

May 06, 2007

Club Attendance: ABLY (Bannon), BGSC (Strunk/Sec), CAC (Rice), CHY (Miller), CLPR (Roberts), CM (Nunan), DR (Weldon), DUBS (Klinge), FAST (Wobser), GCST (Nye/Tech Chr), KCST (Back), MAC (Saxton), MAKO (Harsh), MHSW (Dorfman), NAC (Finn), OHST (Brodbeck), PCY (Leonard), RAYS (Heis), SAK (Kolbe), SOS (Moran), SYL (Black), UASC (Saltus), WAC (Peterfish), WOR (Colby), WTRC (Davis), Rausch (Ath Rep), Pristash (Safety), Reynolds (Ad v-c), Harker (S/S), Carrigan (Agp v-c)

Board Attendance: Boettcher, Reynolds, Black, Carrigan, Strunk, Myers, Kolbe, Davis, Bockstiegel, Roberts, Schwab, Harker, Pristash, Nye, Hillier.

Absent: Beaver Creek Y, Blue Ash Y, Bobcat Swim Club, Buckeye SC/Hilliker Y, Coffman Y, Columbus Hilltop Y, Countryside Y, Defiance Y, Eagles Swim Team, Greater Toledo Aquatic Club, Kettering South Com Family Y, Kingfish Aquatic Club, Lancaster Y Swim Team, Liberty Twp/Powell Y, Mariemont Aquatic Club, Miami County Y Marlins, New Albany Aquatic Club, Ohio State Swim Club, Ohio University, RC Durr YMCA, Springfield Family YMCA, University of Cincinnati, Toledo Y Swimming, Wauseon Aquatic Club, Wright Patt Swim Team, YMCA Wahoos Swim Club, Williams County Y, Xavier Swim Club, **Absent Board:** Kennedy, Olson, Bay, Karn, Peaden.

Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.

Secretary Report (Strunk):

-Minutes from the October 2006 House of Delegates meeting were approved. No corrections.

General Chair Report (Boettcher):

- OSI v. Burt:** Tom Burt is currently serving a 2-year jail term. OSI is still receiving payments on what is still owed to us from him.
- Cindy Roberts resigned as Administrative Vice-Chair. The Board appointed John Reynolds to finish out Cindy's term.
- First outside has been completed. Copies are available if anyone would like to review.
- Looking for a better procedure for money that needs to go thru the Registration Chair. Any ideas, get them to Dick Boettcher.
- Beginning to investigate a move toward a permanent LSC office. No dollars will be spent without LSC approval. By the fall meeting, may have some ideas to present to the House.

-From Dick Boettcher:

In the personnel area, Cindy Roberts resigned as Admin Vice-Chair earlier this year in order to focus her activities in the areas of officiating and Paralympic Swimming. I'm sure that the whole LSC will join me in thanking Cindy for her contribution over the last several years on the BOD. With the approval of the Board, I appointed John Reynolds to fill Cindy's unexpired term as Admin Vice-Chair. John has many years of experience in the swimming world, and I'm confident that he will do an outstanding job for us!

For the most part, the OSI v. Burt issue is behind us. He is currently serving a two-year prison term as a result of the criminal judgment process. We are receiving monthly payments from him as directed by the civil judgment. We have finished with our legal work, and we should not incur any more significant legal expenses as a result of this situation. Our total legal costs in this affair were slightly over \$71M.

The independent audit of our 2005/2006 financial year is about complete, and I have a draft copy of the auditor's report. The treasurer's books are in order, and you will hear more on this subject in Tim's report. The auditors have made recommendations with regard to accounting policies and procedures, and I will ask Tim and John (as head of the Audit Committee) to consider implementing them. Also, I agree with the auditors that we have a vulnerability in the

process by which we handle funds through the Registration Chair. I am going to pursue this issue at the General Chairs Meeting in Omaha later this month to see if other LSCs have better procedures in place or if USA-S has suggestions.

The area of job descriptions and administration for the BOD/EXCOM is still a work in progress. Frankly, I haven't progressed as far as I want to in this area. Watch this space!

Also, at the GC's meeting, I plan to begin the data collection process for establishing a permanent office for the LSC. I want to make some contacts and get the stage set for the Committee that Al Kurth appointed last year to begin work. I do not propose to spend any money on this in the next 6-12 months, however.

Finally, I'd like to share some of my philosophy with the LSC. My view of Ohio Swimming is that we are a team of clubs, coaches, officials, and other volunteers that work together to provide the best opportunity we can for our athletes to achieve their goals, whatever they may be. We don't compete against each other (except in the pool!) or use our programs for personal gratification – we work together for our athletes. As happens in any human endeavor, there will be issues and differing points of view. I want to encourage us to work through these at the lowest possible level in a timely fashion, and not to let things get “out of control”. I have seen some instances of internecine conflict and competition that does nothing but hurt our programs and the athletes that we support. I have also been asked to be the arbitrator/decider for some pretty petty stuff! Everyone needs to know that unless there is documented illegality or violation of USA Swimming Rules & Regulations, I will consistently push back for resolution at the lowest level. Ohio Swimming is well respected in the USA Swimming community. Let's all work together to make us an even better organization for the benefit of our athletes!

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Boettcher

General Chair, Ohio Swimming, Inc.

Nominating Committee (Boettcher):

-All nominees for new officers, the Board of Review and the Nominating Committee were accepted within each group as a slate with no nominees from the floor. Each was moved, 2nded, and voted on independently (pass).

Treasurer's Report (Myers):

-Budget Report can be found on OSI website.

-Championship fund and travel fund dollars dispersed to teams.

-Money put in CDs and savings.

-OSI has over \$100,000 in assets after paying all 04-05 and 05-06 bills and expenses that were not paid by Tom Burt.

-Budget for 07-08 will be put together at Convention where Board will be together as a group.

Requests for budget items (or increase in a budget line) must be to the treasurer by **8/31/07**.

Registration Chair's Report (Schwab):

-Teams need to remember to use the current year transmittal of funds form (on the OSI website).

This form helps Erin track financial transactions.

-Remember to use CURRENT year forms that are online!

-Club registration chairs need to remember to mark ethnicity in Team Manager. USA Swimming is tracking this information.

-Clubs hosting meets need to remember that there are now two different coach card colors. It reflects the difference between 18 & under coaches (no background check required) and those who have completed the background check. Meet directors need to be made aware of the difference and will need to look for the card expiration date.

- Background checks are done every two years.
- There will be new forms and procedures in the fall of 2007 regarding Approved meets. Please remember to look for this information.
- Applications for 'Observed' meets must be received 10 days prior to the meet. Paperwork (original officials sheets, full meet backup) must also be received after the meet. Times from the meets will not be loaded without the items above.

Administrative Vice Chair (Reynolds):

- All Forms and Reports have been updated to reflect changes and all current forms have 10/6/06 (or later) as the revised date at the bottom. If you have copies of a form that does not indicate that date, you are using the wrong one and need to get rid of those documents and print the new ones. If you can't get them off the website, contact John Reynolds.

Officials (Bockstiegel):

- Mike Bockstiegel and John Reynolds will work on establishing a reasonable number of officials/club based on criteria and bring it to the House.

Clinics - We are in the midst of our spring clinics. Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati clinics have been held. The Toledo clinic will be next week and is the last clinic. There were eight new officials at the Cincinnati clinic, one at Dayton and none at the Columbus clinic. While we generally get more new officials in the fall, these numbers are of concern. Clubs need to work to continually increase the number of officials they have.

Jurisdiction - We will align our meets with the National jurisdiction recommendations where pool/personnel conditions allow. Stroke judges will now have wall-to-wall jurisdiction. Caution is urged when making a "touch" call to ensure the official is in position and can clearly see the infraction. Turn/finish judges have last stroke in, the turn and first stroke out. For the breaststroke, first stroke out includes the stroke, downward butterfly kick (if used) and the breaststroke kick. Head up before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke is now the stroke judge's call.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mike Bockstiegel
 Ohio Swimming Officials Chair
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NTV (Schwab):

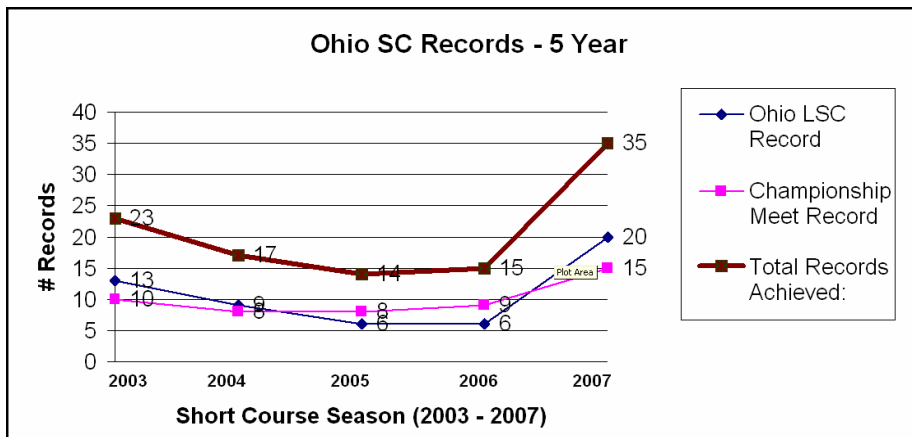
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Top 16/Records (Peaden):

Ohio Records Achieved

- Ohio short course records are updated as of 1-May-07. (See attached report)
- A total of 20 LSC and 15 Championship meet (JOs and SENIORS) were achieved this year, a spike upward from recent years.
- All records can be viewed on the OSI website.
- All clubs should verify any records achieved by their swimmers for past seasons. Very few "Records Applications" were received by the Records Chair in 2007; there is potential for records to be missed, so all clubs should review the lists if they have an

athlete who achieved a State Meet or Ohio Record (don't forget that records achieved at **observed** HS, YMCA, and collegiate meets are valid records).



National “Top 16” Certificates

- Long Course 2005 – Distributed HoD Spring 2006
- Short Course 2004-2005 – Distributed HoD Fall 2006
- Short Course 2005-2006 – Relays distributed HoD Spring 2007 (individual events not yet distributed)
- Long Course 2006 – Relays distributed HoD Spring 2007 (individual events not yet distributed)
- Short Course 2006-2007 – anticipated distributed: fall 2007 or spring 2008
- All certificates are awarded based on times that are ranked in the top 16 in the USA-Swimming SWIMS database at the conclusion of each season. Achieving a “Top 16 Reportable” standard does not automatically generate a Top 16 certificate.
- Certificates are typically sent from USA-Swimming to the Ohio records Chair approximately 1 year following the season for which the ranking occurred.

USA-Swimming Virtual Club Championships

- Where can I access this information? *USA-Swimming website > Times > Virtual Club*
- The Toyota National Club Championships is now available on the USA-Swimming website. This program extracts results from the official USA SWIMS database, applies an IMX ranking to each performance, and creates a national club ranking. Certain criteria apply, please review the guidelines on the USA-Swimming website.
- Final short course 2007 club scores can be viewed on the USA-Swimming website (see attached)
- Formula – all clubs are encouraged to view the formulas for generating the USA Virtual Club score, which is based on (1) best four swims per athlete, (2) two athletes per event max, (3) IMX scoring, (4) ages 11-18 used for calculation.

SWIMS and SWIM CONNECTION

- All Ohio Sanctioned meets from sc2007 are loaded in USA-Swimming SWIMS and Ohio SWIM CONNECTION.
- All results can be viewed in the public-access USA database at www.usaswimming.org, select “Times/Time Standards
- Coaches and team managers should know that Hy-Tek “result files” for every meet an Ohio swimmer attends, whether in-LSC or out-of-LSC, are always available at Ohio’s SWIM CONNECTION within 24 hours after the conclusion of the meet, as long as you request and gain approval for “meet manager privileges” when you logon. Go to

www.swimconnection.com/oh/ ...no more waiting around after a meet to get your results file!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Peaden

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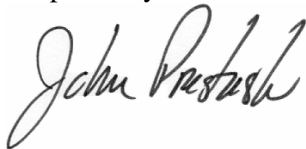
OHIO RECORDS CHAIR

Safety (Pristash):

1. 2006-2007 Approved Coach's Course List.
 - a. Next revision should be in July 2007.
2. 2006 Year End Accident statistics.
 - a. 898 accidents reported nationally (down slightly from 926 last year).
 - b. 31 accidents reported in Ohio (up from 15 last year, most likely due to better reporting!).
 - a. Summary/statistics available: contact John Pristash.
3. 2007 First Quarter Accident statistics.
 - c. 314 accidents reported nationally (up slightly from 257 last year).
 - d. 8 accidents reported in Ohio (down from 31 last year).
 - a. Summary/statistics available: contact John Pristash.
4. Report of Occurrence (accident) form
 - a. Has just been revised (May 2007), with minor changes.
 - b. Please make sure that you are using the new "updated" form (should say or "Revised 05/2007" in lower right corner).
 - c. Form currently available from USA Swimming web site (w/o mailing addresses), and will soon be updated on the Ohio Swimming web site (with mailing addresses).
 - d. Make sure that all accidents are reported, regardless of their severity.
 - e. Attach any additional documentation (facility report, newspaper article, witness statements, etc.).

Copies should be sent to: USA Swimming, Risk Management Services, Inc. & the Safety Chair (all addresses are on the bottom of the current form, soon to be updated on our web site)
5. Additional information on Insurance & Risk Management
 - a. Can be found on the USA Swimming web site.
 - b. Select the "Swim Clubs" tab, then click on "Insurance & Risk Management" section.
 - c. This section contains a series of articles from the Safety Quarterly, as well as a link to the Safety/Loss Control Manual.
 - d. Also included are topics on: Frequently Asked Questions, Details of Insurance Coverage, 2007 Insurance Summary, How to File the Report of Occurrence Form, Optional Insurance Coverage, Additional Insured Endorsements, and Sample Liability Release Forms that clubs may need for their pools.

Respectively submitted:



John Pristash

Safety Chair

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Adapted (Kolbe):

- Cindy Kolbe is resigning her position as Adapted Chair (moving to Massachusetts). Thank you to all of the work that you have put into educating us all about Adapted Swimming!! Peggy Ewald will be filling out the remainder of her term.
 - Reminder that 4 Ohio swimmers with a disability (2 in each age group) are eligible to compete at the Central Zone meet. *Coaches: please contact the Adapted Chair soon if you have any swimmers with a disability interested in participating.*
 - April Kerley has repeatedly earned Elite Team status with top 3 world rankings. April will join the rest of the US Paralympic Elite Team at the German Open Championships in Berlin at the end of May 2007.
 - Beth Kolbe was named to the Brazil Para PanAm Team after qualifying at the Montreal Can-Am meet.
 - Amber Salsburey traveled to South Africa for the World Junior Disability Championships.
 - More information is available under 'Adapted' on the Ohio Swimming website.
- Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kolbe, Ohio Swimming Adapted Chair

Outreach (Karn):

- No Report

Age Group Chair (Carrigan):

- Age Group Committee
 - Aging up from 12-13 between championship meets (allowed 200 stroke event at NT if have 11-12 cut in 100).
 - Short Course 07-08 allowed to use LC State cuts to enter.
 - State Age Group high point: use traditional points
 - State Swimmer of the meet: use Hy-Tek power points
 - SC Time standard change: Boys 1650 (only change for 07-08). Still using the 2-year time standard cycle.

Chip Carrigan – Committee Chair

Please visit the Age Group Committee page at

http://www.swimohio.com/HOD/Age_Group/Default.aspx, as most of the following documents are posted for your review.

Senior Chair (Black):

- No Report

Technical Planning Chair (Nye):

- No Report

Coaches Report (Davis):

- Score 4 into the bonus heat at the senior meet/sectionals
- Scoreboard to be used with team names like BG

High School (Davis):

- Boys are close to splitting into DI/DII. Will be decided in June.
- Chip offered to speak to OHSAA.

Zone Report (Peaden):

2007 Central Zone Championships - Cleveland

Teams: AR, IL, IN, MW, OH, OK, LE

Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Team Registration: Thu Aug 2, Ohio Team Social Thursday evening

Pool Competition: Fri-Sat-Sun Aug 3-4-5 (Cleveland State University), Team Parade on Friday 4:30PM before finals

Open Water Competition: Mon Aug 8 (Akron)

Officials: Please email Meet Director Tina McCauley at mccauley_t@shaker.org

Travel Team Athletes, Coaches, and Chaperones: Staying at Viking Hall at Cleveland State (confirmation pending).

Travel Team Fee: \$350 (flat for all years) – based on current budget and with the average OSI annual contribution of \$14,200 - we anticipate approximately \$1500-\$3000 in 'carry over' funds for the 2008 Mega Zone meet at IUPUI.

Travel Team Transportation: 2 Charter buses to/from Cleveland, pickup/dropoff in Toledo, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati.

Parents: A block of 40 rooms has been set aside for family & friends at the **Holiday Inn Lakeside** at 1111 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114 (888-465-4329 or 216-241-5100) at the very good rate of \$82 per night and a special \$5 per day parking with in-and-out privileges (most downtown hotels charge \$10-\$20 for daily parking). This hotel located near to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and other area attractions. The release date for these rooms is July 13, 2007. Once released, additional rates may be available by contacting the hotel directly. Our reservation code is "ZON" or "Ohio Zone Parents".

Ohio Coaches: Participation at Zones by Ohio age group swimmers (14 & Under) is heavy, and participation by senior athletes (15 & Over) is light or moderate. Since this year's meet is at a fast venue, consider placing this meet on your schedule for senior athletes.

2008 Central Zone Championships "Mega Zone" 25th Anniversary

Teams: All 15 LSC's

Location: IUPUI, Indianapolis (IN)

Open Water Competition: Wed Aug 2 AM

Team Registration: Wed Aug 2 PM

Pool Competition: Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun Aug 3-4-5-6 (IUPUI)

Notes from the host:

- Pool competition will be 4.5 days instead of 3 to reduce duration of the meet (to ensure 9PM ending time vs 10PM)
- Wed – Registration and relays; Thu-Fri-Sat-Sun – Pool competition, Mon – Open Water
- Indiana - Lessons from the 2003 "Mega" Meet will make this meet better than before.
- Ohio Travel team and parents will have a team hotel setup.

Notes from the Ohio Coordinator:

- The 2003 Mega Zone meet provided us with key information as we plan for 2008.
- The pros of the "Mega" format is the high level of competition and the venue.
- The "cons" are the duration, the crowd, and the expense.
- Based on the experiences 2003, the Ohio Coordinator recommends discussion amongst the Age Group Committee for possible elimination of the Open Water for Team Ohio. This will reduce the overall cost of the travel trip by approximately 1 day of travel and a savings of \$100 per athlete. Also, the Ohio Open Water Championships established in 2005 may reduce the demand for the event at Zones – providing OSI swimmers an OW alternative.
- Recommend feedback from the coaches and chaperones in 2003: Dave Lienesch (Head Coach), Jeremy Wilkin (Coach), Carolyn Layne (Coach), Ryan Shelly (Coach), Suzie

Helfrich (Coach), Jason Roberts (Coach), Brent Peaden (Coordinator), Missy Deters (Chaperone), and Julie Lehr (Chaperone).

“FLAT FEE” Zone Travel Fee

At the Oct 2007 HoD, the Age Group Committee recommended and approved a \$350 “flat” travel fee per athlete each year, regardless of location and dates. This will eliminate the wide range of spikes for travel team athletes year-to-year. Annual Contribution from OSI will adjust for the following year to keep this fee locked. This plan will be reviewed annually. (2006 Travel Fee “actual” cost was \$690, families were charged \$650, airline ticket was \$375 each).

Ohio Zone Team Website

Recommend transferal of Ohio Zone team information to the OSI website once webmaster has “portal” setup. Current Zone Team info here:

http://www.daytonraiders.com/ohio_zone_team.htm

E-Mail Distribution List

To be included in the Ohio Zone e-mail distribution list, contact Coordinator Brent Peaden at

bpeaden@woh.rr.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Peaden

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OHIO ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR

Sanctioning/Scheduling Chair (Harker):

- Bidding on '08 Short Course meets

Athlete's Report:

-No Report

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.