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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ATTENDANCE
May 19, 2015

General Chairman Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at the Beckerman Athletic Center at 225 Skiff St. Hamden, CT at 7:31 p.m.

Present Board Members: Rick Lewis, Maddie Snow, Jim Robison, Susan Lecza, Chuck Clark, Henk Jansen, Nancy Wargo, Kaeley Steinagel, Dave Reilly, Ed Doernberger, Brooke Hendee, Todd Gordon, Katie Cunningham, Randy Erlenbach, Mark Sedlak, Ellen Johnston, John Scaldini, Matt Hurst, Josh Furth, David Heller, Mark Sedlak

Absent Board Members: Ed Heath, Garrett Mazziotti, Lauren Bullock, Chuck Clark and Judy Snow

Clubs Present: AJSC, ARAC, BEAR, CAC, CAT, CCAT, CCSU, CDOG, CPAC, GLAS, GRYM, HHAC, HMST, LEHY, MJCC, NCY, NMEG, OAK, OMNI, PACK, PSDY, RAC, SHKS, SMST, SNCO, SYS, TAC, VSYM, WAC, WHAT, WRAT, WWRX, WYW, ZEUS

Also Present: Ginger McCurdy, Rica Generosa, Ty Seymour and Nan Cooper

Keith Brown, BEAR; Ken Pierson, HHAC; Nick Cavataro GYWD; Heather Flaherty, GYRM; Joanne McCaffery WYW; Ed ?, SYS; Matt Donovan, UCONN; Yolanda Jahan, GRYM; Ann McCann, AJSC; John McCann, AJSC; Chuck Elrick, HMST; Mike O'Brien, ARAC; Kim Corredor, OAK; Matt Hurst, SNCO; Mark Kinne, GLAS; Kristen Skroski, ARAC; Ken Gray, NMEG; Rob Riccobon, WHAT; Ty Seymour, UN; Jamie Barone, CPAC; Dave Polsky, IVY; Mike Ferraro, NCY; Bill Repass CCSU; Dennis Rodney, ZEUS; John Spadafina, UN; Kevin Stone, GRYM; Joe Guenther, MSC; Chandler Crosby, WRAT; Keith Cargan, CCAT; Jen Lyman, NMEG; Bill Ball, BDEV/CCSU; Sean Raffile, PACK; Dave Laudati MJCC; Davide Mendonca, VSYM; William Poley, NFAF; Michael Huffman, CCSU; Jill Bornstein, RAC; Mario Francisco Sobrinho, FVYM; Jon Caswell, CAC; Lindsey Gordon, RAC; Ted Weeks, VSYM; Tim Wise, OMNI; Jason Paige, RYWC; Dan Mascolo, CDOG; Phillip James RYWC; Leon Istambouli, RYWC.

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 May 20, 2014 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

Welcome/Announcements/General Chairman's Report: General Chair Rick Lewis welcomed all in attendance to the Spring 2015 House of Delegates Meeting. Mr. Lewis announced that the past year was a very good year for CT Swimming on both the local and the national level. In addition, Mr. Lewis announced that he attended the May 2015 Eastern Zone meeting on behalf of CT Swimming. He reminded all in attendance that 2016 is an Olympic year and as a result some changes in scheduling will occur because of the Olympics. Mr. Lewis expressed the thanks and appreciation of CT Swimming to Maddie Snow for all of her hard work and efforts as an Athlete Representative on behalf of CT Swimming.

Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice Chair – Todd Gordon

Mr. Gordon announced that he has been updating the CSI Bylaws and procedures and working on simplifying the CSI athlete election process. He has been investigating sponsorship opportunities for CT Swimming and he has been assisting the Athlete Representatives with programming and activities.

Treasurer – Susan Lecza

Ms. Lecza reported that the CSI fiscal year ends on August 31, 2015 and CSI achieved a \$63,000 income increase as of August 31, 2014. Ms. Lecza announced that the CT Swimming financial reserves are reasonable and appropriate and that the budget numbers are very strong for the current year.

Finance Vice Chair – Ellen Johnston

CT Swimming's finances are strong and progressing well.

Age Group Committee – Dave Reilly

See Handout.

Senior Committee – Randy Erlenbach

To be discussed during New Business.

Technical Planning Committee – Henk Jensen

Surcharges reduced slightly and reduction is retroactive for all 2014-2015 short course meets.

Program Development – Kaeley Steinnagel

Ms. Steinnagel announced that the Committee has been working hard and is very active and has addressed many issues throughout the past year.

Safety Committee – Ed Heath

No Report.

Officials – Nancy Wargo

See Handout. The Officials Committee conducted AO Certifications and Clinics. Clinic opportunities were expanded for all levels of officials. As of May 2015, 27 Officials Clinics had already been conducted. A 26% increase in National Certification among CT officials has been achieved. In addition, there has been a significant increase in activity by CSI officials at national level meets. The "Catch the Wave" annual end of year registration program improved official registrations and re-certifications. In addition, the Officials Committee is updating the CSI Officials Manual on a regular and consistent basis.

Program Operations – Jim Robison

See Handout. The meet sanction process has been improved through the use of the CSI website.

Coach Representatives – Mark Sedlak

Mr. Sedlak announced that planning is taking place to conduct a Fall 2015 Coaches Clinic on Saturday September 19, 2015. The Coach Representatives are making efforts to increase and improve the involvement and engagement of all CSI Coaches.

Athlete Representative – Katie Cunningham, Rica Generosa, Brooke Hendee, Garrett Mazziotti and Maddie Snow

In 2014, 3 new Junior Athlete Representatives were elected and in March 2015, 2 new Athlete Representatives were elected. It was announced that Ty Seymour is the Eastern Zone Athlete Representative to USA Swimming.

Registration/Membership – Judy Snow

No Report.

Presentation and Approval of the Annual Budget for 2015-2016

The 2015-2016 Budget was presented and explained to all attendees. It was announced that the annual USA Swimming registration fee for the next three years (2016, 2017 and 2018) will be \$70.00 to register as a member of CT Swimming. The registration fee for USA team membership as a CSI team was increased to \$300.00 from \$200.00. The 2015-2016 Budget was unanimously approved.

Elections

David Heller, Nominating Committee Chairman reported the following nominations for election to the CSI Board of Directors: Program Operations Division Vice Co-Chairs: Jim Robison (CDOG) and Suzannah Rogers (S70), Officials Committee Chair: Nancy Wargo (ZEUS), Age Group Committee Chair: Mark Sedlak (S70), Registration Coordinator: Rick LaFreniere (UN), Treasurer: Susan Lecza (SYS), Technical Planning Committee Chair: Henk Jansen (PSDY), Safety Committee Chair: Heather Flaherty (GRYM), Junior Coach Representative: Erin Ritz (GRYM).

The following individuals were nominated to be members of the CSI Administrative Board of Review: John Spadafina, Dave Reilly, Garret Wichowsky, Keith Brown, Maddie Snow, Mario Franco, Ellen Johnston, Jeff Gray, Ty Seymour, Tim Wise, Dennis Rodney and David Heller

The following individuals were nominated by General Chair Rick Lewis as members of the Eastern Zone Board of Review: Jeff Gray, Ty Seymour and David Heller.

The Slate of Officers and Administrative Board of Review nominees were elected by unanimous voice acclamation.

Guest Speaker – Jim Sheehan – President USA Swimming

USA Swimming President Sheehan expressed his thanks and appreciation for the efforts of all CT Swimming members and athletes. He also reported on several new programs sponsored by USA Swimming and advised everyone in attendance that he was always available to answer any questions or address any issues on behalf of USA Swimming.

New Business

Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to Age Group Championships

Primarily because of deck and spectator seating and capacity issues and recent Wesleyan University restrictions and limitations, the Age Group Championship meet was recently designated as a 14 and under Championship meet.

A motion was made by GYWD Head Coach Nick Cavataro to rescind the Age Group Championship Meet format that was recently approved at the CSI Committee level for 2016 and for the General Chair to appoint a special Committee to analyze and evaluate the Short Course Age Group Championship Meet format. Discussion occurred and a roll call vote was taken on the motion. The motion to rescind the new Age Group Championship Meet format was defeated by a vote of 41 to 2.

Senior Committee Report

Short Course Senior Championships will be held on February 18 – 20, 2016. The format will be short course morning trials and long course evening finals. A short course Last Chance Meet will be conducted on March 17 – 20, 2016 and the meet may be held at Wesleyan University depending upon availability of the pool.

Meet Cancellation Sanction Fee Refund Request

Chuck Elrick reported that a short course meet scheduled to be conducted at Hopkins pool was not held because of lack of interest. However, the meet was not cancelled. Coach Elrick requested a refund of the \$300 sanction fee which request was denied.

Next House of Delegates Meeting to be conducted on September 19, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Heller

Secretary