

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7:30 PM
High Plains Community Center, Orange, 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 7:40PM. *Note: Due to inclement weather, teams are excused if they were unable to attend due to the weather.*

Present Board Members: Graham Bodner, Ellen Johnston, Sue Lecza, Jen Lyman, Joan Lynch, Dave Modzelewski, Duffy Mudry, Matt Pohlman, Dave Reilly, Rob Riccobon, Suzannah Rogers, John Scaldini, Kaeley Steinnagel, Mark Wollen

Absent Board Members: Kyle Brown, Ed Doernberger, Ken Gray, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Rick LaFrenierre, Tylor Mathieu, Marissa McNary, McAllistar Milne, Richard Nolan, Jason Paige, Jim Robison

Clubs Present: AJSC, ARAC, BEAR, BULL, CAC, CAT, CCAT, CCSU, CDOG, COAC, CPAC, FFLY, FINS, FVYT, GLAS, GRIT, GRYM, GWYB, GYWD, HHAC, HMST, HNHY, IVY, LEHY, MAC, MJCC, NCA, NFAF, NMBS, NMEG, NWYL, OXO, PAC, PACK, PSDY, RAC, RYWC, SAQ, SHU, SLAC, SMST, SOCO, SYS, TP, UCON, VSYM, WAC, WEST, WHAT, WRAT, WRTS, WWRX, WYW, ZEUS

Clubs Not Present: BSY, FAC, HNHS, ICSC, LST, MSC, NCY, NSC, RAYS, S70, SEAL, SHKS, SJCC, SSAC, STAM, TAC, WFYD, YCST

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to accept the Agenda for this meeting, as distributed. Unanimously approved.

Adoption of Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2018 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

Welcome/Announcements/General Chair's Report – Ellen Johnston:

Ellen shared some thoughts as she begins her second term, including:

1. Strongly recommend taking time off, to allow for rest and reflection.
2. Lots of lists of things to be done in the upcoming year.
3. Looking to do everything possible as stewards of CT Swimming and governance.
4. Great things came out of CT Swimming this past year, which will be celebrated at the Banquet on November 4th, including:
 - 4 swimmers made the National Junior Team: Kieran Smith, AJ Bornstein, Kate Douglass and Connor Hunt (Open Water)
 - Two coaches were on National Junior Team coaching staff: Emmanuel Lanzo and Jaime Barone.
 - Open Water Achievement Award was presented to the Open Water National Junior Team, which Connor Hunt was a part of.
 - CT Swim hosted Eastern Zone Open Water Swim Championships for the first time, and will do it again in 2019 and 2020.

EJ summarized the USA Aquatics Convention, noting that USA Swimming passed a whole new set of ByLaws, which have been condensed down to 25-30 items, in order to simplify. Rules were passed banning the use of tech suits for 12&unders beginning in 2020 (with few exceptions). Ellen will ask Technical Planning to revisit the tech suit policies within CSI, and perhaps implement these rules sooner to prepare our swimmers for the new rules.

The Age Group Committee Chair has been open due to Dan Mascolo moving out of Connecticut, and therefore EJ is hereby appointing **Gordon Brown** to the position of Age Group Chair, to finish out Dan's term. The Age Group Committee is staying together, and will help Gordon get acclimated.

The first in-person CSI Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 25th. If you have any questions or have something you want addressed, please let Ellen know.

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 financial statements as of (and for the year ended) August 31, 2018. Net Income is shown as \$16K, which is a bit higher than budgeted, due mainly to the SC Zone Team not traveling as a CSI team, resulting in savings. Registration income continues to grow for Athletes and Non-Athletes, which is good. Surcharges have also grown, and there will be some reductions this year with the mini meets, and on the 10&U meets.

Cash on hand is approximately \$900K. Sue stated that CSI cash reserves are not the highest of all the LSC's, but they are far from the lowest. She feels it is prudent to have reserves on hand. These financial statements will be going to the auditors.

Finance Vice-Chair – Ellen Johnston (for Todd Gordon). CSI is financially solid, and is continually looking for opportunities to invest in the future of our swimmers.

Age Group Committee Chair – Gordon Brown – No report.

Senior Committee Chair – Jason Paige – Looking to begin planning Senior Championships, and finalizing and paying out senior travel reimbursements.

Technical Planning Committee Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel – Silver Championships will happen this year. Date is set in stone. KS looking to support the new AGC Chair, and especially looking to make the 10&under sessions at Age Groups more robust. 12&under tech suits will be on the agenda for the year as well.

Banquet Update – If deadlines are missed (to order awards, or to rsvp), there will be NO EXCEPTIONS, so please communicate this to your swimmers. We are very excited to have Josh Davis as our speaker and emcee for the Banquet. He is a 5-time Olympic Gold Medalist, and professional motivational speaker. Our goal is to keep the program going through dinner so that the Banquet will end at a reasonable time.

Program Development Vice-Chair – Jen Lyman – Looking forward to a good year.

Officials Committee Chair – Ken Gray – not present.

Program Operations Co-Vice-Chairs – Suzannah Rogers/Mark Wollen – nothing to report.

Coaches Representatives – Dave Modzelewski/Graham Bodner – Age Group Coach of the Year is Jeremy Cochran (who has subsequently relocated to coach at NCAP), and Senior Coach of the Year is Dave Reilly. Two Coach Education Grants were awarded to: Dave Modzelewski and Graham Bodner, based on a points earned and application process.

Athlete Representatives – Richard Nolan attended the USA Swimming Convention last week. While not present tonight, he sent an update saying how much he appreciates and thanks CSI for the opportunity to represent CSI at the convention.

Operational Risk Co-Coordinators – Duffy Mudry/Jim Robison – Safety training curriculum is changing for coaches. Watch out for additional information.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Rob Riccobon – Rob is a police officer, and has helped Ellen to understand the risks. Ellen publicly thanked Rob for all the work he has been doing. Rob stated there were three cases brought to him over the past four months. All were forwarded to USA Swimming Center for Safe Sport. He also fields phone calls/questions, and is happy to help if anyone has an issue or questions, or needs additional information.

He reminded everyone that if you are a coach, you are a mandated reporter. Rob was asked if he could provide mandated reporter guidelines, and what procedures must be followed. Kaeley said she would work with Rob on this, in order to get guidelines out to all. (Basically, if you see something, say something.)

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Rick LaFrenierre – Registrations are ongoing.

Zone Coordinator Member-At-Large – John Scaldini – Zone championship meets will be the same format as last year. Short Course is Club entry only. Long Course will be an LSC meet as in prior years. SC will be held in Rochester (Webster) again, and LC in Richmond again.

New Business

2019 Spring House of Delegates Meeting Date and Location – Will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30pm (location TBD).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Lynch
Secretary*