

Ohio Swimming House of Delegates General Meeting

May 10, 2003 Minutes (Revised 5/20/2003)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1pm by General Chairman Al Kurth, and introductions were made all around. In attendance: CM Roberts, K. Weldon, W. Sinclair, K. Kennedy, K. Mollenberg, E. Brunemann, C. Strunk, M. Davis, R. Dickmann, S. Day, R. Boettcher, P. Nunan, C. Wolford, D. Wendorff, N. Burt, J. Meull, A. Kurth, M. Ricketts, P. Cole, T. Burt, M. Cooper, A. Harker, T. Saltus, D. Warmolts, M. Miranda, J. Pristash, G. Tameris, E. Schwab, J. Peterfish, (and a KCST coach whose writing I couldn't read).

2. The minutes from the October 2002 meeting were approved as submitted.

A paper copy of those minutes can be obtained from Cindy (there is not an e-copy for the web or for e-mailing) if so desired.

3. Treasurer's Report: (Tom Burt) Payments for Championship meets, travel and expenses were made up to May 1, 2003. A proposal was made and approved for equitable distribution of travel funds amounting to \$43,200 for the coming year. A detailed copy of this report can be obtained from Tom Burt at burto@alltel.net.

4. General Chair's Report: (Al Kurth) The Sectional Championship meet at Oxford was very well received with 99% positive ratings by participants. It will be run next spring as a long course meet.

The Nominations committee announced that the Senior Vice Chair, the Age Group Chair and the Technical Chair all wished to serve another term, and it was recommended that they be nominated. As there was no competing nominees, they were chosen for another 2 year term. A request for nomination for the Board of Review was made, and the following four were chosen: K Weldon, F Croft,

K Kennedy, a representative from Cincinnati. Frank Croft will serve as chair.

A reminder to all clubs: Your safety coordinators must be USA swim members.

In addition, everyone needs to pay up any fines which are still due and everyone on your pool deck must be duly certified.

Website is working well and we will use this as our sole means of communication. If anyone needs a paper copy and does not have access to a computer, they may contact the secretary.

5. Registration Coordinator's Report: (Erin Schwab) Total number of athletes currently: 4656 (of those, 55 are seasonal). Total number of clubs has increased to 61. Total number of non-athlete members is 626 (coaches, officials, non-swimmers) There is new

registration software which integrates your statistics and meet results with the NTV. Erin encourages everyone to check into this software as it will make proof of times and National Time Verification much easier.

New clubs which are registering this year will be required to undertake a \$500 course by USA swimming to teach club coaches and directors the elements of successful club operations. Special note to Coaches: please keep track of your credentials. You must send Erin updates and new certification as needed. All new swimmers in Ohio will be receiving special welcome packets from USA Swimming and Ohio Swimming. Erin is putting these (some 500+) together. Note that Erin will be out of the country from May 27-June 13 (Have fun in Ireland!)

6. Administrative Reports

a. Administrative Vice Chair: (Carolyn Strunk) A reminder to all clubs that Grey Book updates will no longer be mailed, rather they will be made available on-line for downloading. Secondly, all form updates have been posted on the website. Please check these especially if you are a meet host. These forms can be changed at any time, so please check the website when you are preparing to complete your forms.

b. Officials: (Dick Boettcher) The officials chairs will be hosting a Swimposium in October, 2004. In addition, they are establishing a mentor program for new referees and starters so that the training is more consistent, as well as extensive stroke and turn review. More officials are encouraged to become starters and referees to replace those who will be leaving. Statistics show that there is a need in Ohio, though we are still strong. For a more detailed copy of Dick's report, contact him at boettlnd@iac.net.

c. OVC/NTV: (Nancy Burt) Nancy and Brent Peaden, who is the Zone Chairman and Top 16 Chairman, will be attending a training program for the new Swims computer program in Colorado Spring this June. The program will make it easier to automatically record times faster than AA which are swum in any LSC or National meet. There is still a need for coaches to record high school meet times and many college times, however. Secondly, check for new address information for your commission NTV official on this website. Remember that all verifications must be written by the official in whose commission the time was made. Questions pertaining to NTV may be sent to Nancy at nburto@alltel.net.

d. Top 16: (Brent Peaden) Brent was unavailable, but sent a report which was shared and new Ohio records were recognized. Remember that all Ohio Record and Top 16 times must be filed within 30 days of the last championship meet after short course and long course to be recognized. Contact Brent with any questions at Peaden01@erinet.com.

e. Publicity/Swim-a-Thon: (Maureen Odjana) No report

f. Safety: (John Pristash) The lovely orange Marshal's vests sent to us by USA Swimming were modeled by Melinda Cooper for the benefit of all. Each LSC now has five, for use, if desired, by marshals. USA Swimming asks that all marshals wear "distinctive" clothing while on deck to differentiate them from others. Officials clothing is distinctive enough. The orange vests were given to the Cincinnati Marlins for test usage, and are available from USA Swimming for \$9.95 each. USA Swimming Safety Tool Boxes can be obtained at no charge from Christine Schemmel at cschemmel@usa-swimming.org or by calling her at 719-866-4578. Finally, our accident incident reports are down from last year, and John hopes that we continue this safe trend.

g. Insurance: (Greg Ransom) No report

h. Masters: (Virginia Bay) No report

i. Adaptive: (Cindy Roberts) Cindy has taken the job of Secretary and has recommended that her term be filled by Cindy Kolbe, the mother of a nationally ranked adapted swimmer (Beth Kolbe) from Tiffin, who is very involved. Ohio will be well-represented at the US National Disability Championships next month in Minneapolis. Watch the USA Swimming website for results. It's possible that we might have a few Paralympians in Athens next year from Ohio!

7. Age Group Chair: (Dan Wendorff) A great deal was covered in the committee meeting including the setting of meet dates for 2004. The dates and sites (if known) are as follows:

Short Course

Regional Championship Meets: Feb 27-29 (so far, only KCST and Upper Arlington have bid at this time; no Cincy or Toledo bids)

Senior Meet: March 5-7 Clippers will be hosting

State Championships: March 12-14 Marlins will be hosting

Central Zone Sectional Meet: March 18-21 Mako's (LCM)

Long Course (for bidding in October)

Olympic Trials: July 7-14 Long Beach, CA

Senior Meet: July 16-18

A/B Meet: July 16-18 (separate site from Seniors)

Central Zone Sectional: July 22-25

State Championships: July 29-Aug 1

Central Zone Meet: August 5-8

Maximum Entry fees were agreed to as follows:

2004 Championship Meet: Individual: \$3.75/Relay: \$8.00

2004 Regular Prelim-Finals Meet: Individual: \$3.50/Relay: \$7.00

2004 Timed Finals Meet: Individual: \$3.25/Relay: \$6.00

Changes were approved to the Time Standards for Short Course and the order of events for long course AA's, so that 10 and unders only will swim for three days and the distribution of events is more equitable. Copies of this information can be obtained from Dan Wendorff at dwendorff@columbus.rr.com.

There was discussion about the "swimmer of the meet" award, and it was agreed that it should be retained and times achieved from lead-off relay swims could be counted. Plaques were the award most liked by all, though it was agreed that the word "participant" should be etched on the plaque and then other achievement plates could be added, but at least note of the swimmer's participation is made.

Evaluations from the regional championships were discussed. Overall, the meets were successful, though it's obvious that Toledo was not allocated as many swimmers as the other divisions. After much discussion, it was agreed that while a hosting club cannot require teams to help, it is fine to request their help with timing as the meet benefits the entire region and often, especially on Friday mornings, there are staffing problems. The tone should be one of helpfulness for the good of the swimmers. Chris Hadden suggested that this request be placed right in the meet packet. Note that if there is no bid in Toledo for regionals, than it is most likely that Northwest swimmers will be asked to travel to Dayton.

8. Senior Chair: (Chris Hadden) The response to the senior meet was outstanding and Chris thanked the host team and everyone involved. The 3-day format will be retained and the same celebrations and athlete honors also.

9. Technical Planning Chair: (John Hojnacki) No report

10. Coaches' Report: **Proposals were presented by a sub-committee concerning the Long Course Format, Number of Events, Awards and dates of future meets. These were agreed upon and presented to the Age Group committee and adopted as discussed above.** In addition, it was agreed that there should be a camp for younger swimmers in each commission and a camp in Colorado Springs, hosted by Ohio Swimming, for our senior swimmers. Mark Davis, Keith Kennedy and Chris Wolford have agreed to work on this proposal. The rental for facilities at Colorado

Springs is reasonable, but unavailable until after Trials. **All meet info and Grey Book changes will be provided on the website and should be downloaded from there. Also, The Swimposium will be held on October 4 and 5. More information to follow.** Questions can be addressed to Mark Davis about any of the above at wtrcsharks@aol.com.

11. High School: (Mark Davis) Mark mentioned that OHSAA might be lowering the requirements for what constitutes a high school team from 7 to 4 swimmers so that more boys' teams will be created and there can be two divisions made.

12. Athletes: (Emily Brunneman) No report

13. Sanctioning/Scheduling Chair: (Alice Harker) Championship Meets have been listed above, and the 2003-4 Short Course schedule will be finalized and placed on the web.

14. Zone Report: (Brent Peaden) All details regarding the Ohio Zone Team can be obtained by selecting "Zone Team" from the main menu at www.daytonraiders.com. This year's Mega Zone meet, to celebrate its 25th anniversary, will take place at IUPUI. Senior swimmers with AAA cuts are encouraged to sign up, as they help the overall Ohio team score. All questions regarding Zones can be directed to Brent at Peaden01@erinet.com.

15. No old business

16. New business: Swimmeet.com is now organizing a special link-up with Ohio swimming so that all results can be placed on their web format. Check it out via the Ohio Swimming Website.

Due to the fact that the date of the Regional Championships was changed today to the same date as the Ohio State meet, GTAC is unable to bid on the meet as it was planning to do since most of its staff and families will be attending the State meet. Instead, it was proposed by K Kennedy that the Age Group committee consider allowing GTAC to host the Northwest Regional on March 5-7 at UT. This would allow the Northwest to retain its regional meet, and take advantage of the chance to use the UT facility. Dan Wendorff stated that he would get back to GTAC by the end of the week.

Date of the Fall House of Delegates Meeting: October 12

(Please send any reports or news to be included in the meeting notice to Cindy at irish@toltbbs.com by September 12.) The meeting notice and agenda will be posted on the Ohio Swimming website.

Meeting was adjourned.