

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
7:30 pm
Orange, CT

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair Chris Hug called the meeting to order at 7:45pm

Present Board Members: Bill Ball, Ed Doernberger, Jeff Gray, Todd Gordon via speaker phone, Chris Hug, Rick Lewis, Dave Reilly, Judy Snow, John Spadafina, Ty Seymour, Kaeley Steinnagel, Tak Takabayashi, Kaz Takabayashi

Not Present: Ed Becker, Hilary Berger, George Bradner, Molly Condron, Ed Heath, Lexi Koukos, Jim Santiago, Mary Wescott,

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda: Agenda approved as amended: executive session for personnel issues; schedule a HOD/Swimposium fall meeting

Adoption of Minutes:

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the Dec 7, 2011 meeting was unanimously APPROVED

Announcements

1. Technical Chair Kaeley Steinnagel commented upon Randy LaRocca's. CSI has sent a sent a gift card within the guidelines with the gift policy and in grateful recognition of the many years of service Mr. LaRocca has provided with respect to the Zone Team.
2. General Chair Chris Hug was contacted by Yale re building a new pool (alumni group). Chris states there would be interest in CSI's use of the facility. Chris expressed concern regarding rental cost and parking.
3. Chelsea Pier pool opening in July. Large fitness center and 4 pools. They have hired a USA Swimming coach from NBAC.
4. USA Swimming Regional Coach clinic will be Peter Clark and Scott Colby.
5. The Wesleyan scoreboard is operational. CSI donated \$30,000 to this effort which should benefit many CSI athletes and their families.

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominating Committee Report: Nominating Committee has met and have scheduled future meetings. They are active and are looking for suggestions for nominees. Current BOD members should notify David Heller of their intentions to run again or not.

Officials reimbursement for parking: defer until April when Ed Becker can attend. Question is whether the parking policy should be uniform. Finance Chair Todd Gordon suggested the BOD consider a per diem to keep it reimbursement simple.

Development and Funding of an Eastern Zone Budget: This was brought up at a teleconference for EZ General Chairs held by the EZ Directors. The question is whether the LSCs supports a zone budget and to put forth ideas regarding how to use the funding from the LSCs. MOTION made and unanimously APPROVED that CSI will not support the proposal and would reconsider if further information becomes available.

EZ meeting attendance. Concerns continue regarding distance, but greatest concern is the lack of agenda. Budget will be discussed and therefore CT should plan to go. Board Members Rick Lewis, Chris Hug, Todd Gordon, Ed Becker expressed interest in attending. Anyone that wants to go should contact Nan Cooper. If more than 3 express interest, Chris Hug will decide who attends.

USA Swimming Eastern Zone Workshop for 4-5 people to attend. Ed Becker and trainee, Nan, Ginger, and Judy would attend. LSCs pay transportation. MOTION made and unanimously APPROVED funding of up to \$2,000 to attend this meeting.

Funding Travel to USA Swimming Open Water Conference: David Heller has requested funding to attend this meeting. MOTION MADE and unanimously APPROVED to fund David Heller's attendance.

New Club Approval: MOTION made and unanimously APPROVED that Dive Shop Aquatic Center is admitted as a Club Member of CSI.

Preparation of May HOD Meeting: Short discussion on whether and what programs should be held at May House of Delegates Meeting. Given it is a weekday meeting, speakers and activities deferred to fall House of Delegates Meeting. If anyone has ideas as to a short program for the May House of Delegates meeting, they should contact the General Chair.

Fall HOD Meeting or Swimposium: MOTION made and unanimously APPROVED to hold a HOD and Swimposium on Sept 29, 2012.

Announcements Continued: Nan Cooper reported on funding allocation for technical expense FAST, etc. Current projects are: 1.) tools to flag sanction, approved, observed, off-calendar, and CT vs out-of-state meets. These flags will be used to determine meet eligibility for CSI meets, zone team, and other programs. A query will be built to allow zone coordinators to keep running lists of zone qualifiers. 2.) Parent and swimmer accounts were applications may be uploaded for CSI programs and tracked by parents through status flags. Automating applications will improve efficiency, accuracy, and keep our membership better informed.

MOTION to enter Executive Session made and APPROVED. Following executive session, MOVED and unanimously APPROVED that the budgeted increase be provided to our permanent office chair, Nan Cooper, retroactive to the dated budgeted for the increase to occur.

Reports of Officers

General Chair Report – Chris Hug

Administrative Vice-Chair – Rick Lewis – Rec’d email from Cromwell Plaza regarding hosting the banquet.

Treasurer – Mary Westcott –Financials are available for review. Attached

Finance Chair- Todd Gordon – no report

Age Group Committee Chair – Dave Reilly- updates: Age Group Championship planning is going well. Dave Reilly will be Meet Director. Zones is going well in planning stages. Mark Kinne is head coach. Jerry Kochman will assist. Meeting tomorrow to select remaining coaches. Report attached.

Senior Committee Chair – Bill Ball: Senior Championship is organized and ready to go. Report attached

Program Development Vice-Chair – Jeff Gray: Report attached. Good progress. SC season is all set. LC time stds are set except LC Regional Minimum time stds. LC meet announcements will be reviewed soon. Report attached

Program Operations Vice-Chair – Tak Takabayashi: Age Group Invite – no bidder. LC Regionals bidding went well. Report attached

Technical Planning Committee Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel: no report

Coach Representatives – John Spadafina/Jim Santiago; Continuing to work on Coach of the Year criteria and election procedures.

Athlete Representatives – Lexi Koukos/Molly Condrin/Kaz Takabayashi/Ty Seymour: Suggestion box at seniors for athletes. Elections will be held at both championships. Those not elected will serve on athlete committee. Report attached.

Coach-at-Large – George Bradner – not present

Safety Committee Chair – Ed Heath– not present

Officials Committee Chair – Ed Becker– not present; report submitted and attached

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Judy Snow: Judy reported athlete member stats for 2012 (year to date). A little behind from last year. Rate of growth is down for athletes older than 12 which is typical of the sport. Chris Hug asked if there is any interest in putting together a survey to find out why athletes quit. IS there a way to find out what our membership likes or doesn’t like? What would be the intended outcome of the study? Ask a parent volunteer to put together a survey? Chris will review these ideas and put together options for the Board to consider. Report attached,

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hug