

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Beckerman Aquatic Center
7:30 am

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Rick Lewis call the meeting to order at 7:45 am

Present: Ed Doernberger, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Sue Lecza, Rick Lewis, Dave Reilly, Jim Robison, Mark Sedlak, Kaeley Steinnagel Madeline Snow, Katie Cunningham, Chuck Clark, Rica Generosa, Ellen Johnston, and Nancy Wargo.

Also Present: Nan Cooper, Ty Seymour

Not Present: Lauren Bullock, Randy Erlenbach, Henk Jansen, Garrett Mazziotti, Brooke Hendee, Judy Snow, Ed Heath

Agenda: Approved.

Announcements: Rick Lewis welcomed new board members and thanked those board members attending the USAS Convention as CT delegates.

Adoption of Minutes: The June 2014 minutes were approved with correction to the attendance to include David Heller, Maddie Snow, Ed Doernberger, Rica Generosa, Katie Cunningham, and Jim Robison.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Committee Chair reminder: Committee chairs are reminded to submit committee members, including athletes (20%), to General Chair Rick Lewis for approval. Committee members will be then posted on website.

Meeting Schedule: Schedule is TBD. It was agreed that committees schedule first week of month, followed by Program Development, then Board of Directors in a given month. General Chair and Program Development will submit dates first; the schedule will then go to committee chairs.

USAS Conventions Re-Cap: This year's convention emphasized education. Jim Sheehan from Eastern Zone was elected president of USA Swimming. Ty Seymour, CT athlete, was elected Eastern Zone (EZ) Athlete Rep. Deck changing has been banned at all USA meets. Kinesio tape of any type is banned. Most rule change proposals were defeated. There is interest in working with Masters Swimming to promote and run more open water swimming meets. Athletes did community service for homeless. Maddie Snow, CT athlete, applied for national committees. Eastern Zone meetings determined EZ meet schedule for 2015 SC and LC seasons. It was suggested that CSI begin LC meets as early as possible.

Eastern Zone budget: Eastern Zone collects \$0.25 per full year athlete from each LSC to fund its budget for Board of Review, Diversity, etc. Rick Lewis will chair this committee.

Volunteer of the Year: Jeff Gray was nominated. Approved.

Swimmer of the Year: Erin Earley, HMST was nominated. Erin will be unable to attend the banquet due to her participation on the USA Swimming World Cup team.

Adapted Athlete of the Year: None nominated.

Speedo LSC Sponsorship: Speedo contacted Rick Lewis re becoming the CSI (LSC) official sponsor. This would largely be in the form of Speedo goods given CSI. Motion made to allow Rick Lewis to obtain further details and contract information from Speedo. Approved.

FAST Online Entries for Clubs: Few clubs and another LSC have inquired about using FAST for club entries outside of championship meets. Nan will ask clubs for more specific information, get a quote from Dale Maine, and solicit interest from all CSI clubs regarding this possibility.

Athlete Travel: It was noted that requests are down from last season. It was suggested that Senior Committee recommend assistance for Legend meets and Grand Prix meets. 2014-2015 assistance is approved.

Coach Grant: Three applications were received. \$500 each awarded to Kaeley Steinnagel, Henk Janson, and Emmanuel Canelas. Coach Reps will notify awardees. Approved.

Banquet Update: Instead of postcards, notification was handled through club coaches and contacts. Successful response. There will be no DJ. There will be a photo booth. Possible guest speakers were discussed.

Delinquent Splash Fees: Board agreed that clubs with outstanding splash fees would be sent final notice of payment due. If payment not rec'd in 30 days, the club will be considered in poor standing and suspended. Athletes will swim unattached until club is in good standing.

CSI Financials: CSI Financials ending August 31, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

Report of Officers

General Chair: No report

Athlete Reps: Maddie Snow reported athletes will work with committee chairs to determine athlete availability.

Administrative Chair: Todd Gordon will review policies and controls. Recommends LSC advance through LEAP levels.

Treasurer: Sue Lecza attended USA Swimming treasurers' workshop. Moved to online version of Quick Books where administrators create invoices, etc. Using Chase Paymentech as service merchant with approx. 20% annual savings to processing fees. Financials for yearend were reviewed. Some outstanding invoices however will end year with a surplus.

Senior Committee: Rick Lewis reported for Randy Erlenbach that work is beginning on SC championship meet and facility constraints.

Program Development: Kaeley Steinnagel will submit meeting dates, time standard deadlines, etc.

Technical Planning: No report.

Coach Reps: Mark Sedlak reports that plans are underway for a coach swimposium in April.

Coach at Large: No report

Safety: No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM

Submitted by Nan Cooper