections because some people have relocated or the term ended. All bidding for 2025 occurred. We didn't win Open Water- Mid-Atlantic and South Jersey won. No bidder for one of the meets for LC-Southern part of Eastern Zone. They will probably combine the North and South together.
- Next HOD meeting will be end of April or beginning of March. Will combine with educational situation.

- USA Swim Convention- will move to September due to the Olympic Trials and Olympics. It will be in Denver. Trying to make it a big event. ABM went well- started new education for general chairs and LSC. 46/56 general chairs were present. USA Swimming will try to help all LSC. OT tickets going well. Today is the last day for individual tickets before going to the public. In addition to the trials they will have 14-15 meets- LC and SC practice pools set up.

### **DISCUSSION**

- Having small teams go to two different pools for same meet is a problem. Like Regionals. Two pools for two age groups that are too close in time or same time make it very tough for smaller teams with few coaches. Can't hold 12/U and 13/O swimmers at same place. Regionals is after Senior meet. We have elected to give the seniors the optimum conditions- to give them a controlled indoor environment so they can do their best. During the entry process will ask teams who has the ability to go to two places and who can't. Will try to accommodate if possible.
- Will discuss at the November meeting which meets are considered Championship and which are not. Is Regionals a Championship meet?

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

*Respectfully  
submitted, Lauren  
Lazar Secretary*