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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
7:30 pm, High Plains Community Center, Orange, CT

Vision Statement: Connecticut Swimming...better life through swimming. Mission Statement: Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Ellen Johnston (EJ) called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Present: Ed Doernberger, Ellen Johnston, Sue Lecza, Joan Lynch, Dan Mascolo, Dave Reilly, Jim Robison, Kaeley Steinnagel, Miku Takabayashi, Nancy Wargo

Not Present: Chuck Clark, Jack Gray, Lindsey Gordon, Todd Gordon, Dave Heller, Henk Jansen, Rick LaFrenierre, Rick Lewis, Dave Modzelewski, Clayton Morikawa, Jason Paige, Erin Ritz, John Scaldini, Suzannah Rogers

Also Present: Nan Cooper, Chuck Elrick (for his presentation only)

Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda: Approved as revised with one addition to New Business: Site for HOD Meeting in May

Announcements: EJ welcomed Dan Mascolo to his first meeting as appointed Interim Age Group Chair. Dan was previously on the CSI BOD as a Coach's Rep. EJ discussed the passing of two prominent people in the CSI community: Joe Brophy, who was an Ass't Coach at Fairfield and grew up and swam in CT, and Bill Krumm, who was part of the CSI community for over 20 years and was a long-time Head Coach and Age Group Coach, was very active in CSI as Program Development Chair, Coach Rep, and was the first coach to serve as General Chair.

Adoption of Minutes February 21, 2017 Meeting: Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2017 Board Meeting as distributed, with one revision to mark Suzannah Rogers as present.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Progress Report – EJ for David Heller

The Nominating Committee is diligently working to put forth a slate to present at the May House of Delegates meeting. There may be a couple of opposed positions.

Budget Committee Progress Report - TG

Ellen attempted to call Todd Gordon by phone, but was unsuccessful. No report.

Eastern Zone Meeting – Ellen Johnston

EZ Business Meeting is being held Sunday, May 7th from 8:00-12:00 noon in Atlantic City, NJ. All board members are encouraged to attend. EJ still looking for more board members to attend the EZ meeting with her on Saturday, May 6th and/or Sunday, May 7th.

USA Swimming Zone Workshop – Ellen Johnston

Eastern Zone and USA Swimming are co-hosting a workshop May 5th and 6th in Atlantic City, NJ. USA Swimming allows six reps to attend from each LSC. Rooms and meals are provided by USA Swimming for six reps per LSC. EJ is encouraging Board Members to attend so that CSI may have a significant presence at the workshops. Board members should notify EJ if they are interested and able to attend. An athlete rep is also encouraged to go. Workshop Details and Agenda were distributed at the February 21st Board Meeting. Contact EJ if interested.

NEW BUSINESS

Aquatic Facility Proposal – Chuck Elrick (CE)

Last May at the HOD meeting, Check explained what he has been trying to do over the past 5 years...getting an aquatic swim center in CT. He envisions this center comprising activities including competitive swimming, diving, water polo, lessons for inner city children, working with veterans and senior citizens homes, etc.

CE discussed how much has happened since his last presentation to the CSI HOD. He discussed his belief that Connecticut is much in need of its own facility to host championship meets rather than the options currently available to CSI. He believes CSI is in need of better pool for swimmers and parents. He believes there would be an increase in participation from swimmers, parents, officials, etc. The State of Connecticut has recognized his organization, NEAA, as a not for profit organization set up to fund and build the facility. They have filed for 501c3 status, and expect to have that approved by the end of April. Several locations have been identified as possible sites, and they have started receiving donations.

CE is looking for CSI to show their support and through the CSI membership – perhaps help Chuck get into door of corporations for funding. CE walked through the current business plan and some pro forma financial statements. Discussion ensued and CE answered many questions regarding the facility, funding for it, possible locations, and what CSI could do to assist.

CE is looking for a commitment from CSI in the form of (1) \$500K, and (2) a commitment that CSI will use the facility for championship meets during the first years it is open. He feels this would assist in his fundraising from sponsors and others.

Documents related to the NEAA are attached here as **Attachment 1** to these minutes.

Discussion was tabled.

Bill Krumm Donation and Memorial – EJ/JR

Discussed ways to possibly memorialize Bill Krumm.

Motion was made by JR and passed: to donate \$1,500 in the name of Bill Krumm to the charity of the family's choice, which is the USA Swimming Foundation.

Managing the Challenges of Wesleyan – EJ

Air quality issues during Senior Championships was discussed. CSI received many complaints. DR spoke with Peter at Wesleyan in depth about the air quality issues during the meet. Wesleyan believes it was a personnel issue and bad communication, perhaps related to Wesleyan University being on break. All agree this issue should not have occurred. DR discussed he and/or other CSI reps need to meet together with the various reps from Wesleyan to ensure this never happens again. DR reviewed how the Wesleyan pool opened in 1990, and CSI has had a 27 year relationship with Wesleyan, and we need to decide how to proceed going forward.

KS mentioned how this past weekend, there was a sizable swim meet, running concurrently with an indoor track meet, a lacrosse tournament, the facility was crowded and there were NO ISSUES with air quality.

There were also complaints regarding Age Group Championships at Chelsea Piers, mainly related to air quality, hospitality and spectator seating.

Managing the Challenges of Finding a Championship Pool – EJ

(Covered in the previous agenda item above.)

USA Swimming Junior Team request for funding

NC was contacted by a parent asking if CSI would fund a boy going to the Mel Zajac Jr International Competition on May 26-28 on campus at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. NC contacted the new Eastern Zone sports rep Jeff Allen who spoke with the Nat'l Jr Team Program Director who then sent a letter to the CSI BOD, asking the LSC to fund the travel for our swimmers who qualify. Cost for this meet is minimized by the fact that swimmers stay in dorms on a campus. Since travel assistance is determined by the Senior Committee, discussion was tabled to review again in April after input from the Senior Committee.

Zone Team and Entry Review – JS – no report.

CSI Financials – Sue Lecza – Sue distributed and reviewed the financial statements of CSI as of February 28, 2017. There were no significant variances to Budget, or unusual items to report.

House of Delegates Meeting Site

The May House of Delegates Meeting will be held at Beckerman (Hamden Hall).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair Report – EJ – nothing additional to report.

Administrative Vice-Chair – DR – no report.

Treasurer – SL – nothing additional to report.

Finance Vice-Chair – TG – no report.

Age Group Committee Chair – Dan Mascolo (DM)

Age Group Championships went well. DM discussed he will be looking at how to improve it going forward, and perhaps to consider alternative locations for the meet.

Senior Committee Chair – JP

Planning for Long Course Senior Championships is on track. Proposed order of events and qualifying times will be presented at the next meeting.

Technical Planning Committee Chair – HJ – no report.

Program Development Vice-Chair – KS

Enhancements to Regionals were discussed at the last PD meeting. KS has requested Long Course Age Group timelines to be same as Senior timeline...with goal of having cutoff times completed prior to the start of the LC season. KS stated she is still not aware if there is a final signed contract with Chelsea Piers CT for hosting Short Course Age Groups in March.

Program Operations Co-Vice-Chairs – JR, SR - no report.

Officials Committee Chair – NW

Meet Official Reps have been determined.

Age Groups: Ken Gray.

Senior Championships: Dave Pite.

Coach Representatives – DM

The Coaches Committee has one nomination for Coaches Rep: Erin Ritz.

Erin will be the Jr Coach's Rep.

Athlete Representatives – Miku Takabayashi (MT)

Congratulations to the newly-elected Junior Athlete Representatives: Tylor Mathieu, BDEV; Marissa McNary, SYS; and McAllister Milne, BDEV. These athletes will begin their terms on May 17, 2017, the day after the House of Delegates meeting.

Coach-at-Large – CC – no report.

Registration/Membership Coordinator – RL – no report

Zone Team Coordinator –JS – no report.

The next CSI BOD Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, 2017 at 7:30pm, at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Lynch

Secretary