

2013 AD SPRING MEETING Minutes – HOD

May 11, 2013 10:10

Attendees

Carolyn Manor	Steve Hall	David Cardone
Sean Caron	Emerson Wells	Dennie Swan-Scott
Allison Caron	JoAnn Faucett	Matthew Walton
Paula O'Donnell	Doug Gordon	Paul Crandell
Bill Faucett	Richard Horsch	Dave Burns
Jenn Dixon	Matt Dahl	Raeann Burns
Jenn Nelson	Meghan Cortright	Pat Bonga
Art Young	Amanda Mead	Kara Haraden
Bobby Rowledge	Matt Phillips	Patty Rowledge
Aidan Strayer	Lisa Gardiner	Rob MacLeod
Debbie Erickson	Amy Zemerling	
Ann Korzun	Connor Doyle	
Jerry Adams	Matt Sweeney	

Fall 2012 minutes were accepted.

Reports

General Chair - Carolyn Manor

- USA swimming to propose Board of review moved to Zone level. Mediation LSC level.
- USA Swimming has proposed LSC will now have 4 votes instead of the current 6. The remaining delegates will be appointed from large teams and large LSCs. This proposal will give a lot of power and control back to large teams and LSCs. Reasoning for change is to fine-tune composition of House of Delegates. Many small LSCs do not send 6 delegates but AD swimming always have. Teams are encouraged to write letters to respond to this proposal.
- USA Swimming with have a meeting in November for small LSCs in Colorado

Finance Committee Chair - Sean Caron

- Good news. New financial controls have been implemented resulting in better budget management.
- Report shows 12-month rolling- May-May report. Only one variance to budget significant; it was approved to send 2 representatives to new Safe Sport program training in Colorado.
- Finance committee must approve variances to budget over \$1,000.
- Records audit will take place before fall BOD mtg; it is a procedural audit. Taxes have been filed. Cash on hand; checking \$65K; Savings \$100K and strategic reserve \$140k for a total of \$305,000. New bank accounts generate \$500 additional interest/year.
- New expense reimbursement form for LSC business travel. High limit CC for Zone travel for emergencies.

Registration/Membership – Ann Korzun

- 12% incr in registrations this year. 2693 registrations; 2327 year round athletes; 43 seasonal athletes and 330 non-athletes.
- Changes to Foundation of Coaching: FOC 201 to be rolled out 6/1/13. Test needs to be taken prior to 2nd year of coaching.
- New safety training for swim coaches now valid for 2 yrs and will include 1st aid (no longer separate). To get credit for this training, swim coaches have to forward confirmation to registrar when safety training has been completed.
- In 2014 USA swimming athlete registration cards will be sent directly to athletes from USA swimming. Only one card/year and there will be no LSC or club affiliation on card. Deck pass on mobile phones and club rosters are only way to prove club affiliation. AD will still mail non-athlete cards. Print out from Club portal useful for deck entries.
- 2 new teams –Bethlehem Bay Rays and Oneida YMCA Dolphins.
- Will have registrar training in fall again. Still working in date/time and place.

Safe Sport Liaison - Raeann Burns

- Going to training workshop in June.
- Duties include educating and reporting to board any red flag behavior; get any new mandates from USA Swimming and communicate to them teams; help clubs with how to respond to abuse; make sure AD has right policies to limit chance of abuse.
- All teams get a Safe Sport hand book from USA Swimming. USA Swimming created program to make everyone aware of potential abuse and to have a place to address these issues.
- Make swimmers aware of this position and program.

Board of Review Chair Art Young

- No issues.
- Discussion regarding proposal to move Board of Review to Zone level. Art believes we should oppose legislation. Board of Review is a legal process and Art is not comfortable for this to take place with emails. He believes it will be unfair to the athletes and will also add to expenses if representatives have to travel to meetings. Stated as motion. Sean against motion because local board of review knows too much personal info on involved. Delegates to USA swimming HOD mtg should make their own decision on how to vote for this; Art wanted to vote to mandate delegates to vote no. He feels that the proposal to move to Zones level makes a lot of sense for Zones; probably not our LSC since he feels we don't have issues, but now we have to participate. JoAnn also against Art's proposal; other LSCs tons of reviews. She states that national Board of Review was all done electronically or via conference calls.
- Art made motion to vote to keep Board of Review to remain at LSC level. Motion was defeated.

Age Group Chair Jenn Nelson

- AD swimming was represented at winter zones by 52 athletes and we had relays for all age groups. The 13-14 boys won 3 of 4 relays. Lots of final swims and PRs. Had one zone team practice at Duanesburg.
- Issue with Y times for qualification. Y States same weekend as Golds so it is not possible to include all of their times for selection. Motion was made that only times swum and entered in Swims database between Sep 1 of the previous year and the Thursday of Gold Championships week and times swum at Golds will count towards zone selection. (announcement will have actual date). Motion passed.

Sr. Swimming Chair – Steve Hall .

- Spring Speedos smaller due to LC format. Reimbursements have been mailed out.
- Proposed a new meet – LC Dual meet in May 2014 against another LSC. Will most likely be at Ithaca against Niagara. It will be a Senior all-star meet. Nominal fee for each participant, around \$50. Motion passed to support concept.

Tech Planning Chair – Jerry Adams

- Silvers went well with limiting number of events/day from 4 to 3 and not as many distance heats made for a better meet. Golds also went well. No sessions were too long. Therefore, no proposed changes for next year at this time.
- Eastern zone schedule to change next year. Eastern Zones will now have 3 spring meets; a North (Ithaca) SC meet and a South SC meet (VA) held the same weekend and the following weekend a LC Speedo meet. Swimmers can enter both meets.

Officials Chair – JoAnn Faucett

- We need more officials. There will be an officials clinic in the fall. Big need especially for 12-under officials.
- USA Swimming has a new officials designation: An Admin official needs to be assigned to a meet. The job of this official is to oversee computer/timing table, paperwork. Meet referee is still in charge, but the same person can't do both jobs. So, minimum number of officials needed for a meet has increased. The Admin official needs to be certified like other officials. More information will be available after national meeting.

Safety Chair – Paula O'Donnell

- Incidents reported online. Paula does not get reports then. Report receipt must be sent to safety chair.

Records Jenn Dixon

- All records updated.

Athlete Rep - Bobby Rowledge

- Need to do a better job of advertising position next year.

Coaches Rep - Jenn Dixon

- If coaches have any input or looking for anything please contact Jenn

Outreach Chair Carolyn Manor

- Awarded 23 SC grants; 5 applicants were denied. Have awarded 2 grants for LC and 3 are pending. Grants mainly to retain swimmers. New application format is more user friendly. Motion to add \$1200 to outreach budget for 2013-14 to allow for approximately 4 more grants. Motion approved.

Sanctions and Times Bill Faucett

- New meet bid form that requires less info. Can send in bid form before confirmation of pool rental; just indicate intention.
- Motion: proposal to add drop dead date of when bids should be in. Additional fee after that time. Surcharge of \$30 if late. July 31 for SC, Feb 28th for LC. Motion was accepted but was then withdrawn to work on wording to take into account new meets.
- New meet templates.
- No club affiliation for times of observed meets. Swimmer will show up as un-attached.

Old Business

- By-Laws Correction Sean Caron – 2 small changes to language required. Approved. “Annual” to “Fall” in 606.2. In 604.5 from Oct to Fall so mtg can be in Sep.
- Regional Coaches Clinic - Sep 27-29 in Saratoga at City Center. Registration opens online 2 months before start date. USA swimming expects it to sell out. \$60 one coach; \$120 for all coaches in Club.
- Fall mtg will be Sunday of coaches clinic; Sep 29. 1pm board; 3pm HOD

New Business

- Nominating Committee for Fall elections – need 3 for HOD; Rob MacLeod volunteered.
- Jerry Adams – USA Swimming has approved a \$2/yr increase in USA fee. Zone is now considering having own budget; where to get money and how to spend money remain questions to be answered.