

ADIRONDACK SWIMMING SPRING MEETING – HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am

In attendance: AD Board: Kim Crouse, Jerry Adams, Art Young, Denis Manor, Dave Burns, Ben Whitaker, Bill Faucett, Kathy Furman

Teams represented: Schenectady Swim Club, Albany Starfish, Delmar Dolphins, Glens Falls Flyers, Ravena, Bluefins, New Paltz Hawks, Clinton Cudas, CDY (Southern Saratoga Y), Uncle Sam, Canajoharie Crocodiles, LC Waves, Swordfish, Flying Fish, Turbines

Minutes from the October 2008 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: No Treasurer's report.

Registrars report: 2,220 athletes registered - 2,142 yr round – 78 season 1. (Seasonal numbers expected to rise since Knolls has not registered team, coach or athletes yet for this summer), 89 others, 119 coaches and 60 officials. AD has 2,484 total members – 117 more than last year. We lost 2 teams – North Country and Sea Monkeys. We have 3 new teams pending including Duanesburg who is awaiting USA Swimming acceptance.

Kathy would like each coach's Safety Training for Swim Coaches and Lifeguarding certification submitted together. Reminders of each of the registration requirements for coaches were given – including background checks.

Admin Vice Chair report: All meet fees have been turned in. Bill requests meet bids come in earlier. Silver and Gold Meet announcements need to be in by early Jan. Bill described a couple of USA Swimming proposals, one dealing with the registration of athletes against whom judgments are held and the other regarding the use of legal id and the registering of athletes with unconfirmed birthdates.

Admin Vice Chair has been put in charge of planning and holding the yearly Administrative Education Workshop.

Board of Review: Art is happy to report that there are no issues before Board of Review.

Officials Chair: JoAnn is attending the Officials Chair Workshop in Minnesota. An officials clinic will be held June 16 at Canajoharie. There was a review of the 2-suit rule, a review of the 12-under full-body suit rule that went into effect on May 1, a review of the underwater camera program, a review of new DQ slips, Nat'l certification extended to 3 yrs.

Jerry clarified the latest on the technical-suit issue – including the awaiting of a May 19 ruling from FINA declaring which suits are approved for 09 World Champs. That approved list becomes the approved list for USA Swimming.

Safety Chair: Review racing starts certification. Teams are responsible to assure they are in compliance. Information is available on the USA-S web site and AD web site.

Top 10/Records: Proposed change to drop "Top 16" from title. Proposal approved – the committee will now be referred to as Records. Short course records have been updated. Long course records will be updated after this weekend's Charlotte Grand Prix meet.

Athletes Rep: No report

Coaches Rep: Dave noted the progress in the district with coaches wearing coaches cards on deck at meet. Dave pressed coaches to keep high school coaches updated with swimmers' USA Swimming registration information. Dave reminded coaches to keep certifications up to date.

Age Group: Ben gave a review of the 2009 short course Eastern Zone Championships. The 2009 Eastern Zone Age-group Championships will be held August 12-15 at Penn State University.

Senior Swimming Chair: Eastern Zone has added a new meet for the summer of 2010. The Eastern Zone 15-over Championships will be held in August of 2010. Time standards will be posted on the Eastern Zone website. We will continue the Speedo Super-Sectional meet – to be held in mid-July. The meet information for this summer's Speedo Super Sectional meet is online at the Eastern Zone website. Bonus events have been approved for this meet.

Tech Planning Chair: Friday's session of Silver Champs is in need of change. Technical Planning will bring a proposal for a change in meet format or event schedule. Starfish Head Coach Lucky Foreman expressed desire to be part of process. Meet announcement for summer long course champs will be modified by the host club to include an AD club priority entry due date.

No old business

New business:

Paul Crandall from Glens Falls Flyers – Championship meets guidelines made the following:

At all AD Championship awards must be awarded to the top 16 finishers if meet is held in an 8-lane pool, and top 12 finishers if meet is held in a 6-lane pool. **Motion passed and approved. Policy will be added to AD Championship Meet Regulations manual.**

Kim promoted the use of the AD, Eastern Zone, and USA Swimming websites to enable faster communication of information and reduction of paper.

Albany Starfish asked about the necessity of USA Swimming Registration Forms. The AD Board clarified that it is a requirement of USA Swimming. While many LSCs track this at the club level, AD Swimming tracks this at the LSC level to reduce the effort on the part of clubs. The small size of AD Swimming allows the Board to assume some of the activities that are the responsibility of clubs in the larger LSCs.

Saratoga Y would like to separate from CDY, and has petitioned body to re-register SSCY as a separate team. **All agreed – Approved.**

Ben Whitaker has been named head of the Nominating Committee. Dave Burns, Molly Grygiel and Rob MacLeod have been named to Nominating committee.

Art Young brought his thoughts for the record: Re: direction of USA Swimming. USA Swimming should hold the athletes to higher standards – specifically, Mr. Young believes that, while expressing the highest regard for Michael Phelps' athletic prowess and achievements, the 3 month suspension given to Michael Phelps carried an inappropriate message to the youth in our sport. Discussion – opposition and agreements noted – ensued.

Next AD House of Delegates meeting will be held Saturday, September 26 at the Woodlin Club at 10 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am