

**DRAFT**  
**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**House of Delegates Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, September 23, 2017, 1:15 PM**  
**The Graduate Club, 155 Elm Street, New Haven, CT**

**MINUTES**

*Vision Statement: Connecticut Swimming...better life through swimming. Mission Statement: Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.*

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair Ellen Johnston (EJ) called the meeting to order at The Graduate Club in New Haven at 1:21pm.

**Present Board Members:** Ken Gray, Jack Gray, Dave Heller, Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnston, Sue Lecza, Rick Lewis (Ex Officio), Jen Lyman, Joan Lynch, Dan Mascolo, Dave Reilly, Rob Riccobon, Erin Ritz, Jim Robison, Suzannah Rogers, John Scaldini, Kaeley Steinnagel, Miku Takabayashi, Mark Wollen

**Absent Board Members:** Ed Doernberger, Todd Gordon, Rick LaFrenierre, Tylor Mathieu, Marissa McNary, McAllistar Milne, Dave Modzelewski, Duffy Mudry, Jason Paige

**Clubs Present:** AJSC, ARAC, BDEV, BEAR, BSY, BULL, CAT, CCSU, CDOG, COAC, CPAC, EDS, FINS, FVYT, GLAS, GRYM, GWYB, GYWD, HHAC, HMST, IVY, LEHY, MAC, MJCC, MRDN, MSC, NCA, NCY, NFAF, NMBS, NMEG, NOMA, NWYL, OXO, PAC, PACK, PSDY, RAC, RAYS, RYWC, SHKS, SLAC, SMST, SOCO, STAM, SYS, TP, UCON, VSYM, WAC, WEST, WHAT, WRAT, WRTS, WWRX, WYW, YCST, ZEUS

**Clubs Not Present:** CAC, CCAT, FFLY, HNHS, ICSC, LST, NSC, S70, SA, SHU, SJCC, TAC, WFYD

**Also Present:** Nan Cooper

## **Roll Call**

**Adoption of Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2017 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

**Welcome/Announcements/General Chair's Report:** General Chair Ellen Johnston welcomed all to the Fall 2017 House of Delegates Meeting. She noted CSI is in the forefront of all LSC's, and the Board of Directors is a very committed group of volunteers working hard for the betterment of CSI. Several task forces have been set up within the Board (i.e., to review the meet setup and bidding process, to review the Coaches Education Grant, etc.) EJ reviewed the past year, noting many highs and some lows. Highs included a Junior National Champion (Kate Douglass) and a member of

the National Junior Team (Kieran Smith). Losses included the passing of four long time CT Swimming members and volunteers: Chris Moran, Joe Brophy, Judy Snow and Bill Krumm, all of whom gave in so many ways to CSI and to the sport of swimming. Additionally, the Age group Coach of the Year Award is now the Bill Krumm Age Group Coach of the Year Award.

EJ summarized the USA Aquatics Convention, noting that USA Swimming governance has been completely overhauled. The USA Swimming BOD will now be more strategic, less operational, and certain jobs such as Zone Coordinator will no longer be part of the Board. Also discussed, USA Swimming has hired a consultant to review tech suit policies for younger athletes.

## **Reports of Officers, Committee Chairs, and Coordinators**

**General Chair** – Ellen Johnston (report above with Welcome)

**Administrative Vice-Chair** – Dave Reilly No Report.

**Treasurer** – Sue Lecza

SL distributed and reviewed the preliminary financial statements as of (and for the year ended) August 31, 2017 Net Income is shown as \$29.6K, but there may still be some outstanding expenses to be paid. The financial statements will be going to the auditors in the next month or two.

A question was asked about Timing Operator Expense, and if there is an amount budgeted to pay the timing operator for championship meets, or is it expected to be done by a volunteer. *EJ said she would find out and follow up.*

**Finance Vice-Chair** – Todd Gordon – No report.

**Age Group Committee Chair** – Dan Mascolo – No report.

**Senior Committee Chair** – Jason Paige – No report.

**Technical Planning Committee Chair** – Jen Lyman

The Eastern Zone has made the decision that Age Group Short Course Zones will be cutoff times, and will be entered by individual team coaches. Swimmers will be representing their teams (and relays and scoring will be by individual teams). There will NOT be a CSI Zone team.

**Program Development Vice Chair** – Kaeley Steinnagel

Cutoff times for Age Groups and Seniors will be completed in October. CSI

Championship meets for Short Course are as follows:

Regionals – March 2-4 at various sites

Seniors – March 8-11 at Wesleyan

Age Groups – March 15-18 at Chelsea Piers CT

A new annual award is being created in Honor of Judy Snow. The award will be for a swimmer volunteer of the year. The criteria will be established and communicated in the near future, and will be based on a point system. The first award will be given at the awards banquet in 2018.

**Officials Committee Chair** – Ken Gray

USA Swimming has approved a modification to the Medley Rule. Swimmer can come off the wall on their back, but must be past vertical before any progressive movement.

**Program Operations Co-Vice Chairs** – Suzannah Rogers/Mark Wollen - No report.

**Coaches Representatives** – Dave Modzelewski/Erin Ritz

ER discussed how they are relooking at the Coaches Education Grant to revise if necessary. For the current year, 6 coaches applied, and there are 4 total grants. Based on scoring system, 3 have the highest scores and will each be awarded \$500 (Dennis Flores, Jen Lyman and Dan Mascolo). There was a 3-way tie for the fourth, and it will therefore be split among them (Kevin Quill, Emmanuel Lanzo and Kaeley Steinnagel).

**Athlete Representatives** – Jack Gray/Miku Takabayashi

Athlete Reps summarized their athlete survey results for two questions (with 155 respondents):

- (1) What timing do you prefer for Senior Championships (Dec, Feb or March)?  
60% said they prefer March.
- (2) Where would you prefer to have Senior Championships?  
78% said they prefer Wesleyan to Chelsea Piers.

**Operational Risk Co-Coordination** – Jim Robison – No report.

**Safe Sport Coordinator** – Rick Riccobon – No report.

**Registration/Membership Coordinator** – Rick LaFrenierre

**Zone Coordinator Member-At-Large** – John Scaldini

The Eastern Zone has made the decision that Age Group Short Course Zones qualification will be based on cutoff times, and will be entered by individual team coaches. Swimmers will no longer be representing CT Swimming, but will be representing their teams (and relays and scoring will be by individual teams). There will NOT be a CSI Zone team. Qualifying times will be posted by the end of next week.

**New Business**

**Proposed LC Regional Championship Format Changes**

KS, HJ, DM reviewed the options for LC Regional format changes which were previously distributed. Each delegate voted for one of five options presented (see Attachment 1).

*(Results are noted with each option.)*

- **Option 1 (received 12% of vote):** (i) 10&u SCY meet (finale) to be held a separate weekend than 11&o. Possibility of holding it the same weekend as Senior Championships. (ii) One meet for swimmers 11&o who are within a certain percentage of AG cuts (i.e., all kids who are within 10% of making the AG cut qualify for this meet.)
- **Option 2 (received 21% of vote):** No change to the current LC Regional format.
- **Option 3 (received 18% of vote):** (i) One meet for swimmers who are within a certain percentage of AG Cuts (e.g., all kids who are within 10% of making the AG cut qualify for this meet.) (ii) The rest of the weekend is open for any and all CSI teams to run meets. All meets must have a max cap time of the above.
- **Option 4 (received 16% of vote):** Eliminate LC Regionals all together and open the weekend up to all clubs to host meets.
- **Option 5 (received 30% of vote):** (i) Silver Championships – One meet for the swimmers who are within a certain percentage of AG Cuts (i.e., all kids who are within 10% of making the AG cut qualify for this meet.) (ii) Bronze Championships – The rest of the weekend are meets bid out by CSI much like Regionals with max cuts, etc.

**3% Abstained.**

**2018 Spring House of Delegates Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018.**

Business portion of meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

### **Guest Speaker**

Scott Driscoll, Internet Safety Concepts, Law Enforcement Officer, Educator and Parent  
Topics covered included:

- Today's current apps and programs
- Cyber bullying/texting
- Social networking, positives & negatives
- How to protect kids from becoming victims
- How we create digital footprints
- Safety tips for coaches/professionals on how to protect themselves online

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Joan Lynch*  
*Secretary*