

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Conducted by Teleconference
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
8:00 pm

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

Present: George Bradner, Lauren Bullock, Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Todd Gordon, Jeff Gray, Rick Lewis, Dave Reilly, Ty Seymour, Judy Snow, Kaeley Steinnagel, Kaz Takabayashi, Tak Takabayashi. Ed Becker joined meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Not present: Jordan Berger, Ed Heath, Matt Hurst, Coral McNary, Mark Sedlak, Jeff Scobee,

Also present: Nan Cooper and David Heller

Agenda: Motion made and passed to approve the agenda as drafted. No changes made to Agenda.

Minutes: Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting as drafted.

Announcements: General Chair Lewis reminded all Board Members to renew their USA Swimming membership for 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: The following people were appointed to the 2013 CSI Nominating Committee: Omar Cruz, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Bob Scherer and Kaeley Steinnagel. Nominating Committee to develop slate of candidates for the upcoming elections to be held at the May House of Delegates meeting.

Safe Sport Update: Administrative Vice Chair Gray advised Board that CSI needs to consider appointment of Safe Sport Committee Chair or Safe Sport Coordinator. CSI Safe Sport program must be prepared to function starting on September 1, 2013. CSI may need to add language to CSI Code of Conduct pertaining to bullying and Safe Sport procedures and references. Board approved plan for Vice Chair Gray and CSI Administrator Cooper to select and appoint Safe Sport Coordinator prior to September 1, 2013.

New USA Swimming Legislation pertaining to Rules of Conduct for Bullying:

Administrative Vice Chair Gray announced that new Bullying Rules recently adopted by USA Swimming will be incorporated into CSI Bylaws.

Coach Committee Recommendations regarding Travel Costs to USA Swimming National Meets: Discussion tabled to April 2013 Board Meeting.

Planning for May 2013 House of Delegates Meeting: General Chair Lewis and Technical Planning Chair Steinnagel receiving constructive feedback from coaches and interested parties regarding planning ideas and suggested changes to format of annual House of Delegates Meeting. Significant feedback has been received that people would like to see changes and improvements to structure of annual House of Delegates Meeting. Rick and Kaeley will continue to solicit and obtain feedback regarding possible changes. Nan Cooper to attempt to recruit guest speaker for May HOD meeting. Rick and Kaeley to

generate summary report to BOD for distribution in February of 2013 regarding their recommendations and suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Appointment: Nancy Wargo has resigned from Board of Directors as Secretary of CT Swimming. General Chair Lewis announced appointment of David Heller to complete Nancy Wargo's term as Secretary.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair Report – Rick Lewis – Yale University considering renovations of their pool facilities.

Administrative Vice Chair – Jeff Gray – Discussion conducted regarding recent investigation conducted and completed by Vice Chair Gray. Investigation did not result in the need to take any action by either CT Swimming or USA Swimming

Treasurer – Lauren Bullock – No financials problems to report.

Finance Vice Chair – Todd Gordon – Finance Chair currently formulating and building budget and will be releasing details of proposed budget shortly for next year. Chair is currently evaluating membership numbers and income sources.

Age Group Committee Chair – Dave Reilly - No report.

Senior Committee Chair – Randy Erlenbach – Senior Championship Meet Announcement has been revised and will be submitted for review shortly.

Program Development Vice-Chair – Jeff Scobee - No report.

Program Operations Vice-Chair – Tak Takabayashi – Long Course bidding underway. CSI Coaches and Athlete Clinic being proposed for April 27 & 28, 2013. Coaches Clinic planning to have Eddie Reese Head Coach of Longhorn Aquatics attend and present and Olympic swimmers to attend and participate in Athlete Clinic. Plan is to not allow any CSI meets to be conducted on those dates. Board agreed to block out dates of April 27 & 28 and to not allow any CSI meets from being conducted on those dates. CSI has budgeted funding for Clinic which is tentatively scheduled to be conducted at Southern CT State University pool.

Technical Planning Committee Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel - Committee meeting scheduled for second week of January 2013.

Coach Representatives – Matt Hurst & Mark Sedlak – No report.

Athlete Representatives – Kaz Takabayashi & Ty Seymour – Statement to be posted on CSI website regarding upcoming athlete representative elections in March, 2013. Elections will be held to elect 3 athlete representatives.

Coach at Large – George Bradner – No report.

Safety Committee Chair – Ed Heath – No report.

Officials Committee Chair – Ed Becker – Official registration and certification issues are confusing because of registration requirements and dates. A new rule which becomes effective on September 1, 2013 requires an Administrative referee for any sanctioned meet to take place. Officials Committee will meet in February to determine the qualifications for this position.

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Judy Snow - Judy announced that there are 5,381 athletes registered with CSI to date.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Heller
Secretary