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**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**

**House of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2020, 12:00 PM Noon**

**Westport Weston Family YMCA Camp Mahackeno Outdoor Amphitheater and Live Stream Video**

**MINUTES**

*Vision Statement: Connecticut Swimming...better life through swimming.*

*Mission Statement: Connecticut Swimming provides 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 12:10PM.

**Present Board Members:** Dennis Flores, Kristen Finnegan, Todd Gordon, Dave Heller, Ellen Johnston, Sue Lecza, Rick Lewis, Jen Lyman, Joan Lynch, Davide Mendonca, Kathleen Mendonca, Claire Michalik, Greg Pinchbeck, Dave Pite, Matt Pohlman, John Scaldini, Kaeley Steinnagel, Mark Wollen

**Absent Board Members:** Kyle Brown, Maddie Haley, Meghan Lynch, Richard Nolan, David Modzelewski, Duffy Mudry, Richard Nolan, Jason Paige

**Clubs Present:** AJSC, ARAC, BSY, BULL, CAC, CCSU, CDOG, FFLY, FINS, FVYT, GLAS, GRIT, GRYM, GYWD, HHAC, HMST, IVY, LEHY, LST, MAC, MJCC, NCA, NFAF, NMBS, NMEG, NWYL, OAK, ORCA, OXO, PAC, PSDY, RAC, RAYS, RYWC, SAQ, SHKS, SHU, SJCC, SLAC, SMST, SOCO, SYS, TP, VSYM, WAC, WEST, WHAT, WRAT, WRTS, WWRX, WYW

**Clubs Not Present:** BEAR, CAT, CPAC, FFLY, GWYB, HNHS, MSC, NCY, NSC, SEAL, SSAC, SWAT, TAC, WFYD, WOLF, YALE, ZEUS

**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 October 29, 2019 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

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

EJ welcomed everyone to the meeting. She especially thanked Mark Wollen for setting up the technology to run this meeting combining Zoom attendees with in-person attendees. She summarized the unusual year, and thanked everyone for their support.

EJ finished her remarks by saying we are all here for our swimmers. The upcoming CSI Awards Banquet will be held on Zoom in November. Thank you all for helping our young swimmers develop as their coaches, parents and volunteers.

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

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

**Administrative Vice-Chair** – Rick Lewis - No Report.

**Treasurer – Sue Lecza** – SL reviewed the financial statements as of (and for the year ended) August 31, 2020. Sue reviewed the 2019-20 Financial Statements which were previously distributed, showing the following: Revenues decreased from \$1,041,162 in 2018-19 to \$718,156 in 2019-20 (budget was \$1,010,000), Expenses decreased from \$987,887 to \$715,268 (budget was \$1,017,000), and Net Income decreased from \$62,221 in 2018-19 to \$6,204 in 2019-20 (budget was Loss of \$7,000). Therefore, we still were ahead of budget by \$13,000 in 2019-20 due to net reduction in expenses from cancelations due to the pandemic.

**Finance Vice-Chair** – Todd Gordon presented the 2020-21 Budget in the ‘Presentation and Approval of the 2020-21 Budget’ section below.

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

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

**Technical Planning Committee Chair** – Kaeley Steinnagel – Kaeley thanked Ellen, reiterating how it was not an easy year, and she personally appreciates all the support Ellen has provided.

**Program Development Vice-Chair** – Jen Lyman – No report.

**Officials Committee Chair - Dave Pite** – CSI had great attendance at the annual Officials Meeting on Zoom. Morale and spirits are good, and all are hoping to be out of the pandemic soon and onto the pool decks again. Reviewed the ‘Return to Competition’ protocol. Dave said he is proud of the officials who have been officiating these meets, taking all the required precautions. Dave specifically thanked Mark Wollen, Dylan Lee and Suzannah Rogers for all their recent help.

Dave noted that if a club does not have enough officials, they can email Dave directly before submitting the meet into Program Operations. He will help to find officials for meets.

**Program Operations Vice-Chair - Mark Wollen** – Mark stated they are attempting to put together an 18&U championship meet in Connecticut, but are having a very difficult time finding a venue. If you have thoughts or ideas, please let him know.

**Coachers Reps – Kristen Finnegan** – Nothing to report.

**Athlete Reps – Kyle Brown/Richard Nolan/Madie Haley/Meghan Lynch/Claire Michalik** – Thank you to Kyle Brown and Richard Nolan who have graduated and rolled off the Board. Welcome to the new Athlete Rep and Athlete Reps At Large.

**Registration/Membership Coordinator – Kathleen and Davide Mendonca** – Rick Lafrenierre will be retiring 1/1/21, and those clubs who had him as Registrar will be assigned a new Registrar. Very grateful for all of Rick’s contributions over the years.

**Zone Coordinator Member-At-Large - John Scaldini** – No report.

**Safe Sport - John Pinchbeck** – No report

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair** – Dennis Flores – No report.

**Presentation and Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget – Todd Gordon** –

Todd presented the 2020-21 Budget, noting it was a placeholder budget in case CSI is able to do anything. There are minimal commitments to spend dollars unless the pandemic allows for activities to commence once again, which would result in income from such activities.

**Elections – David Heller**

Mr. Heller, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked all outgoing CSI Board Members whose terms are coming to an end: Ellen Johnston, Chair, Todd Gordon, Finance Chair, Jason Paige, Senior Chair, Matt Pohlman, Coach at Large, Joan Lynch, Secretary, for their many years of service to CSI.

Mr. Heller also thanked the Nominating Committee Members who worked very hard, and have the distinction of the longest-serving Nominating Committee: David Heller (UN) Chair, Ed Becker, BULL; Ellen Johnston, WRAT; Meghan Lynch, GYWD; Kathleen Mendonca, SOCO; Matt Pohlman, UN; Jeff Sargent, WRAT, Athlete

Mr. Heller, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of candidates for your consideration and election. It has been the goal of the Nominating Committee to involve the greatest number of participants within our LSC.

David asked if there were any nominations from the floor, and there were none.

Proposed Slate:

General Chair: Rick Lewis, SHKS

Administrative Vice-Chair: Jeff Sargent, WRAT

Secretary: Lauren Lazar, GYWD  
Finance Vice-Chair: Ed Becker, BULL  
Senior Committee Chair: Rob Bouchey, NMEG  
NMEG Program Development Vice-Chair: Jen Lyman, SLAC  
Coach-at-Large: Nick Cavataro, GYWD Spencer Hartmann, OAK

***MOTION*** to approve slate of officers as presented. Passed unanimously.

*Election was held for the contested position of Coach-at-Large. Votes were received through email and in-person. Votes were tabulated using a spreadsheet to ensure one vote per voting member, either by email or in-person. Vote was won by Nick Cavataro.*

### **New Business**

**Resolution to establish the term of office of the members of the CSI Board of Directors elected during the 2020 CSI House of Delegates Meeting.**

***MOTION*** was made to establish the term of officers who were elected will take office on November 1, 2020. Passed unanimously.

### **2021 Spring House of Delegates annual meeting date and location.**

The Spring HOD Meeting is scheduled for May, 2021. Exact date, time and location to be determined.

### **CSI Annual Awards Banquet**

The Annual CSI Awards Banquet will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm on Zoom, and will also be recorded. It will be a similar presentation to the traditional banquet, expected to last about 30-40 minutes, and will also be recorded. The recording will be posted on CSI's web-site.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Lynch  
Secretary*