

2016 AD FALL HOD MEETING

October 2, 2016
Duaneburg YMCA

Attendees:

Allison Vitullo
Ann Korzun
Bill Faucett
Jerry Adams
Steve Johnson
Andre Paradis
JoAnn Faucett
Allie Dixon
Debbie Erickson
Joey Homan
John Fitzmaurice

Emily Holman
Dan Tanski
Caroline McGraw
Allison Busseno
Julianna Busseno
Chris Bablin
Susan Cortwright
Lindsey Bailey
Chuck Dunham
Anesa Brkanovic
Connor Doyle

Josh Wolin
Carl Hart
Gary Burch
Ellen Schuler
Rob MacLeod
Walt Dixon
Abigail O'Donnell
Chris Smith
Kamryn Paige
Laura Davis
Kara Haraden

Reviewed, corrected (\$8100 under budget, not over budget; and 57 swimmers got Speedo reimbursement not 45) and approved Spring 2016 HOD Meeting minutes (May 15, 2016)

Approved of Agenda

Reports

Treasurer – Alison Vitullo

- Fewer registered swimmers in AD impacting revenue, but expenses not decreasing.
- Reimbursing more swimmers for high level meets.
- Did not use all outreach budget dollars.
- In July got acceptance letter from IRS that issue related to 2014 taxes has been closed. 2014 taxes were amended due to Compliance Letter from IRS. IRS has new testing for Public Charity that went into effect in 2014.
- Expect to break even for the year. In past had been slightly positive, so negative trend.
- How can we increase revenue? Increasing surcharge is potential source of additional funds. A \$1 increase would increase revenue by \$11K.
- Motion: "Increase per athlete surcharge from \$1 to \$2 effective Jan 1, 2017". Passed.
- Report passed.

Outreach Chair – Rossi Maddonado

- No report
- From Ann Korzun; 6 have registered as Outreach so far in 2017.
- Applications for membership should be sent to Ann Korzun. Grants applications should be mailed to Sean Caron.
- Reviewed 12 grant applications.

Registration/Membership Chair – Ann Korzun

- Final count for 2016 registrations:
 - 2690 total members; 2329 athletes, down 5% compared to 2015. Hoping for increase for 2017. Last year 25% of registrations were new swimmers.
 - 361 non-athletes; 192 coaches and 89 officials.
 - 32 clubs. Raging Mountain Rapids will not renew for 2017. Expecting 1 new application from Killer Croc Cicotti.
- 2017 YTD; 423 athletes and 42 non-athletes. Slow start for membership registrations but only Oct 1.
- New online registration software by next year.
- Use DeckPass instead of membercards.
- Athletes do not get cards from USA swimming. Can use DeckPass to show registration.
- Membership cards will still be printed for coaches and officials annually.
- False registration rule: USA Swimming rule will charge \$100 if a swimmer swims unregistered at a meet. Adirondack will continue to do recons and fine clubs \$25 for entering an unregistered swimmer.
- Ballston Spa did not see Olympic Year bump. Most other teams are seeing an increase.
- Report passed

Club Development Liason – Ann Korzun

- Ann Korzun and Bill Faucett are available to clubs that need help with registrations. Only a few new registrars this year.
- USA Swimming looking to add new requirements for coach training.
- Report passed

Age Group Chair – Jerrett O’Donnel

- 2016 LC Zone team
 - 35 applications and 29 qualified.
 - 26 swimmers competed at Zones. 2 swimmers that qualified chose not to go and one qualified for Senior Zones.
- 2017 and 2018 SC Zones will be in Webster; LC Zones in VA.
- Age group Zones will change in 2018. Spring zones will have qualifying time in addition to the current 2 athletes. Similar to summer Zones.
- Report passed.

Safety Chair – Michele Boxley by JoAnn Faucett

- No new incidents since last report.
- USA Swimming looking to establish better warm-up procedures. There should always be lane lines in warm-up pool and swimmers should not be entering pool by jumping in from the side.
- Report passed.

Senior Vice Chair – Jerry Adams

- 1 swimmer competed at Futures
- 3 at Eastern Zone Senior championships
- 28 swimmers went to meet in Florida; 25 of those swimmers were eligible for reimbursement..
- 3 swimmers competed at YMCA nationals
- USA Swimming senior development committee realize a mistake was made about about Speedos for LC. That will change again.
- Report passed

Coaches Rep – Jenn Dixon

- USA Swimming to re-publish coaching guidelines as to what is needed to move to next level.
- More coaching requirements will most likely be coming.
- Report passed

Records Top 10 Chair – Jenn Dixon

- Still updating LC top 10 and records
- Report passed.

Sanction/Times Chair – Bill Faucett

- Income from meets down slightly in 2016.
- Effective May 1, 2017 maximum events/day will increase to 6 from 5 for timed final events. Maximum number of events is still 3 if trials and finals.
- Drones cannot be flown over meets. Statement has to be in meet announcement starting Jan 1.
- 120 day athlete transfer rule; does not apply to kids going to private school or college if they come back to same club.
- Y teams must use new Approved meet template.
- Report passed.

Administrative Vice Chair – Steve Johnson

- Will work on LEAP 2. Ann Korzun and Sean Caron have volunteered to assist with achieving LEAP 2.
- When LEAP 2 is achieved there is a monetary amount, per athlete, that is given back to the LSC from USA-S.
- Steve has offered to help our athlete reps, Joey and Alexandra, with some of the projects they have planned for this upcoming year.
- Report approved.

General Chair – JoAnn Faucett

- USA Swimming redoing website. Should be done by Jan 1. New website will interface with Facebook and Twitter.
- Technical Rule Change; every four years FINA accepts rule submissions from all the Federations, it is then decided if the rule change will be accepted by FINA.
- Olympic Trials and the Olympics, every day the venue was completely sold out, showing how strongly the sport of swimming is followed in the US. The 33 Olympic swimming medals were also a great indication of the US success in our sport of swimming.
- Board resignation; Molly Chamberlain has stepped down as the Coach's rep as she has moved on to a college coaching job. Jenn Dixon has been appointed to fulfill the rest of the term which is up for re-election in Oct 2017.
- US Aquatic convention, USAS, the 2016 convention was held in Atlanta, GA. AD attendees were: JoAnn Faucett, Steve Johnson, Jerry Adams, Jenn Dixon, Ann Korzun and 2 athletes Joey Homan and Alexandra Dixon. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to participate in the process of the governance of our sport.
- Congrats to Jerry Adams, he has been appointed the Technical Planning Chair for the Eastern Zone by the Eastern Zone Coach and non Coach Directors.

- Thanks to Alison Vitullo for a great job putting AD's budget on course, not an easy task. Thanks to Steve Johnson for all of his help with the budget and for offering to help the athletes. Thanks to Ann Korzun for keeping up on the new rules on registration. Thanks to Andre Paradis, Jerry Adams and Steve Hall for working on our tech planning issues. Special thanks to Jarrett O'Donnell, our age group chair, for putting the best zone teams together; Debbie Erickson for keeping our minutes accurate; Bill Faucett for being the AD webster and time and sanction chair; Michele Boxley for being Safety Chair; Jenn Dixon for making her coaching expertise always available; and Rossi Madonnado and Sean Caron for their work with Outreach. Last but not least all our Athlete Reps, especially AD Sr and Jr reps Joey Homan and Alexandra Dixon. Without our athletes we would have no reason to do what we all love to do. Thank you everyone!!!
- Report passed.

Officials Chair – JoAnn Faucett

- 15 attendees at officials clinic Oct 1 representing 7 different teams. Thanks to the Eels for use of their pool, athletes, meeting room and hospitality.
- There seems to be an interest in having another clinic early in the swim season. If a team or teams can come up with at least 5 participants, time, place and pool, AD would consider doing a 2nd clinic.
- Kurt Reinhart will be attending the Referee Workshop in Phoenix on Oct 21-23rd. Thank you Kurt, for taking the time from your paying job as a principal to participate and represent AD.
- Sean Caron, Walt Dixon and JoAnn Faucett will attend the Referee Mentor workshop in Chicago Oct 14-16th. Matt Farrell from USA-S will be presenting.
- Open Water officials will have their own specific certification shortly because of the differential and the liability of that part of our sport of swimming.
- 2016 LC AD EZ Zone coaches were: Maggie Callesano (Sharks), Randy Kelley (Lake Champlain Waves), Jim Ferreira (Delmar Dolphins), Rossi Maddonado (UN), Jenn Dixon (Eels) and Dan Tanski (Starfish). JoAnn Faucett was the team manager and Admin Referee. Thank you everyone for taking the time to be part of our zone team.
- If hosting meets, a team must have 2 officials on deck. They should not be assigned any other duties pertaining to running the meet.
- Please remember, all technical calls are decided by the deck referee first and the meet referee second. The AD Board and USA-S do not have any authority in changing any technical rule calls.
- Respect for swimmers, coaches, officials and parents at all meets and practices is of the utmost importance. To disagree or question a call is normal, to bully or carry on to make your point is unacceptable on and off the pool deck.
- Please remember that all photography behind the blocks and in locker rooms is prohibited. This includes taking pictures of your own child and their friends.
- Timers must refrain from using their cell phones while timing! We have had several instances where the timer was on the phone and not paying attention and the timing system malfunctioned and we had no good back-up time. Our swimmers always deserve an accurate time for their swims. This is why we all volunteer our time, to run a good meet no matter what the caliber of swimmers are participating.
- Report Passed.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Andre Paradis

- Looking at more club development.
- Make sure all background checks are done.
- SAFE Sport program for parents and swimmers on USA website.
- Report passed.

Tech Planning Chair – Steve Hall (by Jerry Adams and Andre Paradis)

- Discussion about Championship meet formats:
 - Steve Hall sent survey out to coaches and club representatives. Only 7 people responded.
 - Recommendations based on survey
 - Change name of meets back to Adirondack Silver Championships and Adirondack Gold Championships.
 - 8-under highpoint awards will be awarded at Silvers
 - There will be 2 sessions each day; 12-under and 13-over
 - Changes to Gold cut times:
 - 10-U Boys: 50 back - 41.79 (.50 slower)
50 free - 35.49 (.50 slower)
 - 11-12 Boys: 100 free - 1:07.59 (.50 slower)
100 back - 1:17.09 (.50 slower)
 - 11-12 Girls: 200 back - 2:39.99 (1 second slower)
 - 13-14 Girls: 500 free - 5:46.99 (3 sec faster)
400 IM - 5:06.99 (8.20 faster)
100 breast - 1:20.99 (1.40 sec slower)
 - Sr Girls: 500 free - 5:37.99 (6 sec faster)
400 IM - 4:59.99 (7.30 sec faster)
 - Sr Boys: 500 free 5:16.99 (4.20 sec faster)
- Motion 1: “Rename Qualifiers to Silvers Championships at RPI and Shen, and Adirondack SC Championships to Adirondack Gold Championships.” Passed.
- Motion 2: “Establish highpoint awards for 8-under at each location. Passed.
- Motion 3: “Accept new cut times” Passed.
- Motion 4: “At Silvers will have 2 sessions/day for Saturday and Sunday; 12-under and 13-over”. Passed.
- Motion 5: “Add high-point award for all age-groups for Silvers at each site”. Passed.
- Motion 6: “Bring back team scoring at both locations”. Defeated.
- Silvers will be March 3rd-5th hosted by Piranhas at Shen and Delmar Dolphins at RPI. The Friday events will only be swum at Shen.
- Golds will be March 12th, and 17th-19th. Golds will be Starfish at RPI.
- LC Champs: July 28-30. Meet format will be discussed at a later time.
- Colgate Classic June 10-11
- Chuck Dunham suggested we explore doing a 12-under championships meet and a 13-over meet.
- Report passed

Senior and Junior Athlete Reps – Joey Homan and Allie Dixon

- Working to increase athlete participation: created Instagram and twitter accounts: @AD_swimming
- Will have athlete meetings in connection with HOD.
- Service project – Dec 18th. Fun relay meet at Mohon. 10x50, t-shirt relay, ladder relays, 3x100 for each stroke, 4x75 IM relay, 4x200 free. \$7/relay entry. Donate to a local Make A Splash.
- Swim Clinic given by senior swimmers. \$20/athlete. Donate to outreach. Looking for an April date.
- Report passed.

New Business

- Motion: "YMCA nationals be added to list of meets for reimbursement at the same level as Speedo Sectionals?" Passed.
- Rob MacLeod wants to look into voting eligibility at HOD. It is required to submit name of voting rep ahead of time?
- Chuck Dunham is working on an alumni meet at Shen day after Thanksgiving as fundraiser for AD aquatics center.
- Spring meeting tentatively scheduled for May 21st.

Adjourn at 12:45.