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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MEETING
May 17, 2016

General Chairman Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at the Beckerman Athletic Center at 225 Skiff St. Hamden, CT at 7:36 p.m.

Present Board Members: Rick Lewis, Jim Robison, Suzannah Rogers, Susan Lecza, Chuck Clark, Henk Jansen, Nancy Wargo, Kaeley Steinnagel, Todd Gordon, Randy Erlenbach, Mark Sedlak, Ellen Johnston, John Scaldini, David Heller, Erin Ritz and Clayton Morikawa

Absent Board Members: Ed Doernberger, Brooke Hendee, Katie Cunningham, Rica Generosa, Lindsay Gordon and Rick LaFrenierre

Clubs Present: AJSC, ARAC, BDEV, BEAR, CAC, CAT, CCAT, CDOG, CPAC, FVYT, GLAS, GRYM, GYWD, HHAC, HMST, IVY, LEHY, MJCC, MRDN, NCA, NCY, NMEG, OAK, OMNI, PAC, PACK, PSDY, RAC, RAYS, RYWC, SHKS, SHU, SMST, SOCO, SYS, TP, UCON, VSYM, WAC, WEST, WFYD, WHAT, WRAT, WRTS, WWRX, WYW, ZEUS

Also Present: Ginger McCurdy and Nan Cooper

Roll Call of Attendees

Approval of Agenda: A motion to accept the Agenda as written was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2015 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

Welcome/Announcements/General Chairman's Report: General Chair Rick Lewis welcomed all in attendance to the Spring 2016 House of Delegates Meeting. Mr. Lewis expressed the thanks and appreciation of CT Swimming membership for the hard work of all CSI Officers throughout the year. CT Swimming has been very busy during the first 5 months of 2016. Mr. Lewis announced that he attended USA Swimming's General Chair Meeting in Colorado Springs and the Eastern Zone Meeting in Atlantic City.

New Business

Presentation and Approval of the 2016-2017 Budget – Ellen Johnston

The 2016-2017 Budget was presented and made available to all attendees. This was the second budget which maintains the USA Swimming registration fee at \$70.00. The budget includes an increase in club registration fees. The budget included a reduction in Senior travel funding because it is a post Olympic year. See Budget Handout.

Motion made and unanimously approved to accept the 2016-2017 Budget.

Short Course Senior Championships – Randy Erlenbach

Competition format was short course in the morning and long course at night. The Summer 2016 Long Course meet is all scheduled and ready to go. The 2017 Senior Short Course Meet is scheduled for March 9 – 12, 2017 which is three (3) weeks prior to Sectionals.

Short Course Age Group Championships – Mark Sedlak

A decision regarding the 2017 Short Course Age Group location will be made in June of 2016.

House of Delegate Meeting Suggestions – Rick Lewis

A suggestion was made to combine the House of Delegates meetings with Officials and Coaches Training.

Elections – David Heller

David Heller, Nominating Committee Chairman reported the following nominations for election to the CSI Board of Directors: General Chair: Ellen Johnston (WRAT), Administrative Vice-Chair: Dave Reilly (WAC), Finance Vice-Chair: Todd Gordon (RAC), Program Development Committee Chair: Kaeley Steinnagel (LEHY), Senior Committee Chair: Jason Paige (RYWC), and Secretary: Joan Lynch (GYWD).

The Slate of Officers was elected by unanimous voice acclamation.

Disability Chair and Safety Chair Board Vacancies – Rick Lewis

Anyone interested in serving as the CSI Disability Chair or the CSI Safety Chair should contact Rick Lewis to express interest or to obtain information about these open CSI Board positions.

2017 Club Registration Requirements and Increased Registration Fees

CSI is raising the club registration fee for 2017 from \$300.00 to \$500.00 and each club will receive a refund/credit of \$100.00 for each HOD meeting attended by a club representative during 2017. (Total refund/credit per year of \$200.00).

2017 Fall House of Delegates Meeting

The Fall 2017 House of Delegates Meeting will be conducted on Saturday October 1, 2016 at the Shelton, CT Marriott Courtyard Hotel in conjunction with the annual CSI Officials Meeting and a Coaches Clinic.

Reports of Officers

General Chair – Rick Lewis No Report

Administrative Vice Chair – Todd Gordon

Mr. Gordon explained the financial benefits received from the CSI contract with Speedo. In addition, Mr. Gordon announced that CSI is continuing to make digital and internet improvements to the CSI website.

Treasurer – Susan Lecza

Ms. Lecza reported that the CSI fiscal year ends on August 31, 2016. Ms. Lecza announced that the CT Swimming financial reserves are reasonable and appropriate and that CSI continues to maintain a strong financial position. See Handout.

Finance Vice Chair – Ellen Johnston No Report

Age Group Committee – Mark Sedlak No Report

Senior Committee – Randy Erlenbach No Report

Technical Planning Committee – Henk Jensen

CSI is considering bidding out its Championship meets.

Program Development – Kaeley Steinnagel No Report

Safety Committee – Vacant No Report

Officials – Nancy Wargo

See Handout Summary. CSI currently has over 350 officials. The Officials Committee is considering and examining the issue of official retention.

Program Operations – Jim Robison & Suzannah Rogers No Report

Coach Representatives – John Scaldini & Erin Ritz No Report

Athlete Representative – Clayton Morikawa

Clayton extended a warm welcome to the new athlete representatives. Their term starts on May 18, 2016.

Registration/Membership – Rick LaFrenierre No Report

Announcements – Chuck Elrick (HMST)

Coach Elrick announced that he has been actively working on building an aquatic competition facility in the New Haven area. He reported that he is trying to construct a world class pool facility. He is proposing an eight (8) lane 50 meter pool with a separate diving well with platform diving towers and a warmup/warm down pool.

The next House of Delegates Meeting is scheduled to be conducted on Saturday October 1, 2016 in Shelton, CT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Heller

Secretary