

## Adirondack Swimming House of Delegates Fall 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Sunday, October 2, 2011

**Time:** 10:10 AM – 11:40 AM

**Location:** Woodlin Club, Scotia, New York

### **Attendees:**

Lindsey Bailey	Clark Sports Center	*Rob MacLeod	Uncle Sam
**Niko Brosnihan	AD Board	*Carolyn Manor	AD Board
*Dave Burns	AD Board	*Bill Marilley	Swim Strong
*Lisa Chiarello	Amsterdam	*Tina Mathers	Bennington
**David Connor	AD Board	* Jeff Maxwell	Adirondack Bluefins
*David Cordone	Fulton County	*AJ McCall	Turbine Swim Club
**Meghan Cortright	Canajoharie	Amanda Mead	Canajoharie
*Sue Cortright	Canajoharie	*Connie Miller	Capital District Y
*Kim Crouse	AD Board	John Mosier	Duanesburg
*Jen Dixon	AD Board	* Paula O'Donnell	AD Board
*Chuck Dunham	Clifton Park	*Matt Phillips	Clark Sports Center
*Bill Faucett	AD Board	*Sue Rokos	Duanesburg
*JoAnn Faucett	AD Board	*Tim Rokos	Duanesburg
*Lucky Foreman	Albany Starfish	*Victor Romanov	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Kathy Furman	AD Board	**Bobby Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
**Tom Geary	Clifton Park	Patty Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Matt Glogowski	Ballston Spa	**Olivia Samson	AD Board
*Ann Korzun	AD Board	*Denni Swan-Scott	Glens Falls Gators
**Antonio Lanzi	Albany Starfish	*Art Young	AD Board
*Joseph Leirey	Kingston	*Amy Zemerling	Delmar
**Katie Leirey	Kingston	**Kelli Ziobro	Amsterdam

\* - Voting Non-athlete

\*\* - Voting Athlete

### **Spring 2011 Meeting:**

The minutes from the spring 2011 House of Delegates meeting were accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report [Mr. Peter Kalish]:**

Finances are healthy. Both income and expenses are at similar levels as last year. The balance is on target at 1 year of expenses. A copy of the expense report is provided in Attachment I.

The report was accepted.

**Registration [Ms. Kathy Furman]:**

The 2011 registrations were essentially equivalent to those of 2010, increasing slightly from 2690 in 2010 to 2710 in 2011. The registrar has begun receiving 2012 registrations as expected.

The report was accepted.

**Club Development Liaison [Ms. Ann Korzun]:**

Ann will be pulling together training for teams as we work through turnover of new meet directors and team registrars. This will help with knowledge level and continuity, thus streamlining the efforts for administration of memberships and the running of Adirondack meets.

The report was accepted.

**Administrative Vice Chair [Mr. William Faucett]:**

Sanctions went well throughout the 2010-2011 season. Two financial reports remain open from the 2011-2012 long course season. The Sanction Chair will follow up with these teams. A reminder to host Clubs that it is a requirement of USA Swimming to file the financial report with AD swimming within 45 days of the completion of the meet.

At the USA Swimming National Convention in September 2011, the House of Delegates passed legislation prohibiting the use of audio or visual recording devices in unapproved areas. The meet announcement template has been updated to include verbiage consistent with this. Host Clubs are reminded to use the meet announcement template that is on the website. It is maintained current with the USA Swimming and Adirondack Swimming requirements.

USA Swimming now requires Clubs to do pre-employment screening for all new hires. There is no requirement to perform screening for individuals already employed by the Club.

To ensure a safe meet, USA Swimming must now approve the plans for all open water events prior to posting the announcement.

Clubs wishing to run a meet must have 2 registered officials that work the meet.

USA Swimming now requires non-athletes to complete online athlete protection training (APT). No new registration or renewals can be completed until the APT is completed. Current registrations expiring in December 2011 remain current. For renewal of your

2011 registration, you should complete the APT and then renew. Taking the APT requires that you be in the USA Swimming database. Therefore, the recommended approach for new registrations is to first complete the background check, then register with USA Swimming, then complete the APT. You must complete the APT within 30 days of registering. Links to the background check, registration, and the APT are on the Adirondack Swimming website.

A new photographer's registration form has been developed and placed on the website. This form, which is a requirement of Adirondack Swimming, must be filled out by anyone planning to take photos at a meet, other than parents taking pictures of their own children. The meet director must have forms available at the meet. While the form authorizes an individual to take photographs, it does not authorize them to go on deck.

The Adirondack website has been updated to reflect the new legislation that was passed at the national convention in September.

The report was accepted.

#### **Board of Review [Mr. Art Young]:**

The National Board of Review Chair has requested we update our By-Laws regarding the timeframe allowable for rebuttal from business days to calendar days consistent with the approved By-Laws template. Upon receipt of the specific words from the Mr. Young, the secretary will update the By-Laws as requested by the National Board of Review Chair and have them reposted on the website.

The report was accepted.

#### **Officials Chair [Ms. JoAnn Faucett]:**

An officials' clinic was held on October 1, 2011 at Ravena. There were a total of 18 attendees. A second clinic will be held in November. The date and location will be posted on the website when they are available.

Walt Dixon will be representing the Adirondack LSC at this year's referees' clinic which is designed for experienced referees.

The issue of abuse of officials at meets was discussed during meetings at the national convention. Based on recommendations from Colorado Springs and other LSCs, any individual who, in the future, verbally or physically abuses an official at an Adirondack meet, will be removed from the building.

A reminder to host Clubs wishing to run a meet that they are required to provide a minimum of two certified officials for each session of the meet.

The Short Course winter Eastern Zone meet will be held in April 2012 in Rochester, NY. The application is expected to be posted on the Adirondack Swimming website shortly.

The Long Course summer Eastern Zone meet will be held in August 2012 and will likely be in Virginia.

Coaches are requested to provide information regarding the Zone meets to their swimmers and parents early in the season. This will allow swimmers and parents to do sufficient planning for qualifying and attending if they do qualify.

The report was accepted.

**Safety Chair [Mrs. Paula O'Donnell]:**

The accident/injury rate in the Adirondack LSC continues to run below the USA Swimming average.

While this is terrific news, clubs are reminded to fill out an accident report even if the individual indicates that they are not injured. Clubs are reminder to send a copy of the report to Paula. The safety chair indicated that most injuries in Adirondack are occurring outside of the pool, for example outside the building, in the locker rooms, and gymnasium. Clubs are reminded to have vigilant marshals who can anticipate issues on shift at all times during a meet.

The report was accepted.

**Outreach [Mrs. Carolyn Manor]:**

The outreach program has been successfully implemented in the Adirondack LSC. Based on the applications received to date, there appears to be confusion regarding the USA Swimming and Adirondack LSC programs. USA Swimming has a program that provides \$5 for those needing a subsidy to assist in paying their national registration fee. In addition, the AD LSC has a program that will provide \$200 to help defray the cost of participation, such as equipment and entry fees. Swimmers must complete and return the forms. Note that the information provided is seen only by the review team. Lastly, the LSC will match up to \$100 that is paid by the swimmer's Club team. The information on the website will be updated to clarify the requirements of each of the two programs. There will be an evaluation of the outreach program at the end of this swimming year to review its value and make any modifications warranted based on the experience gained during this year.

During the time period when an application is pending, the athlete should register so they are covered by insurance. Adjustments will be made regarding the registration and fees following the final determination of their outreach application.

The report was accepted.

**Records Chair [Ms. Jenn Dixon]:**

The records are up to date. Records for all meets up to and including the Eastern Zone meet have been posted. Let Jenn know if there see any records that you believe are missing or incorrect. The records from Junior Nationals will be on the website shortly.

The report was accepted.

**Athlete Representatives [Olivia Samson, Niko Brosnihan & David Connor]:**

The recycling effort was very successful over the summer, bringing in \$70 to Adirondack Swimming. The LSC is on track to exceed last year's total.

The first newsletter has been published. If anyone has any articles for future issues, please provide them to the athlete representatives.

The Deck Pass social connection implemented by USA Swimming is now available. All of the information is available on the website.

Niko Brosnihan attended the national convention and reported that he thought it was a great experience. Swimmers with an interest are encouraged to apply for the Junior athlete representative position. The election takes place each year during the Gold Championship meet.

David Connor will be purchasing and selling specially designed caps for \$5 at meets to raise money for breast cancer research. He is also establishing contacts to sell them at varsity and masters meets.

The report was accepted.

**Coaches Representative [Mr. Dave Burns]:**

Dave Burns thanked the coaches for all of their help during his tenure as their representative.

The report was accepted.

**Age Group Chair [Ms. Rosemary Lanzi]:**

No report

**Senior Vice Chair [Mr. Jerry Adams]:**

To date, a total of five Adirondack swimmers have qualified for Olympic trials in 2012.

Four athletes represented AD at Junior Nationals this past week and 12 at represented AD at Supersectionals, while five athletes represented AD at the Senior Nationals.

Congratulations swimmers. The Adirondack participation in major national meets is growing steadily.

The report was accepted.

**Technical Planning Committee [Mr. Jerry Adams]:**

The Silver Championship meet has become too long. To address this, based on suggestions from the Technical Planning committee, the House of Delegates passed the following changes:

- 1 – revised cut times will be established for Senior boys 200 free, 100 free & 200 IM; 13-14 boys 100 free and 200 IM; and girls and boys 9-10 200 free
- 2 – the 12 & under 500 free will be dropped from the Silver Championships and the Gold Championship cut time will be made slower
- 3 – the qualifying time for the 13 & over 500 freestyle will be modified to have both a not faster than and a not slower than cut time
- 4 – swimmers must have a recorded time in SWIMS within the Silver Championship meet qualifying period to swim that individual event in the Silver Championship meet
- 5 – only the times in SWIMS may be used to qualify for the Silver and Gold Championship meets.

A reminder to coaches and the swimmers who compete in Gold Championships that the distance events that are held on the previous weekend are part of the Gold Championship meet. Therefore, any events entered on that day count toward the event total limit. This will be clarified in future meet announcements.

The report was accepted.

**New Business:**

Travel Policy: the new LSC travel policy is in place. Modifications have been made to address recommendations from USA Swimming. It will be posted on the website.

LEAP: Adirondack Swimming is now level 1 certified.

Many members of the Schoharie Valley Penguins were devastated by the flooding this past summer. Approximately 99% of their swimmers and their families were affected to some extent. They do continue to have a team, but they need some help. Any clubs willing to help, contact the AD General Chair. The LSC will post any follow-up information on the website as it becomes available.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee for the Fall 2011 slate of officers, Raeann Burns, Ann Korzun, Vic Romanov, Jenn Dixon, and Colleen Goodspeed, recommends the following slate to the House of Delegates:

Administrative Vice-Chair:	Sean Caron
Age Group Chair:	Jenn Nelson
Coaches'' Representative:	Scott Seligman
General Chair:	Carolyn Manor
Secretary:	Kim Crouse
Senior Vice-Chair:	Steve Hall
Technical Planning Vice Chair:	Jerry Adams
Treasurer:	Peter Kalish

No nominations were received from the floor. The AD Secretary cast a vote for the slate. All nominees were elected to two year terms.

The date of the next meeting will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.