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## CONNECTICUT SWIMMING

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MINUTES

**June 16, 2010**

**Orange, CT**

General Chairman Jeff Gray called the meeting to order at the High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT at 7:34 P.M.

Present: Ed Becker, Ed Doernberger, Jeff Gray, David Heller, Mike Huffman, Chris Hug, Henk Jansen (participated by phone), Cooper Kearns, Lexi Koukos, King Lee, Rick Lewis (arrived 7:45 p.m.), Christine Pelham, Judy Snow, John Spadafina, Kaeley Steinnagel, Bonnie Strittmatter and Mary Westcott.

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Not Present: Peter Boucher and Dan Mascolo.

Additions to the Agenda: 12 and Under Open Water Swimming Series at Quassy Amusement Park and CT Swimming ByLaw revisions.

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda as amended was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Board of Directors meeting was unanimously approved.\_

### OLD BUSINESS

USA Swimming Strategic Planning Retreat – Hug: CT Swimming will conduct a Strategic Planning Retreat on September 10 and 11, 2010. The tentative location is the Milford Yacht Club in Milford, CT. The anticipated costs per person attending are \$30.00 - Friday night dinner and \$26.00 – morning coffee and Saturday snacks and lunch. The CSI cost estimate for meals for the Retreat is \$2,000.00. Chris Hug to schedule and coordinate September Retreat planning with USA Swimming.

By Law Revisions – Hug: Chris Hug and Nan Cooper and CT Swimming’s legal counsel to review recently Amended ByLaws for typos and necessary corrections.

### NEW BUSINESS

Senior Travel Funding – Henk Jansen: Funding for each meet is increased by \$100.00 and Sectional and Open Water Swimming competition funding is increased by \$50.00. See Handout regarding CT Swimming, Inc. Request for Travel Funds Application. Motion made and unanimously approved to increase meet funding as proposed by the Senior Committee.

Online Coach Forum – John Spadafina: An attempt is being made to organize an internet CSI Coaches

Forum with the Senior Coaches Representative as the Moderator of the Forum. Discussion conducted regarding privacy and chatroom control issues. It was recommended and requested that Coaches Committee investigate and prepare a proposal regarding a Coaches Online Forum.

USAS Convention - Jeff Gray: The USAS Convention will be held in Dallas, Texas from September 14 through 19, 2010. Anyone who is interested in attending must express their interest in attending the Convention to General Chair Gray by June 30, 2010 and copy Nan Cooper on their participation request.

Volunteer of the Year Committee Selection – Jeff Gray: General Chair Gray appointed Rick Lewis, Christine Pelham and David Heller to investigate and nominate candidates for the CSI Volunteer of the Year award.

2010 – 2011 CSI Meeting Schedule: Nan Cooper to send out copies of the 2009 – 2010 CSI Meeting Schedule for purposes of review and drafting of the 2010 – 2011 CSI Meeting Schedule and Calendar. It was agreed that the next House of Delegates Meeting would be conducted in May of 2011.

Nominating Committee Selection – Jeff Gray: The selection of the Nominating Committee members for the 2011 CSI Elections was tabled until the September 2010 CSI Board Meeting.

Coach Subsidy/Travel Reimbursement for National Meets – Christine Pelham: A type written proposal was distributed by Ms. Pelham. The initial proposal was for a reimbursement of \$300.00 per coach. See Handout. A lengthy and animated discussion took place regarding the subsidy/reimbursement issues. A motion was made to establish a reimbursement policy for Coaches attending Short Course and Long Course Nationals and US Open and Olympic Trials. The proposal was to reimburse the coach of record up to a maximum of \$300.00 with only one reimbursement award for unreimbursed expenses being made per team. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was also made to increase funding in the amount of \$ 7,500.00 to the current CSI Budget for coach travel expenses for the 2010 Long Course National Championship meets. This motion was unanimously approved.

12 and Under Open Water Swimming Series at Quassy Amusement Park – David Heller: David Heller reported to the Board regarding a 12 and Under Open Water Swimming Series that was being conducted at Quassy Amusement Park in Middlebury, CT on the last 3 Monday nights in July and the first Monday night in August. The first session was a free Open Water Swimming Clinic for 12 and under swimmers. All participants needed to be currently registered USA Swimmers to participate in the Series.

Time Standards for 800 Meters Freestyle: The time standards for Long Course Regionals in the 800 meter freestyle were to be formulated by adding 1 minute to the Age Group Time Standards. The 13/14 Boys long course time was set at 11:30.99 and the short course yards time was set at 12:39.99. The 13/14 Girls long course time was set at 11:42.99 and the short course yards time was set at 12:39.99.

### Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice Chair – Chris Hug No Report.

Treasurer – Mary Westcott Mary is currently in the process of meeting with a CPA to complete the 2009 CSI Audit.

Finance Vice Chair – Bonnie Strittmatter No Report.

Age Group Committee – King Lee The Committee selected Mark Kinney as the CSI Long Course Zone Team Head Coach. The application deadline for Long Course Zone Team Assistant Coaches is June 21, 2010.

Senior Committee – Henk Jansen No Report.

Program Development – Rick Lewis No Report.

Program Operations – Mike Huffman Long Course Meets are going well and no problems to report at this time.

Technical Planning – Kaeley Steinnagel The Committee recently conducted a productive meeting and a written proposal will be made shortly to the Age Group Committee to create a 15 – 19 year old cap on times for Long Course competition only. See Handout. The Committee is still considering proposals and is engaged in long range planning in regard to possible changes and revisions to both the Long Course and Short Course meet schedules.

Coach Representative – John Spadafina No Report.

Athlete Representative - Cooper Kearns/Lexi Koukos No Report.

Coach at Large – Christine Pelham No Report.

Safety – Peter Boucher Not present

Officials – Ed Becker Numerous officials' clinics are being conducted and are scheduled to be conducted. Online record keeping of all meets worked is expected by all officials.

Registration – Judy Snow Judy Snow provided a Handout regarding numerous registration statistics and information which included registration numbers for both full year and seasonal registrations.

Next Board Meeting to be conducted during the CSI Retreat on the weekend of September 10 and 11, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Heller

Secretary

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