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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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October 3, 2009
The Graduate Club, New Haven, CT

General Chair Jeff Gray called the meeting to order at the Graduate Club in New Haven, CT at 1:00 P.M.

Present Board Members: Ed Becker, Peter Boucher, Ed Doernberger, Dennis Flores, Jeff Gray, David Heller, Mike Huffman, Henk Jansen, Cooper Kearns, King Lee, Rick Lewis, Dan Mascolo, Christine Pelham, Judy Snow, Kaeley Steinnagel and Mary Westcott

Not Present: Chris Hug, Lauren Solernou and Bonnie Strittmatter

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Club Delegates Present: Susan Balton (CAC), Robin Gibbons (CAT), Dan Mascolo and Sean Farrell (CDOG), Tak Takabayashi and Mark Kinne (GLAS), Gary Cavaliere (HNHS), David Laudati (MJCC), King Lee (MSC), David Heller (NTSC), Mathew Whittico and Wesley Crozier (NMEG), Henk Jansen (PSDY), Rob Shearer (RAC), Rick Lewis (SHKS), Chuck Clark (SMST), Cooper Kearns and Mary Westcott (SNCO), Karim Mabrouk (UAC), Ellen Johnston (WRAT), Lisa Demers and Clara Beaulieu (WWRX), Randy Erlenbach (WYW), Omar Cruz and Dennis Flores (ZEUS)

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

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the May 2009 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

Welcome and Announcements and Chairman's Report: General Chair Jeff Gray welcomed all in attendance to the October 2009 House of Delegates Meeting. Mr. Gray wished Board Member Rick Lewis a happy birthday. Mr. Gray reported that CT Swimming is very strong. He reported to the membership about 4 primary areas: Participation, Competition, Financial Status and Volunteer Support Base. Mr. Gray reported that he was very excited about serving his final year as the General Chair for CT Swimming. He also reported that important elections would take place in May of 2010.

Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice Chair – Chris Hug

General Chair Gray reported on behalf of Mr. Hug that Connecticut Swimming is continuing to update and amend its Bylaws. Revisions and updates to the Bylaws will be presented to the House of Delegates for approval at the Spring HOD meeting in May of 2010. Scholar athletes will be recognized at the CSI Banquet in November of 2009. The Vice Chair is currently working on strategic planning regarding the future direction of the LSC.

Treasurer – Mary Westcott

Connecticut Swimming continues to maintain a good financial position and status. Budget planning to start in early 2010.

Finance Vice Chair – Bonnie Strittmatter

No Report.

Age Group Committee – King Lee

The Age Group Committee reported that it will continue organizing and running outstanding short course and long course championship meets. The Committee would like to have an athlete join the Age Group Committee. The Committee intends to address the length of certain sessions at the Age Group Championship meet.

Senior Committee – Henk Jansen

The Committee approved the Short Course Meet Announcement and the Short Course Senior Meet Cutoff times.

Program Development – Rick Lewis

The first Committee meeting was conducted on September 30, 2009. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for a teleconference on October 13, 2009.

Program Operations – Mike Huffman

The Committee is busy approving and posting Short Course meet announcements.

Technical Planning – Kaeley Steinnagel

No Report – See Handout.

Coach Representatives – Dennis Flores and Dan Mascolo

The Coaches Representatives urged anyone to contact them regarding any problems or concerns.

Athlete Representatives – Cooper Kearns

The Athlete Representatives are in the process of forming an Athlete Committee and selecting an Athlete to be on the Age Group Committee.

Coach at Large – Christine Pelham

Ms. Pelham reported that she would like to see an athlete on every CSI Committee. Ms. Pelham announced that five Coaches Grants were awarded by Connecticut Swimming. The grants were awarded to Rick Lewis (SHKS), Roger Simmons (WCYM), Kaeley Steinnagel (LEHY), Jon Levine (BEAR) and John Spadafina (NCY).

Safety – Peter Boucher

The Safety Chair is making every effort to make safety training available in all sections of the state.

Officials – Ed Becker

OTS – the Officials Tracking System is being adopted by CSI. CSI may change its officials' certification program requirements and procedures. Mr. Becker is hoping to increase the number of clinics offered for new and recertifying officials.

Registration – Judy Snow

Connecticut Swimming has registered over 5,000 swimmers for 2009 – a new record. Judy expressed appreciation for all of the assistance provided to her by her new assistants Ginger and Rick.

Reports of Committees and Coordinators

Long Course Zone Team Report – Tak Takabayashi

Tak Takabayashi reported on the Long Course Zone Team trip to Penn State on August 12 – 15, 2009. The meet was conducted in an outdoor pool at Penn State and one session was cancelled due to thunderstorms. 114 CSI swimmers between the ages of 8 and 18 participated. The team was coached by 6 coaches and was supervised by many hard working chaperones. CT Swimming finished in 8th place. The 2010 Short Course Zone meet will be conducted in upstate New York near Rochester. The 2010 Long Course Zone meet will be held in Maryland.

CSI Annual Awards Banquet – Peter Boucher

The CSI Awards Banquet will be held at the Aqua Turf in Southington, CT on November 1, 2009.

Time Standards – George Miles

No Report.

New Business

Rob Shearer (RAC) inquired about removing 15 – 19 age groups from the Age Group Long Course Championships and having them swim in Long Course Senior Championships. A discussion was conducted regarding this issue.

Cooper Kearns expressed thanks and appreciation to CSI for supporting the recent athlete training trip to Colorado Springs on behalf of the swimmers who participated.

Next House of Delegates Meeting to be conducted on May 18, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Heller
Secretary