

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:30 pm Teleconference

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Rick Lewis call the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Present: Lauren Bullock, Katie Cunningham, Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Rica Generosa, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnston, Sue Lecza, Rick Lewis, Jim Robison, Madeline Snow, and Kaeley Steinnagel

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Not Present: Brooke Hendee, Chuck Clark, Rica Generosa, Ed Heath, Garrett Mazziotti, Dave Reilly, John Scaldini, Mark Sedlak, Judy Snow, and Nancy Wargo.

Agenda - Motion was made to approve, second, passed.

Announcements:

EZ sanction appeals board - Board of Review information can be found on the Eastern Zone website.

Website redesign update - Web Solutions Meriden have been contracted and work will be done June/late Spring.

2 new clubs: NOMA (Coach Lee Nevala) from Eastern CT and RAYS (Coach Lloyd Goldstein) from Southington. There are 2 new potential clubs.

Adoption of Minutes: The December 2, 2014 minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget reminders - Ellen Johnston Emails have been sent out reminding committees to start think about new budget which was followed by formal request. Ellen heard back from two people. Input is needed for the meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

House of Delegates agenda – Kaeley Steinnagel Program Development Committee raised the question about bringing issues to be voted on by the House of Delegates (HOD) rather than at the committee level. Historically, major changes were brought to the HOD with committee(s) recommendation. Advanced planning needs to made. Consideration regarding timeliness or scheduling issues. If a decision needs to be made in a timely fashion, it may not be appropriate to bring to HOD. Jim Sheehan, USA Swimming President, will attend the May HOD meeting.

USA Swimming LSC Governance workshop - Todd Gordon Received an email from Director of Program Services offering to run governance workshops at LSC level at the expense of USA

Swimming. 2 workshop options are offered including governance information the first half and either short term goals/club development or help with LEAP level 2 or 3 the second half. USA Swimming needs dates that will provide greatest attendance. Coordination of workshop and symposium was discussed. Henk explained they are having difficulty getting coaches to present at the symposium. Todd clarified the LSC Governance workshop must be a full day. In order to accommodate USA Swimming, Rick suggest moving symposium from late April to the fall. It was agreed to be a good suggestion. Todd will check USA Swimming dates and requirements. Cash awards are given to LSCs for achieving the next LEAP Level of USA Swimming certification as an incentive to move up. In addition, getting everyone on the same page at would be beneficial to the LSC.

House of Delegates requirement – Jim Robison Meet host House of Delegates (HOD) attendance policies needed to be clarified and loop-holes closed. The current policy doesn't account for an annual HOD meeting only (no fall meeting) and prevented a club from bidding. Changes include accounting for either 1 or 2 HOD meetings and preventing a sanction/approval award. Program Development committee supported the changes. It was decided that approval by the HOD was not necessary and time was of the essence. A motion was made to approve the changes to the policies, second, approved. Effective for the May 2015 meeting.

Waive LC Regional Championships award costs - Kaeley Steinnagel/Henk Jansen Program Development proposed individual/relay event medals and event winner caps for LC Regional Championship meet hosts be paid for by CSI rather than the hosting club. The goal is to increase the number of teams willing to host LC Regional Championships. Motion was made to have CSI pay for individual/relay event winner awards and event winner caps for LC Regional meets. Host teams will be responsible tracking used/unused awards and the award distribution will follow LSC guidelines. Host teams will be invoiced for unreturned awards. Second. Amount equals approximately \$7500. Motion approved.

CSI Financials – Sue Lecza The financials through Dec. shows minimal activity. USA registration higher, although sanctions down. All should even out in the next month and be consistent with previous year. The expectation is the LSC should see a greater profit in coming months. Minor registration correction to the report is needed. Motion made to approve, second, passed.

Nominating Committee: Dave Heller Jeff Gray volunteered to be on the committee. Maddie Snow agree to volunteer if no other athletes come forward. Todd Gordon, Kaeley Steinnagel, and Omar Cruz complete the committee. Nominations will begin soon.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

General Chair: No report.

Administrative Vice-Chair: No report

Treasurer: Sue Lecza No report

Finance Vice- Chair: Todd Gordon No report

Senior Committee: Randy Erlenbach raised concern that the dates for LC Senior Invite were never secured at UCONN. Jim Robison has been in contact, but UCONN hasn't gotten back with dates. CSI should be able to get UCONN. Current bid is for Sr. Invite to be held at Wesleyan June 12 - 14. We don't have information about UCONN, preferring the June 19-21. The question was raised if the meet has to be bid. Senior Committee set it up as a bid, but Henk says it can be changed. Qualifier between prelims and finals was added to increase income to the host. Discussion occurred regarding dates to hold Seniors. Participation will be impacted if it goes into July. Jim will ask UCONN for the 19 - 21 and temporarily close bidding while dates and location are under review. Discussion help about opening bids in early February and close within short period of time so as not to impact championship season in Mar. Meet information including session report hasn't changed.

Program Development Vice-Chair: Kaeley Steinnagel Diversity coordinator wants to be sure to send athletes to the Diversity Camp in June 25-28. Selection criteria has been established and is posted on website.

Program Operations Vice-Chair: Cancellation of meets due to poor subscriptions. Location seems to be the only factor.

Technical Planning Committee Chair: Henk Jansen At the meeting earlier in the month, the committee discussed the meet procedures. Revenue sharing for Regional championship hosts was suggested and agreed to. Discussion about 8 lane vs. 6 lane pools took place and they agreed compensation should reflect difference. Financial assistance for college swimmers was reviewed and no changes recommended. Concerns were raised that the policies requiring meet hosts attend HOD rather than all teams is unfair. Minimal discussion took place regarding Regionals and the number of sessions/all day meets.

Athlete Reps: Maddie Snow USA Swimming Safe Sport has sent out a survey to athletes. Elections for Athlete Rep will be held in March. Please forward names of athletes. Todd raised issue about policies that were unclear last year. Request for nominations will posted on the website and policies will be clarified. Extending the coach of the year nominations to later in the year was mentioned.

Coach-at-Large – Chuck Clark - no report

Officials Committee Chair – Nancy Wargo - no report

Safety Committee Chair – Ed Heath - no report

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Judy Snow - no report

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Submitted by Lauren Bullock