

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 3, 2021**  
**8:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.

**Board Members:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Sargent, Nick Cavataro, Lauren Lazar, Mad-die Haley, Mark Wollen, Duffy Mudry, Dave Pite, Kathleen and Davide Men-donca, Rob Bouchey, Susan Lecza, Dave Modzelewski, Kristen Finnigan, Ron-nie Vaughan, Thomas Dupont, Greg Pinchbeck, Jen Lyman, Claire Michalik, El-len Johnston, John Scaldini

**Absent Board Members:** Claire Michalik, Finn Henry, David Heller, Dennis Flo-res, Emily Fox, Kaeley Steinnagel

**Approval of Agenda**

***MOTION made to adopt the Agenda as distributed***  
***Passed unanimously***

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**1. Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championship Meet Reconsideration of the April 20, 2021 Board Decision.**

- John Scaldini- Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championship Meet- Reconsideration of April 20th Board decision. New analysis and information became available.
- The Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championship Meet will be held August 4-7 2021 in Richmond, VA. Around 75 athletes would attend. Every athlete that qualifies wouldn't be able to attend as a team. If we say no to attending this meet we are telling the kids that they can't go and that is counterintuitive of what we do.
- As a board we are supposed to provide the athletes with opportunities
- Teams that are not swimming are not the only ones with adversity. Everyone has had a decrease in practice time, team enrollment, and pool availability. Athletes have been changing teams or states, fundraising has been eliminated or reduced. Lower athlete and parent engagement and decrease in program revenues.

- Proposed Zone Budget: \$8500- Is based on two coaches and their stipend, daily food and hotel and travel expenses. Based on 75 athletes. If there are fewer swimmers then it will cost less. We would get 40% of the cost from the parents.
- Fees would be towards coaches, gear and small best time awards.
- The main expenditure that we can change is the uniform costs and the entry fee.
- Due to COVID- there would be no bus transportation, athletes travel on their own and all group events will be scaled back.
- LC Zones provides an opportunity for our swimmers to race in a year with an already reduced meet schedule.

**MOTION** made that CT Swimming attend the 2021 [Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championship](#) meet and consider the budget presented. Motion passed.

- Liability questions- discussion- CT Zone team is still a “team” where does the liability lie?
- Zones is limited to 240 swimmers a session. Basing it on 12 LSCs with 20 swimmers each. Maine is having no more than 5 people attend this year and only 6 LSC attend this meet in a typical year.
- This year looks like more LSCs will be sending swimmers than in past years due to lack of opportunity to swim.
- Team practice- looking into rental of a LC pool.
- Selection process discussed- It is stated by Eastern Zone that one qualifying time is needed to go to the meet. CT LSC requires two qualifying times to go on the trip. We might need to tighten the requirements this year. Selection is up to LSC, the Eastern Zone is not sending out new time standards. CT can use the 2019 cuts as a guide for this year. Many options for selection process.
- Athlete assistance like TYR Cup- fewer athletes went to this than would be going to zones.
- TYR Cup ownership is on the parents and don't know where CT stands for this Zone meet.
- The Age Group Committee meeting - made a motion during their meeting to attend the LC Zone meet or explore options to attend the LC Zone meet and it was approved.

**MOTION** made that CT Swimming attend the 2021 [Eastern Zone LC Age Group Championship](#) meet under guidelines that were proposed. Motion passed.

## **2. Announcement of Governance Committee-**

- So far we have 4 people on governance committee: Ellen Johnston, Dave Heller, Kaeley Steinnagel and Peter Michalik and have two more out.

## **3. House of Delegates Meeting Date-**

- House of Delegate meeting that was supposed to be in May has switched with the June Board meeting.

**MOTION** made that the May House of Delegates meeting be rescheduled from May 18 to June 15 based upon the pandemic rules and regulations in effect in CT and the necessary appointment of the Governance Committee to prepare for the House of Delegates meeting and to reschedule the June Board of Directors meeting from June 15 to May 18 to prepare for the House of Delegates meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 pm via Zoom and in-person.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Lazar  
Secretary*