

Adirondack LSC 2007 Spring Meeting
House of Delegates
May 19, 2007

Members Present: (see attached)

The meeting was called to order by Joann Faucett. The AD General Chair was attending a conference in Nebraska. The minutes of the Fall Meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

Board of Review: No matters pending as reported.

Treasurer's Report: Report accepted. (See attached P&L) The LSC has reimbursed \$3,400 for sectionals and \$800 for nationals per the new policy. During the October meeting these numbers will be reviewed to see if we need to adjust fees.

Registration: Report accepted. As of 5/14/2006 there are 2,079 registrations. 32 seasonal swimmers (this number will increase), 1759 athletes, 92 non-athletes, 108 coaches and 91 officials.

Administrative Vice Chair: Report Accepted. Mike Coley has moved out of the area so Bill Faucett has agreed to handle the meet sanctions. United States Swimming will now offer joint sanctions for meets that have both masters and age group swimmers. AD currently runs 3 dual sanctioned meets. USAS should have the final language for Dual Sanction rules soon. Meet bids for the 2007-2008 Short Course season should be submitted by August 1st for inclusion in the preliminary schedule.

Officials Chair: Report Accepted. There was an official's clinic held at Ravena High school on October 8th. 25 people attended. The LSC is always looking for new officials, especially parents of younger swimmers. Beginning May 23rd the official's test will be online for those who need to take it. There is also a new Stroke and Turn as well as a Starters DVD available. There will also be a clinic for new officials in the fall. Information will be posted in the AD website.

Safety Chair: Report Accepted. There were no major incidents reported during the Short Course season. Air quality still remains an issue. Jerry Adams reported that he has requested that US Swimming check the air quality at the Burnt Hills pool. Facility guidelines must be followed when hosting a meet. The pool cannot be opened for warm-up until these

guidelines are met. All meet marshals on deck must be United States Swimming registered.

Top 16/Records: There were no new records for this year. Three AD swimmers had top 16 times. Jake Johnson 50 free, Kara Zebrowski 100 Back, Briana Borgolini 200 Breast, 100 Breast(LC), 200 breast(LC). It was also noted that All Star relay team times may count on an LSC level as long as all members are from the same team.

Athlete Representative: No report.

Coaches Representative: ASCA will offer a coach of the year award for every LSC (see attached). A motion was made to accept the proposal for ASCA Age Group Coach of the Year. The proposal was passed as written.

Coach Credentials and Credential Display Policy: Meet directors will be responsible for enforcing the policy. After review of the draft the board decided to have the policy re-written per the United States Swimming Policy. In each meet announcement there will be mention of the policy with a link to the exact language. This re-written policy will be brought back to the board in October for final review.

Coach Library and Mentoring Program: Rob would like to begin to develop a library with books, magazines, articles, and videos available for a small fee. The Coach Representative would be responsible for distribution of the materials via mail or at swim meets. There would be a two week limit on the loan with a nominal late fee. This link will be placed on the AD website to see if there is an interest in the program.

Coach Mentoring Program:

The Coach Representative would like to compile a list of coaches (head/senior/coaches of > 10 years) to be part of an email or phone list that new coaches or young developing teams could call upon with questions re: LSC rules, USA rules, or any other coaching related questions. A link will be put on the AD website.

Swimposium: Rob will contact USA swimming for a date. Once a date is established he will secure a facility. The board supports the idea of the one-day event. May try to tie it in with the Fall AD meeting.

Age Group Chair: 40 swimmers went to spring zones. There were 235 entries. A trend has been noted with people signing up for zones and making the team but then deciding not to attend. To discourage this problem as well as enrich the team the following policy was developed:

1. The application fee will be \$100. If a swimmer does not make the team \$75 will be refunded. If the swimmer makes the team but elects not to go, AD keeps the full deposit.

2. When there is not an adequate application pool, a swimmer may join the team if they qualify, as long as they do not displace a swimmer who has completed the application process.

All team coaches are asked to educate their teams about the Zone meet as well as the application process.

Senior Swimming: Report Accepted. The AD swimmers who volunteered at the Special Olympic meet were thanked and given a certificate. The chair also asked for suggestions regarding district social events for the senior swimmers to be held during the Short Course season.

Technical Planning: Report Accepted

A draft policy was distributed addressing the length of meet sessions. This policy will be voted on under New Business.

A policy for accepting out of LSC entries was presented. All AD meet notices should conform to the following entry guidelines:

For example:

Entry Deadline: All entries must be received by meet director or entry coordinator listed on the meet notice by:

- a. State the last date entries accepted.
- b. Stated the deadline date for AD LSC teams for priority placement, which should begin 7 days prior to the last date entries will be accepted.
- c. After the AD LSC deadline, entries should be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis regardless of LSC affiliation.

Old Business:

During the AD Board Meeting the Bylaws were amended to include language which allows the board to vote on matters by email or electronic mail.

Swimposium: US Swimming will fund most of this. AD will need to pay for the facility. We are looking at an October 7th date.

New Business:

The Albany Starfish will be hosting Gold Championships this year on March 14-16. The Delmar Dolphins will be hosting Silver Championships on February 29th, March 1st -2nd.

Club Leadership Program: A 4-5 hour class will be held in the fall. All new clubs are required to attend the program. The new team will not be able to re-register without attending this program. Older clubs are also encouraged to attend the program. A volunteer is needed to coordinate

the program. AD Swimming pays for room/food, USAS takes care of the presenter and materials.

AD Masters State Championship Meet: The meet was held at Skidmore and hosted by the Schenectady Swim Club. AD thanked The SCC for taking the meet. Certificates of appreciation were given to the Sharks, Ann Korzun and Carolyn Manor

Technical Planning:

US Swimming rules require the following time limitations: With the exception of Championship Meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers 12 years or younger to be completed in 4 hours or less for timed finals sessions or in a total of 8 hours or less per day for preliminaries and finals meet. AD made recommendations and after much discussion the following guidelines were agreed upon:

1. The meet director shall be responsible for controlling the size and length of the meet.
2. After receipt of all entries the meet director will run a report on Meet Manager. Events will be set to run at no less than 20 seconds between events and positive check-in meets set at no more than a 5% scratch setting.
3. If the session is scheduled to run more than 15 minutes beyond the limit the meet director must drop entries from the session – as described in the meet announcement.
4. The meet Director may cut relay events from the meet to reach the desired timeline.
5. There will be a fine of \$250 for every 15minutes over the time limit (as judged by the timeline) that the meet runs.

Positive Check-in Meets:

1. Meets may be run as positive check-in meets. For these meets lanes and heats will not be set until positive check-in is complete.
2. Heat sheets will be provided for all teams and posted on the pool deck.
3. There will be an additional 25 cent surcharge per entry for meets run as positive check-in meets.
4. The first 2 events may be pre-seeded to avoid delays in starting the meet.

Events available to all age groups:

1. AD LSC will ensure that all events recognized by USAS for each age group are offered in a sufficient quantity during the year.
2. Host clubs will be required by AD LSC to offer a particular event(s) to ensure they are available.

3. The "required offerings" will be spread among the meets to ensure no club is overburdened with longer event offerings.
4. AD LSC will develop a surcharge policy if it becomes necessary to offset the cost of pool time for running longer events.

Nominating Committee: 3 board members and 2 volunteers from the HOD are needed to develop a board slate for the fall meeting. The Nominating Committee was established as follows: JoAnn Faucett, Sue Kopp, Ben Whitaker, Carolyn Manor and Megan VanAlken.

The next meeting will be held on October 7th.