

## Adirondack Swimming House of Delegates Fall 2012 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Sunday, September 30, 2012

**Time:** 10:10 AM – 11:21 AM

**Location:** Mohawk Club, Schenectady, New York

### **Attendees:**

*Jerry Adams	AD Board	*Doug Gross	Delmar Dolphins
Jodi Bedson	Ballston Spa	*Steve Hall	AD Board
*Pat Bonga	Saratoga Stingrays	*Kara Haraden	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Kay Bonney	Schoharie Valley	* Ann Korzun	AD Board
**Niko Brosnihan	AD Board	*Carolyn Manor	AD Board
*Dave Burns	Ravena	*Rob MacLeod	Uncle Sam
RaeAnn Burns	Ravena	Amanda Mead	Canajoharie
*Allison Bussano	Amsterdam	*Connie Miller	Guilderland YMCA
*Sean Caron	AD Board	*Michael Momrow	Ballston Spa
*David Cordone	Fulton County	*Jenn Nelson	AD Board
* Sue Cortright	Canajoharie	*Andre Paradis	Clinton Cudas
*Kim Crouse	AD Board	*Matt Phillips	Clark Sports Center
*Kathy DeFoe	Swim Strong	*Sue Rokos	Duanesburg
*Jenn Dixon	AD Board	**Tim Rokos	Duanesburg
Tristan Dixon	Duanesburg	**Bobby Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Chuck Dunham	Clifton Park	Patty Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Bill Faucett	AD Board	Ken Sluti	Fulton County
*JoAnn Faucett	AD Board	*Dennie Swan-Scott	Glens Falls Gators
Lucky Foreman	Albany Starfish	**Emerson Wells	AD Board
*Kathy Furman	AD Board	*Serena Wunderlich	New Hartford
Tom Geary	Clifton Park	*Art Young	AD Board
*Doug Gordon	Albany Starfish	Kelli Ziobro	Amsterdam
Kristen Griger	Clark Sports Center		

\* - Voting Non-athlete

\*\* - Voting Athlete

**Spring 2012 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the spring 2012 House of Delegates meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**New Buisness [ Ms. Carolyn Manor]:** Carolyn Manor called upon JoAnn Faucett to present a USA Swimming Lifetime Membership to Kim Crouse.

**Treasurer's Report [ Mr. Peter Kalish]:** The Treasurer was unable to attend as a result of a last minute family emergency. He subsequently provided the 2011-2012 financial report and the 2012-2013 budget. These are attached to these minutes.

**Registration [Ms. Kathy Furman]:** The total number of 2012 members was 2721, which is up 31 members relative to 2011. 2013 registrations have begun to come in. As anticipated, it appears that the numbers are higher than 2012, likely as a result of the continued success of the USA team at the summer Olympics.

The registration procedure is changing slightly for the clubs and the registrar. There is no change for the members. In the future, clubs no longer have to send a copy of the registration to the LSC registrar. The

coversheet, report, and birth certificates for all new members still need to be sent. The clubs must retain the registration forms that are no longer sent to the LSC registrar. The LSC will only retain birth certificates for 1 year. They will then be destroyed appropriately, such as shredding or burning.

The report was accepted.

**Sanction/Times [Mr. Bill Faucett]:** Bill reminded the clubs that meet directors must be registered. The delay in receipt of meet bids is creating difficulties for clubs in meet schedule planning. Bill will develop a policy to encourage clubs to get meet bids in earlier. This will be presented at the May 2013 meeting of the House of Delegates for review and approval.

The report was accepted.

**Club Development Liaison [Ms. Ann Korzun]:** No report.

**Board of Review [Mr. Art Young]:** There has been no need to convene the Board of Review since the Spring 2012 meeting.

The report was accepted.

**Officials Chair [Ms. JoAnn Faucett]:** Each year every LSC is invited to send a relatively new referee to the USA Swimming Official's workshop. This year, Adirondack will be represented by Dave Mosier at the workshop to be held in Savannah, Georgia.

The next official's clinic will be held in Duaneburg on October 7, 2012. JoAnn Faucett is looking for a date to hold a followup clinic for those who cannot make it on October 7, 2012.

JoAnn reminded clubs planning to host a meet that they must supply two certified officials to work their meet.

The report was accepted.

**Safety Chair [Mrs. Paula O'Donnell]:** There was no safety report.

**Outreach Chair [Mrs. Carolyn Manor]:** The grant program continues to be very successful and effective. There were 9 long course grants in 2012. Three grant requests for 2013 had been received by the early deadline. The deadline for grants for this year's short course season is October 24, 2012.

Jenn Dixon coordinated a very successful camp clinic that was held during the spring. Two Adirondack coaches [Jenn Dixon and Jerry Adams] volunteered their day to support the LSC. A total of 17 Adirondack athletes attended the deck and in-water camp. Four Adirondack athletes [Khina Zhou, Emerson Wells, Katie Rowe, and Bobby Rowledge] also volunteered their afternoon to provide support, knowledge, and share experiences with the outreach camp. A total of nine children attended the outreach camp, five of which subsequently joined an Adirondack team, one of which applied for an outreach grant. The camp will be held again during the coming year. Clubs were encouraged to contact Jenn Dixon to offer assistance.

The report was accepted.

**Records Chair [Ms. Jenn Dixon]:** Records are up to date on the website.

The report was accepted.

**Athlete Representatives [Mr. Niko Brosnihan]:** Niko reported on behalf of the three athlete representatives on the Adirondack Board, which also includes Bobby Rowledge and Emerson Wells. Niko and Bobby attended the United States Aquatic Sports Convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. There were many valuable sessions for the athletes. Key themes of the convention included athlete protection and nutrition. The Eastern Zone athletes had the opportunity to meet Rowdy Gaines and Ricky Berens and gain insight from them on how to be successful in the sport.

The House of Delegates meeting at the National Convention is very long as a result of valuable discussion on important legislation. One of the key themes of the legislation this year was athlete protection.

The report was accepted.

**Coaches Representative [Vacant]:** There was no report.

**Age Group Chair [Ms. Jenn Nelson]:** Jenn covered the Eastern Zone meet schedule for coming year. At the time of the meeting, the Eastern Zone Long Course Championship meet was planned for Ithaca, NY. This may have to change due to another major event being held in the area which may produce a conflict with availability of hotel rooms. The Eastern Zone will determine in early October whether or not the meet needs to be moved. If the meet needs to be moved, it is expected to move to Virginia or Pennsylvania State University.

An overview of the Adirondack funding for the short course and long course Eastern Zone Championship meets was covered. These two teams are treated equally with uniforms and bus transportation provided by Adirondack Swimming. Housing and meals are funded by the athletes.

The report was accepted.

**Senior Swimming [Mr. Steve Hall]:** Seven Adirondack swimmers qualified for Olympic trials, five of which were first time qualifiers. Seven Adirondack swimmers qualified for the Junior National meet. Five of those seven attended the meet. A total of eighteen Adirondack swimmers attended the Supersectional meet. Steve reviewed the schedule and location for the upcoming senior meets. These are on the USA Swimming website.

Steve presented the 2012-2013 athlete travel reimbursement amounts for the eligible meets. This will be posted on the Adirondack website.

The report was accepted.

**Technical Planning Committee [Mr. Jerry Adams]:** The Silver Championship meet continues to be very long and is likely to increase this year based on the increase in new members. The Technical Planning Committee proposed changing the limit for the 2013 Adirondack Silver Swimming Championships entries per swimmer from the current 3 on Friday and 4 each day on Saturday and Sunday to 2 on Friday and 3 each day on Saturday and Sunday. The proposal was approved.

Beginning in 2014, the Technical Planning Committee suggests splitting the Adirondack Silver Championship meet into two meets, one for 12 and Under and another for 13 and Over swimmers. The current Championship meet hosting policy would be modified such that three different teams would host one of the three meets in a rotation format. Comments from the Adirondack LSC membership were requested and will be accepted until January 1, 2013. After that the Technical Planning Committee will meet to develop a proposal for future years. This will be presented to the House of Delegates at the May 2013 meeting.

The qualifying times for the Adirondack Silver and Gold Short Course Championship meets have been developed. There were some small adjustments from the 2012 qualifying times to balance out the numbers of boys and girls who qualify for each meet. These will be posted on the Adirondack website shortly.

The report was accepted.

**Administrative Vice Chair [Mr. Sean Caron]:** Mr. Caron is updating the Policies and Procedures manual to reflect changes in the By-Laws and recent policy changes made by the Board of Directors and House of Delegates. Formatting changes will increase the formality of the configuration control. The updated manual will be posted on the Adirondack Swimming website shortly.

USA Swimming continues pursuing the initiative to use Team Unify throughout the organization. It is free to LSCs, many clubs are now using it, and it offers some functionality not currently available through Adirondack's current application. Adirondack Swimming will proceed to shift to Team Unify to replace/host the website.

The report was accepted.

### **Old Business:**

**Adirondack Swimming By-Laws [Ms. Kim Crouse]:** The revised Adirondack By-Laws were approved by USA Swimming. These will be posted on the website shortly.

### **New Business:**

**Coaches' Representative [Ms. Carolyn Manor]:** Mr. Scott Seligmen has relocated out of the area and as a result had to resign as the Coaches' Representative. Ms. Jenn Dixon will fill this position until an election can be held at the May 2013 meeting.

**Coaches' Education [Mr. Jerry Adams]:** New requirements will be put in place in 2013 for coaches who are registering for the first time. Anyone registering as a coach beginning in 2013 will be required to take a short training course [fee of \$15] prior to completing their registration and a longer [3-4 hours in length costing \$20-\$25] training course prior to their first registration renewal. Coaches who were registered in 2012 are grandfathered.

**2013 Adirondack Long Course Championships [Mr. Andre Paradis]:** Clinton recommends slightly altering the order of events at the Long Course Championship meet to even out the length of the sessions. The Technical Planning Committee will obtain Clinton's recommendations, review all of the alternatives, and make a recommendation to be presented at the May 2013 meeting.

Clinton bid to host the 2013 Adirondack Long Course Championships at Colgate University July 19-21, 2013. The House of Delegates awarded the meet to Clinton.

**House of Delegates Voting Members [Ms. Kim Crouse]:** The By Laws require the House of Delegates voting members [one non-athlete and one athlete] to be designated prior to the start of the meeting. To ease the burden on the clubs, the new By Laws allows generation of a standing list of voting members. The Secretary will establish this list based on the most recent voting members from each club. In the future, the list will be distributed with the meeting reminder notice. Clubs only need to inform the Secretary if one or both of the voting members has changed. This notification may be done via email.

Coaches' Clinic [Ms. Carolyn Manor]: USA Swimming has contacted Adirondack Swimming to indicate they would like to hold a regional Coaches' clinic in Saratoga in September 2013. Adirondack will be letting USA Swimming know that it is very supportive of the plan and provide date options.

Athlete Protection [Ms. Carolyn Manor]: USA Swimming is becoming more proactive regarding athlete protection. A new program, Safe Sport, has been developed. There is information on the USA Swimming website regarding this program. Clubs, athletes, coaches, volunteers, and parents should use this information to educate themselves.

New Policies [Ms. Carolyn Manor]: In the near future, USA Swimming will be requiring each LSC to have anti-bullying and social media policies in place. A model will be developed by USA Swimming and made available to the LSCs to use as a basis for their LSC policy.

Safety [Ms. Carolyn Manor]: The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is proposing a new water depth requirement of 6 ½ feet for diving, including starts in practice and meets. The link to the information will be sent out to clubs shortly. The clubs are requested to forward it to members of the club and all are encouraged to provide their feedback to the CDC.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 AM.

## ADIRONDACK SWIMMING ATHLETE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT FORM

To be eligible for reimbursement, an athlete must have represented an AD Club in a USA Swimming Sanctioned meet at least 3 times within the previous calendar year. Athlete also must have competed in AD Gold Championships for the short course season or AD Long Course Championships for the long course season. Receipts are required for all reimbursement applicants. Reimbursement is intended for transportation and lodging of Athletes.

College athletes must have been a registered member of Adirondack Swimming for the 24 months prior to leaving for college to receive full funding. Those registered with an AD club for between 12 and 24 months before college will be eligible for 50% of the reimbursement. They must have competed in 2 Adirondack District meets as a registered AD swimmer in the past calendar year. College athletes are only eligible for USA Swimming Summer Nationals (US Open), USA Swimming Summer Junior Nationals, and USA Olympic Team Trials. Swimmers must represent their registered Adirondack club team as their primary affiliation at the meet. Spring Championship Meets (Swimmers & Coaches are eligible for only one of the following per year): Speedo Sectional Championships - Individual event swimmers are eligible for \$100 a day, up to a maximum of \$200.

USA Swimming Grand Prix Meets – Individual event swimmers are eligible for up to \$150 a day, up to a maximum of \$300.

Summer Championship Meets:

Speedo Sectional Championships - Individual event swimmers are eligible for \$100 a day, up to a maximum of \$200.

USA Swimming Junior Nationals – Swimmers competing in individual events are eligible for up to \$600 for travel expenses. Relay only swimmers are eligible up to \$150. Coaches are eligible up to \$200 per team.

USA Swimming Senior Nationals / US Open– Swimmers competing in individual events are eligible for up to \$800 for travel expenses. Relay only swimmers are eligible up to \$200. Coaches are eligible up to \$200 per team.

USA Olympic Team Trials – Swimmers competing in individual events are eligible for up to \$1000 for travel expenses, Coaches are eligible for up to \$300 per team.

Winter Championship Meets:

USA Swimming Junior Nationals or USA Swimming Senior Nationals – Swimmers competing in individual events are eligible for up to \$600 for travel expenses. Relay only swimmers are eligible for up to \$150. Coaches are eligible up to \$200 per team.

USA or Eastern Zone Select Camps - Participants are eligible up to \$250.