

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**High Plains Community Center – Orange, CT**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2013**  
**7:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

**Present:** Ed Becker, Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Joshua Furth, Todd Gordon, Jeff Gray, David Heller, Rick Lewis, Coral McNary, Garrett Mazziotti, Dave Reilly, Kaeley Steinnagel, Judy Snow, Madeline Snow, Tak Takabayashi.

**Not present:** Lauren Bullock, Jordan Berger, George Bradner, Ed Heath, Matt Hurst, Jeff Scobee and Mark Sedlak.

**Also present:** Nan Cooper, Ellen Johnston, Ty Seymour and Nancy Wargo.

**Agenda:** Motion made to add Program Operation Proposal for Meet Host and Athlete Social Media discussion to Agenda. Motion to amend Agenda passed. Motion made and passed to approve the agenda as modified.

**Announcements:** General Chair Lewis issued welcomes and goodbyes to Board Members. General Chair Lewis thanked Ed Becker, Dave Heller, Ty Seymour and Tak Takabayashi for their dedicated service to the Board. He also welcomed new Board Members Garrett Mazziotti and Madeline “Maddy” Snow to the Board.

**Adoption of Minutes:** Motion made and passed to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting as drafted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CT General Assembly Bill regarding Safety and Public School Pools Update:** General Chair Lewis reported that the two bills currently in the CT General Assembly before the Public Safety Committee and the Education Committee have been merged into a single bill. The bill that the CT General Assembly requires that Gym Teachers must have First Aid, CPR and Lifeguard training. In addition, there must be a minimum of two (2) people with these certifications on the pool deck at all times during the school day and during the school year.

All CSI Coaches are already required to have certification in lifeguard training in order to be certified by USA Swimming to work on a pool deck. Furthermore, CT Swimming supports and upholds all USA Swimming Coach certification requirements regarding safety training and certification.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Board of Directors Appointment:** General Chair Lewis appointed David Heller as an At Large member of the CSI Board of Directors.

**USAS Convention at the Hyatt Regency in Anaheim, California on September 10 – 14, 2013:** General Chair Lewis requested that anyone who would like to attend the 2013 USAS Convention as a

representative of CT Swimming to contact either himself or Nan Cooper to express their interest. Rick Lewis and Dave Reilly have already expressed their desire to attend the Convention.

**Fall 2013 House of Delegates Meeting:** General Chair Lewis reported that the May 2013 House of Delegates Meeting was very successful. Discussion conducted regarding dates, speakers and location of a Fall 2013 House of Delegates Meeting. Following the discussion, the Board decided and agreed not to conduct a Fall 2013 House of Delegates Meeting.

Board members expressed an interest in having a Fall 2013 Coaches Open Discussion Forum and a Meet Host Bid Meeting for the 2014 Long Course season.

New Coach at Large Kaeley Steinnagel advised the Board of her intention to organize and develop an Agenda for the May 2014 House of Delegates Meeting.

**Volunteer of Year Committee Formed:** Todd Gordon, David Heller, Rick Lewis, Coral McNary and Kaeley Steinnagel were appointed to the Committee. Committee charged with selecting a Volunteer of the Year to be announced at the November 2013 CSI Awards Banquet.

**November 2013 CSI Awards Banquet Planning:** Todd Gordon has volunteered to be the Chair of the 2013 Banquet Committee. Todd requested and invited significant Athlete involvement on the Committee. Josh Furth, Garrett Mazziotti, Coral McNary and Maddy Snow volunteered to join in response to Todd Gordon's request and were appointed to the Committee.

**Bag Tag Inc. Proposal:** The Bag Tag proposal was discussed and received unanimous approval with a proposed revision.

**USA Swimming Governance Committee:** The activities of the Committee and the proposals that have been made by the Committee were explained by Ellen Johnston, a CSI Coach and a member of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee. A discussion ensued regarding the pending proposals. Further and additional explanations regarding the legislative proposals and decisions made by the Committee to date were explained by Ty Seymour with additional clarification provided by Todd Gordon.

**Program Operations Proposal:** A proposal was made by Tak Takabayashi regarding meet host timeline requirements and proposed penalties for exceeding the timeline were discussed. The Board agreed to consider possible sanctions, penalties and protocols for over subscribed meets that run over four (4) hours. The Board agreed to have further discussions regarding these matters.

**Athlete Outreach and Communication Social Media Discussion:** A discussion was conducted regarding athlete outreach and communication with all CSI swimmers through the use of twitter, face book and a CSI internet e-mail account. Vice Chair Gray suggested that the Athletes develop a CSI Social Media Policy document for review and approval by the Board of Directors.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**General Chair Report – Rick Lewis** – Advised Board of incident involving a spectator at a recent Wesleyan University CSI Long Course meet. General Chair Lewis requested that all meet hosts have Safety Marshalls assigned to work their meets. These Safety Marshalls should periodically check the swimmer locker rooms, deck areas and spectator seating areas for unusual or inappropriate activity.

**Administrative Vice Chair – Jeff Gray** – All Scholar Athlete applications have been distributed and are due to be submitted by August 7, 2013. In addition, Vice Chair Gray announced that a Safe Sport Coordinator was appointed by CT Swimming.

**Treasurer – Lauren Bullock** – No report.

**Finance Vice Chair – Todd Gordon** – The Finance Committee to meet more frequently and throughout the year to discuss such issues as expenses, costs and the financial status of CSI through out the year.

**Age Group Committee Chair – Dave Reilly** – The Age Group and Regional Long Course Meet Announcements to be published shortly. The next Age Group Committee meeting will be conducted on June 19, 2013.

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

**Program Development Vice-Chair – Jeff Scobee** – No Report.

**Program Operations Vice-Chair – Tak Takabayashi** – No Report.

**Technical Planning Committee Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel** – No Report.

**Coach Representatives – Mark Sedlak/Matt Hurst** – No Report.

**Athlete Representatives – Josh Furth/ Coral McNary/Garrett Mazziotti/Maddy Snow** – No Report.

**Coach at Large – George Bradner** – No Report.

**Safety Committee Chair – Ed Heath** – No Report.

**Officials Committee Chair – Ed Becker** – The Senior Open Long Course Meet being conducted July 11-14, 2013 is a National Qualifying Training Meet. A discussion was conducted regarding possible breaststroke and backstroke start rule changes.

**Registration/Membership Coordinator – Judy Snow** – CSI currently has over 6,000 swimmers registered as members of CSI and 650 non athlete members. In addition, it was announced that CSI conducted a Business Leadership Seminar on June 12, 2013 and there were 25 people in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Heller  
Secretary