

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.

Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:30 pm

Teleconference

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

Present: Bill Ball, Ed Becker, Peter Boucher, Ed Doernberger, Jeff Gray, Mike Huffman, David Heller, Chris Hug, King Lee, Rick Lewis, Dan Mascolo, Bob Shearer, Judy Snow, John Spadafina, Kaeley Steinnagel, Bonnie Strittmatter, Mary Westcott,

Came on Call Late: Dan Mascolo

Also Present: Nan Cooper, David Heller

Approval of the Agenda – Chris Hug added three additions to the Agenda:

1. Diversity Camp Funding
2. Amendment to Seasonal Athletes Registration
3. Long Course Regional Bid

Agenda was approved with these additions

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes of the prior Board Meeting were approved without modification.

Old Business:

Wesleyan Donation: After lengthy discussion Chris will consider how best use the \$30,000 proposed gift to best serve the interests of CSI and offer that equipment. Chris will make this list of equipment for next board meeting

New Business:

2011-2012 Budget: Bonnie Strittmatter – presented a balanced budget of \$736,000. The Budget Committee changed athlete registration fees one dollar, from \$58.00 to \$59.00. Club registration and meet fees are the same. Chris thanks Bonnie for her service. Motion is made and approved to pass the budget for 2011 2012.

Nominating Committee: Dave Heller

Nominees:

Dave Reilly: Age Group Committee Chair

Tak Takabayashi: Program Operations

Kaeley Steinnagel: Technical Planning

Ed Becker: Officials Committee

Todd Gordon: Finance Vice-Chair

Mary Westcott: Treasurer

Ed Heath: Safety Committee Chair

Judy Snow: Registration

Mike Ferraro and George Bradner: Coach at Large

Board of Review: Dave Heller, George Bradner, Monica Prangley, Taylor Dubuel, Ed Becker Jr. Dave is looking for additional names.

House of Delegates Meeting in May: After lengthy discussion a motion is made and approved to have a fall House of Delegates meeting on Saturday October 1st. Prior to the House of Delegates Meeting there would be a program organized by Chris to include coaches, officials and club management. Possibilities for topics at this meeting include: Registration and Club Governance to describe the Club Recognition Program. Workshops would be in the morning followed by House of Delegates Meeting. Graduate Club in New Haven is a possibility to be explored.

Eastern Zone Meeting: Ed Becker will attend.

USA Swimming Safety Workshop: USA Swimming asked if we would attend a safety workshop on July 8-10, 2011 in Minneapolis. Chris is not optimistic about this that a member will attend. Ed Heath will be asked.

Eastern Zone Diversity Camp Funding: Jeff Gray: held at LaSalle University in Philadelphia June 16 – 19. Advocates sending representatives from CSI. Discussion ensued and proposed that Joanne and Nan would promote this on website. We need to authorize funding to pay for transportation plus \$200.00 for room and food per attendee. Mary expressed that we can absorb the cost of \$600.00 per person up to \$3600.00. We can leave details to Joanne for the application. Motion is made and approved for up to 4 individuals for \$3600 to attend this program.

Long Course Regional Championship – Mike Huffman, Program Operations– is working on resolution for sites for regional championships with regard to the bidding process. A lengthy discussion took place and question came up about whether CSI should have control over the venues and what is the best way to accept bids. This will be resolved in meeting of Program Operations.

Seasonal Athletes: Judy Snow: Season will be changed from April 15th – August 15th to April 1st – August 15th. The bylaws state no more than 150 days, so we are fine. We need to do this because new kids are getting shut out of early meets.

Reports of Officers:

General Chair –Chris Hug: Nothing added. We can expect number of meetings to decline going forward. June meeting will be more strategic.

Administrative Vice Chair -Rick Lewis: Ginger McCurdy is helping Nan. Will talk about banquet at the next meeting

Treasurer – Mary Westcott: Athlete registration and surcharge are up. We have 5102 athletes right now. Mary answered a question re Sarah Jalet Fund. The Sarah Jalet fund to award Scholarship money each year for the Senior Committee. Based on dedication to CT swimming and scholarship. There are issues for NCAA regarding compliance and eligibility issues. This will be reviewed for next meeting

Age Group Committee: There is a new proposal for Short Course Age Groups that will be looked at this month. Had an issue with zone selection for short course and will be reviewing this for the next zone meet

Senior Committee: Bob Shearer: Nothing Added

Program Development: Jeff Gray: Senior Committee reports time standards, meet announcement, senior standards, zone team. Proposal to eliminate 15-18 year olds from age groups. Zone Team: There was a vote to re affirm eligibility, policies, and criteria information.

Program Operations-Mike Huffman: UConn Pool- their process needs to be reviewed around issues of security and maintenance.

Technical Planning Committee: Kaeley Steinnagel: She wants to look to the future of CT swimming and be sure committees are not doing the same work

Coach Representative: John Spadafina: Jimmy Santiago will be starting his term soon.

Official Committee Chair: Ed Becker: Officials tracking system video is online

Registration/Membership-Judy Snow: Nothing Added

Open Water Swimming Safety Conference: Dave Heller: Hosted by Pacific Masters, USA Swimming, and Masters. Fran Crippen and his tragic death was the focus. Many issues being explored for improved safety. Among other issues, there was no coach with them. Open water is growing by leaps and bounds and safety is a huge issue. Looking a Chip timing to track swimmers and to have swimmers along the shore so that lifeguards can be on the beach during competition. Dave mentioned the Madison Mile and 12/Under Swimming Series for Open Water.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Hilary Berger, CSI Secretary