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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday February 2, 2016
7:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Present: Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Katie Cunningham, Susan Lecza, Mark Sedlak, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Rick Lewis, Kaeley Steinnagel, Suzannah Rogers, Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnston, Jim Robison, Nancy Wargo, Lindsey Gordon, Rick LaFrenierre, Erin Ritz, John Scaldini (joined meeting at 8:15 pm) and Chuck Clark (joined meeting at 7:50 pm).

Not present: Heather Flaherty, Brook Hendee, Rica Generosa and Clayton Morikawa.

Also present: Nan Cooper and Dave Reilly.

Agenda: Agenda approved as revised to move 2016 Age Group Championship Update to first matter on Agenda.

Announcements: None.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting as drafted.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Age Group Championship Update – Rick Lewis

Age Group Committee has been working diligently to arrange for the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship meet and to investigate other possible locations to host the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship meet. Decision was made by the Age Group Committee to move the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship Meet to Chelsea Piers pool in Stamford. Decision to move meet from Wesleyan to a new location has upset and frustrated the Administration at Wesleyan University regarding future use of the Wesleyan pool by CT Swimming.

Discussion conducted regarding the history of Age Group Championships at Wesleyan University and substance of October 20, 2015 meeting between CT Swimming and Wesleyan University regarding future pool usage. Wesleyan University is currently seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$ 6,800.00 due to late notice provided to the University on January 14, 2016 regarding the cancellation of the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championships that was scheduled to be conducted at Wesleyan University on March 10 – 13, 2016.

Rick Lewis reported that Program Development authorized the Age Group Committee to negotiate a new location for the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championships on December 1, 2015. Rick Lewis announced that the 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship is being conducted at Chelsea Piers and that CT Swimming has signed a contract for the meet to be conducted at the Chelsea Piers pool in Stamford. Final decision to relocate the meet from Wesleyan to Stamford was made by the Program Development Committee.

Discussion conducted regarding response to Wesleyan University's threat of possible litigation and their request for deposits for future CT Swimming meets hosted by Wesleyan University. Motion made and approved to authorize the General Chair to arrange a special meeting with the Administration of Wesleyan University to attempt to resolve the issues raised by the relocation of the Short Course Age Group Meet from Wesleyan to Chelsea Piers.

Motion made and approved for acceptance of the Chelsea Piers Age Group Short Course Championship Meet contract for the 2016 CSI Short Course Age Group Championship Meet.

Conference Call Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm and Re-Convened at 8:42 pm because of technical difficulties with conference call system.

OLD BUSINESS

Athlete Travel Assistance for Olympic Trials – Randy Erlenbach

Motion made and approved to increase athlete travel reimbursement from \$1,100.00 per swimmer set in 2012 to \$1,200.00 per swimmer for 2016 Olympic Trials.

LSC Development LEAP 2 – Rick Lewis

Tabled at this time.

LSC Development quadrennial planning – Rick Lewis

Tabled at this time. General Chair will start preparation of quad plan to run from September 2016 to September 2020.

Nominating Committee – Rick Lewis

David Heller nominated to serve as Chairman of the 2016 CSI Nominating Committee. General Chair Lewis to consult with Committee Chair Heller to select people to serve on the Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning for May 2016 House of Delegates Meeting

Meeting scheduled to be conducted on Tuesday May 17, 2016. Nan Cooper to make arrangements for location and start time of meeting.

Purchase of New Server to Host FAST – Ellen Johnston

Motion made and approved for expenses involved with usage of a dedicated server host at rate of \$500.95 per month as opposed to current expense per month of \$653.92.

Purchase of New Laptop for FAST Test Environment – Ellen Johnston

Motion made and approved to incur expense of a maximum of \$800.00 to purchase laptop computer.

Wesleyan University Contracts and Deposits – Rick Lewis/Ellen Johnston

Tabled until after General Chair Meeting with Wesleyan Administration.

Review/Discussion of CSI Governance as to Budget Implementation/Management – Todd Gordon

Tabled for discussion at this time.

CSI Financials – Sue Lecza

Financial status report provided by Sue Lecza. Nothing unusual to report. Registration numbers have increased and income running slightly ahead of projections.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair Report – Rick Lewis **No Report**

Administrative Vice-Chair – Todd Gordon **Speedo Contract provides for Speedo equipment to be distributed at upcoming Championship Meets.**

Treasurer – Susan Lecza **No Report**

Finance Vice-Chair – Ellen Johnston **Budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 9, 2016 and Ellen requested that any new requests be submitted to her prior to the February 9, 2016 meeting.**

Age Group Committee Chair – Mark Sedlak **No Report**

Senior Committee Chair – Randy Erlenbach **Assistance needed to change swim course from short course to long course for Senior Championships each night.**

Program Development Vice-Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel **No Report**

Program Operations Vice-Chair – Jim Robison/Suzannah Rogers **No Report**

Technical Planning Committee Chair – Henk Jansen **No Report**

Coach Representatives – John Scaldini/Erin Ritz **Coach of the Year Nominations being Solicited at this time.**

Athlete Representatives – Katie Cunningham/Rica Generoso/Brooke Hendee/Lindsey Gordon/Clayton Morikawa **Athlete Representative Nomination and Election Information to be Posted on CSI Website soon.**

Coach-at-Large – Chuck Clark **No Report**

Officials Committee Chair – Nancy Wargo **The majority of CSI Officials have recertified and approximately 15 have retired.**

Safety Committee Chair – Heather Flaherty **No Report**

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Rick LaFrenierre **No Report**

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Heller
Secretary