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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Meeting
Wednesday April 13, 2016
7:30 pm

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Present: Katie Cunningham (joined meeting at 7:50 pm), Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Susan Lecza, Rick Lewis, Kaeley Steinnagel, Suzannah Rogers, Henk Jansen, Jim Robison, Nancy Wargo, John Scaldini and Clayton Morikawa

Not present: Heather Flaherty, Brook Hendee, Rica Generosa, Mark Sedlak, Ellen Johnston, Lindsey Gordon, Rick LaFreniere and Erin Ritz.

Also present: Nan Cooper and newly elected Junior Coach Representative David Modzelewski.

Agenda: Agenda approved as revised to include the following additions to the Agenda:

1. Proposal to create a Board level Eastern Zone Committee and to elect an Eastern Zone CSI Board Member Committee Chair.
2. Senior and Age Group Championship Vendor Contracts

Announcements: Congratulations to newly elected Junior Coach Representative David Modzelewski (WYW) and newly elected Athlete Representatives, Victoria Fletcher (S70), Jack Gray (WRAT), and Miku Takabayashi (BDEV). Rick shared sad news of the untimely death of a former CSI and Norwalk Aquatic Club swimmer named Kelly Devine. Motion passed to have CSI to send donation on behalf of CSI to Kelly Devine scholarship fund in her memory. Rick Lewis announced that he will be attending the USA Swimming General Chairman Meeting and Workshop in Denver, Colorado on April 23 – 25, 2016.

Adoption of Minutes: Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting as drafted.

OLD BUSINESS

Wesleyan University Meeting and Financial Demands – Rick Lewis & Jim Robison

Discussion continued regarding response to Wesleyan University's threat of possible litigation and their request for deposits for future CT Swimming meets hosted by Wesleyan University. Meeting conducted by Rick Lewis and Jim Robison regarding future facility usage of the aquatic facility at Wesleyan University. A productive meeting was conducted with the Wesleyan University Business Manager regarding future rentals of Wesleyan aquatic facility by CSI.

Wesleyan seeking to recover \$6,800.00 from CSI for late cancellation of 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship meet at Wesleyan University. CSI suggested that Wesleyan allow CSI to reimburse Wesleyan through future pool facility rental fees. The Senior Invite will be conducted at Wesleyan University instead of UCONN this summer which results in a reduction of the amount that Wesleyan is seeking to recover from CSI to the amount of \$5,048.00. Future efforts will occur to continue to reduce this amount in the future and Jim Robison will be supervising the financial aspects of this effort. CSI will continue to work in good faith with Wesleyan to resolve this issue in order to continue our long standing good neighbor relationship with Wesleyan. However, CSI disputes that any financial compensation is owed to Wesleyan for moving the 2016 Short Course Age Group Meeting to Chelsea Piers.

CSI Governance in Relation to Budget Implementation/Management – Todd Gordon

Proposal made to assign responsibility in some form regarding financial and budget decision as it pertains to CSI governance. Motion made and passed to form a committee to explore the options to manage our CSI budget as opposed to just creating a budget.

LSC Development LEAP 2 – Rick Lewis

Discussion conducted regarding interest in moving forward with the process to achieve this level of certification. Motion made and passed to participate in LEAP 2 certification effort with the goal to attempt to achieve and complete certification before the May 2017 House of Delegates meeting.

LSC Development Quadrennial Planning – Rick Lewis

General Chair Lewis will start preparation of quadrennial plan to run from September 2016 to September 2020 and would appreciate the assistance of anyone who would like to participate

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – David Heller

David Heller as Chairman of the 2016 CSI Nominating Committee announced the following slate of nominees: Ellen Johnston (WRAT) – General Chair, Dave Reilly (WAC) - Administrative Vice Chair, Finance Vice Chair – Todd Gordon (RAC), Secretary – Joan Lynch (GYWD), Senior Committee Chair – Jason Paige (RYWC) and Program Development Chair – Kaeley Steinagel (LEHY).

May 2016 House of Delegates Meeting – Rick Lewis

Meeting scheduled to be conducted on Tuesday May 17, 2016 at Hamden Hall at 7:30 pm.

Planning for Fall 2016 House of Delegates Meeting – Rick Lewis

Meeting originally scheduled for Saturday October 1, 2016 which is not an acceptable date because of Eastern States Coaches Clinic. Possible new dates that are being considered are October 8, 2016 or October 15, 2016.

CSI Financials – Sue Lecza

All financials numbers are looking good. Meeting participants are encouraged to review the financial reports distributed in preparation for the meeting.

Approval of 2016 – 2017 CSI budget – Sue Lecza

Age Group Championship income reduced because 15/18 swimmers no longer participate in ~~the short course~~ Age Group Championships. Registration income is slightly increased. Age Group expenses slightly higher and Zone Team revenue estimate is slightly reduced. Senior travel reduced slightly from 2016 which was an Olympic year. Officials expenses increased slightly to allow for additional national certification and travel of CSI officials. Motion made and passed to present 2016-2017 budget to membership at May 2016 House of Delegates Meeting.

Contracts for Vendors for Senior and Age Group Meets – Rick Lewis

Metro Swim and Northwest Designs have been vendors at Age Group Championships in the past and significant income has been generated from these vendors for CSI in the past. Metro Swim Shop has submitted a Championship Meet Product Vending Proposal, dated April 12, 2016 to CSI to be the sole vendor at CSI Championship meets. General Chair Lewis asked membership to review proposal for consideration at a future Board meeting.

Proposal to create a Board level Eastern Zone Committee and to elect an Eastern Zone CSI Board Member Committee Chair – David Heller

Discussion regarding the creation of a Eastern Zone Committee and to appoint an At Large Board Member to serve as a Chairman of the Committee. Rick Lewis to consider possible members of the Committee and the format of such a Committee and a possible appointee to be the Committee Chair.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

Administrative Vice-Chair – Todd Gordon **No Report**

Treasurer – Susan Lecza **No Report**

Finance Vice-Chair – Ellen Johnston **No Report**

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

Senior Committee Chair – Randy Erlenbach **No Report**

Program Development Vice-Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel

Participated in recent Finance Committee Meeting regarding the suggestion to allow bidding for Championship Meets and that everyone needs to consider any changes very carefully before making any decisions.

Program Operations Vice-Chair – Jim Robison/Suzannah Rogers

Long Course meet Announcements posted last weekend and numerous long course meet entries filled up almost immediately. Program Operations will need to consider the issue of long course meets being filled up so quickly and many teams not able to enter numerous meets.

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

Coach Representatives – John Scaldini/Erin Ritz **No Report**

Athlete Representatives – Katie Cunningham/Rica Generoso/Brooke Hendee/Lindsey Gordon/Clayton Morikawa

Katie Cunningham announced that elections for new Athlete Representatives successfully elected.

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

Officials Committee Chair – Nancy Wargo

All Officials are re-certified and numerous officials are retiring. Need to work on Official Retention.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Heller
Secretary