

General Board Meeting

November 7, 2011

Loyola Blakefield

Meeting began at 7 PM.

Attendees: Raymond Brown, Pat Kaplan, Fred Manning, Caitlin Magaw, Betsy Coe, Cathy Kalisz, Jeff Scrivener, Mark Mangold, Jim Hutcheson, Ryan MacDonald, Peggy McKissick, Tom Slear, Tom Himes, Don Smith, Jennifer Frediani, Tim Pierce, Bill Kirkner

Raymond Brown welcomed all of the new At Large Members and all new Board Members.

April Minutes were approved

Committee Reports:

Senior Swimming and Audit Oversight Committee - Audit is progressing. Auditor has begun to receive statements from Jamie Cahn. This will be an ongoing process that will last several months

Tim Pierce – A Super Committee needs to be formed to re-evaluate the current MSI Meet schedule. Committee to be selected with a discussion scheduled for the December Meeting. Too many meets are oversubscribed, teams are getting cut out of meets and meets are too full for pool space that is available. Lack of Pools appears to be the root cause of the issues.

Jeff Scrivener – No report

Age Group: Tom Himes/Mark Mangold – Gave Technical Planning Report in Pat Underwood's absence. July Meet formats for RAC/ASC meets have been established so that corresponding event orders will be at both pools simultaneously. . This will aid in moving clubs from one venue to the other at the last minute. Host teams have agreed to the format. Hst teams will be told how many In LSC athletes they are to let enter their site – then after that it is first come first serve for any out of LSC teams. Both November Meets are full and oversubscribed. Tom Himes is working to get as many swimmers as possible into the meets but as many as 1-200 may be cut out. It is not the number of swims that creates the problems- it is the actual number of athletes.

Fred Manning – no report

Registration & Club Development – Membership is lagging substantially for athletes, coaches and officials. Huge majority of new members are 8 & unders. ASC has achieved Level 3...FAST will look at getting started on Level 1. Level 1 clubs need to start working towards Level 2 – or they will lose the Level 1 and have to start over. Levels are good for 4 years – then clubs must start all over again. LEAP 3 has been on hiatus – but need to ramp tat program up to get it completed as quickly as possible so that we do not lose Level 2. Outstanding portions addressed

through handouts. Membership cards and bag tags are in the process of being mailed and given to athlete reps to distribute. (Report on file)

Officials – 1 MSI Referee attended a National Clinic this past month.

Equipment – No issues - no replacement equipment needed – question of upgrading to higher Colorado 6 - there is no need at this time. Don Smith said the reviews he has heard on the Colorado 6 are that it is not worth the \$10,000 line item at this time. The basic improvement is connectors in the back as computers change connection apparatus. (Report is on file)

Safety – JCC will host 2 Safety Training classes – dates, location, fees and times will be posted on the website (Report is on file).

Camps – Presentation was made for Make A Spirit Diversity Camp to be hosted by any team that wants to bid on it – if not MSI will host at least 1 camp this year. More information to be presented at the January Meeting ,after follow up to see what kind of response is generated from the posting of the Policy, Plan and Application to host. New RSP and applications to host a Spirit Camp will be posted on the website. Open Water qualifies as Diversity – possible open water camp? Proposal to post the RSP and the Application was passed. Most of the cost of the camp is covered by USA Swimming.

Awards – No Report

Adapted – No Report

Athlete – Athlete email addresses almost complete for Board Athlete Reps to maintain contact with team reps. Cameron and Caitlin will communicate to set up the first athlete rep meeting for this year.

Treasurer – no report

Old Business:

Procedure for Entry Meet Fee Reimbursement to Clubs was passed (Report on file)
Policy was made Retroactive to September 1st , 2011 All policy information and the form for reimbursement will be posted on the website (Report on file)

Change of By-Laws to increase funding for coach education opportunities. Board passed proposal to present to June HOD for By Laws change. (Report on file - save for June Meeting)

New Business:

MSI Board presented Tim Pierce with his USA Lifetime Membership – that he was unable to accept at USAS Convention in September. He was surprised!!

Next meeting is a Board of Directors Meeting on December 5th. The next Full Board Meeting will be on January 9th – NOT January 2nd 2012. All meetings for 2012 will be held in the larger conference room at the top of the stair way and back to the right!

Motion to adjourn and Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM