

**Ohio Swimming  
House of Delegates  
May 3, 2009**

**Club Attendance:**

Bowling Green Swim Club (Strunk)  
Cincinnati Marlins (Wolford)  
Findlay Area Swim Team (Leatherman)  
Greater Toledo Aquatic Club (Pierson)  
Kettering City Swim Team (Back)  
Miami Valley Aquatic Club (Lindsay)  
Miami University Swimming/Redhawk Aquatics (Lindsay)  
Northern KY Clippers (Roberts)  
Seneca Aquatic Klub (Ewald)  
Sylvania Tsunami Swim Club (Black)  
Washington Township Swim Club (Limkemann)  
Worthington Swim Club (Vrancken)

**Club Absent:**

Blue Ash YMCA  
Bobcat Swim Club  
Coffman Y  
Dayton Dolphins  
Dublin Community Swim Team  
Jerry Garver YMCA  
Kingfish Aquatic Club  
Liberty Township/Powell Y  
Mason Manta Rays  
Mercy Healthplex Sea Wolves  
Oak Hills Swim Team  
Powel Crosley YMCA  
Springfield Y  
Toledo Y Swimming

**Board Attendance:**

Black (Senior Chair)  
Boettcher (General Chair)  
Foster (Jr Rep)  
Nye (Technical Chair)  
Peterkowski (High School Rep)  
Reynolds (Administrative Vice-Chair)  
Strunk (Secretary)

Cincinnati Aquatic Club (Spurling)  
Dayton Raiders (Peaden)  
Greater Columbus Swim Team (Nye)  
Hilliard Hurricanes (Supe)  
Licking County Family YMCA (Carney)  
Milford Area Swim Team (Leonard)  
Napoleon Aquatic Club (Finn)  
Sand Otter Swimming (Moran)  
Sycamore Flying Fish (Schlosser)  
Upper Arlington Swim Club (Saltus)  
Westerville Aquatic Club (Peterfish)  
COSA (Reynolds)

Beavercreek Y  
Buckeye Swim Club/Hiliker Y  
Columbus Eagles Swim Team Countryside YMCA  
Delaware Ohio Racing Club  
Dynamo Swim Team  
Kettering South Comm Family Y  
Lancaster Y Swim Team  
Mariemont Aquatic Club  
ME Lyons Y/Anderson Barracudas  
New Albany Aquatic Club  
Ohio State Swimming  
RC Durr YMCA  
Suburban West Branch/Columbus Hilltop Y  
Wauseon Aquatic Club

Bockstiegel (Officials)  
Carrigan (Age Group Vice-Chair)  
MacDonald (Sanction and Scheduling)  
Peaden (Top Times/Records)  
Pristash (Safety)  
Schwab (Reg/NTV)  
Wunderle (Sr Ath Rep)

**1:08 pm call to order**

**Minutes Fall 2008 October approved**

**General chair report**

In the organization and personnel area, there has been one key change. Tim Myers had to resign as Treasurer in January for health reasons. Tim has served us in an outstanding manner over the past 3½ years. Starting at virtually “0”, he has rebuilt our financial systems and allowed the LSC to function normally over that period. He initiated and formalized budgeting processes and set up financial

safeguards that will stand us in good stead for the future. In addition, he was the key player in setting up our permanent office systems. Tim also served on a USA Swimming ad hoc committee that set up financial guidelines and requirements for all the LSCs. Tim's contribution has been significant, and I'm sure that all of you will join me in thanking him and keeping him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. I appointed Chris Wolford to fill out the unexpired term of Treasurer. Chris has the knowledge, background and experience to continue the work we have begun, and he will be an excellent fiduciary steward for the LSC.

The "virtual" Permanent Office is up and running as of the start of this year. Kristi Princell is the key contact for this office. All communications, registration, and financial activities in our day-to-day operations need to flow through this office. The address and phone numbers will be up on the website when I update the contact information after the elections today. That information is also on the registration forms.

Our first athlete "caucus" was held last year in conjunction with the fall HOD meeting. It was a much improved forum for our athletes to select their Commission and LSC representatives. It was also ideal as a process for them to share information and begin to get involved in the business of the LSC. We will be having this athlete meeting every fall in conjunction with the HOD meeting.

As you will hear in the Treasurers report, our financial health is good. We have adequate reserves, and we are well within budget for the FYTD.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Boettcher

General Chair, Ohio Swimming, Inc.

### **Election of officers**

Officers (odd year slate – two year term):

Senior Chair – Chris Black

Age Group Chair – Mike Rice

Treasurer – Chris Wolford

Officials Chair – Mike Bockstiegel

Technical Chair – Steve Nye

Board of Review (odd year, elect 4 minimum – two year term):  
(ex-officio)

Megan Foster

Mark Davis

Steve Nye

Judy Dusing

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2010 Nominating Committee (elect 4 minimum – one year term):

Bill Houk

Carl Ollila

Dan Wendorff

Cindy Roberts

All but Age Group Chair were approved as brought forth from nominating committee

Age Group Chair: postpone til JOs. job description: ensuring champ meets are formatted correctly and right size; meet format, projecting the future, evaluate time standards. Run age group committee meetings. Dave Back was nominated by Chris Wolford, second by Jim Peterfish. Motion to close by Steve Nye. Motion by Dick Boettcher. Voted and approved.

Treasurer: Thanks Kristi and Tim Myers for work over the past couple years. New systems and forms in place. Each 'dept' has a budget. Budgets are due August 1<sup>st</sup>. Kristi needs accurate contact info for teams. **NEED MAILING ADDRESS!!!!** System set up: look to having a '0' budget each year. USA swimming wants a reserve of \$250g (to run lsc for a year)... Non-used \$\$ put into cds. We are at about \$150g right now. Working to consolidate cds as they come due. **FUTURE:** changing the way to fund outreach (get suits, cap goggles and an item of choice). May be changing that to a stipend (based on receipts) and submit a bill to Tammy Karn-Morris and reimbursed up to that dollar amount. Changing the travel fund and how we operate it. Were always mileage based before. Moving to a year round system to make even between sc and lc. Easier to manage from lsc budget prospective. Fall – going to a flat rate. Any funds left over will be divvied up by miles. Sectionals was eliminated from reimbursement. Travel fund was to alleviate some travel expenses. Sectional reimbursement was between \$25/\$40. Starting sc: attempt to audit 2 meets/season to make sure amounts OSI is receiving are accurate. Collect entry reports, swimmer reports, post meet reports, etc. One will be calling random teams to verify/assure the outside auditors of OSI books. **Dick:** usa swimming recommends the \$250g; not a number pulled out by OSI. Budget/reports may be viewed on OSI website.

**Reg/ntv:** usa refund policy. 30 days from date of registration, request cards back. Deleted from the db and will no longer receive benefits. Can switch from regular registration to outreach, again, have 30 days. Bad checks: USA swimming will pay. Delete from database and member will no longer receive benefits. Registrar issues: Erin has 45 days. No fund difference. **FUTURE:** USA Swimming will have online secure server. Stay in a holding tank until OSI receives \$\$\$.

**HOD Meeting attendance.**

September 1-August 31 (our swim year): a team must attend one meeting per swim year; fall meeting is always in Columbus; spring meetings rotate between other commissions (May 2010 in Dayton).

Working with Tammy Karn to refine outreach process. Record year this year with the number of registrations and have not yet even begun lc season registrations. Pre/post meet reconciliations still the same process. **DO NOT ASSUME A TEAM HAS A CREDIT.** Send correct money for that transaction. If there is an overpayment, OSI will take care of afterward.

**NTV:** High School loading. Reemphasizing that Erin needs to get a file. Needs officials' heat sheets to load the file. Once loaded, Erin has no control over HS state meet. Will stay in holding tank until beginning of next season. (On April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> the holding tank for OSI will be dumped). If time needs to be put back in, it will cost \$25 per event to reload.

**Administrative Vice-Chair:** audit reports: controls in place for who has touching of money. Only John Reynolds and Dick can handle large transfers of \$\$.

Suggestion to check on forms and clean up old from new.

**Officials:** 21 new officials at Cincinnati clinic. No meeting yet in Dayton. Toledo and Columbus are coming up. **SUITS:** suit changes are going into effect May 15 (no above neck, beyond shoulder or below knee for 12 & unders). 1 suit **ONLY (NO DRAG SUIT WITH A SPEEDO UNDERNEATH)**. 1<sup>st</sup> offense, take off, 2<sup>nd</sup> take to coach, 3<sup>rd</sup> disqualify. Officials' committee has come up with recommendations of the number of officials' a team must have at a meet. Teams will need to supply officials' based on number of athletes entered by each team per session. This would allow for sufficient officials to have relief, chief judges and keep each session moving efficiently. **DECISION:** Lots of discussion/opposition; will be going back to adjust the program.

**Safety:**

1. 2008 Year End Accident Statistics.
  - 1008 accidents reported nationally (up slightly from 932 last year).
  - 23 accidents reported in Ohio (down slightly from 29 last year).
  - Summary/statistics available: contact John Pristash.
2. Teaching Racing Starts.
  - On March 16, 2009, the USA Swimming Board of Directors adopted an amendment that defines the term "teaching racing starts" and has provided guidelines.
  - All coaches and club safety coordinators should have received an e-mail with this updated information (please e-mail me if you need a copy).
  - Amendment takes effect on May 1, 2009.
  - 'Racing Start' forms: must keep on file for 3 years by the club.
3. 2009 Risk Management Seminar: June 12-13, 2009.
  - Sponsored by USA Swimming and held every two years.
  - Please e-mail me with any questions or topics that you would like me to address.
4. Report of Occurrence (accident) Form
  - Last revision made in May 2007, with minor changes.
  - May be revised at Risk Management Seminar.
  - Please make sure that you are using the new "updated" form (should say or "Revised 05/2007" in lower right corner).
  - Form currently available from Ohio Swimming web site (with correct mailing addresses).
  - Make sure that all accidents are reported, regardless of their severity. Usa swimming will not accept claims if form is not filled out completely/properly.
  - Attach any additional documentation (facility report, newspaper article, witness statements, etc.).

Respectfully submitted:



John Pristash  
Safety Chair  
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**Coaches rep:** Recommended dates for champ meets. Camps have been successful. Ethics and ethics committee (1 from each region and an athlete). Benson is working on OSI Statement on recruiting ethics. Info passed on to chair of Isc. Trying to have ongoing contracts with Miami.

**High School:** no report

**Age group:** working on evening out sessions for finals. All teams Dayton central & nw to nw and cinci teams will stay in cinci. Working on sc time standards. Will be time adjustments for the over/undersubscribed events. New standards will be posted AFTER Ic JOs.

**Senior chair:** 2-suit rule (as said before, applies to drag suits also). Possible to have 200 relays at the senior meet. Mason is checking on pool depth. Will be Friday and Saturday. Clarified: 13 & under MUST have 15-16 AAA cuts whether they are in high school or not. Travel fund reimbursement: details will be posted on the Ohio Swimming website by Chris Black.

**Adaptive:** Meeting held back in April. Was an entry level meeting. If anyone from any club would like to become more involved in disability/adaptive swimming, please contact Peggy. She would like to have a few more people involved in addition to herself. GTAC disability meet May 16-17 in Cincinnati. Largest meet. Will be attended by many of the 2008 paralympians.

**Diversity:** Stipend system instead of current method. Set up to assist with various emergencies that happen (i.e. job loss, med bills, etc).

### **Zone/Top 16:**

#### **OHIO ZONE TEAM REPORT**

**May 3, 2009**

#### **2009 Central Zone Championships**

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

Location: Noblesville (IN)

Dates: Aug 7-9, 2009 (Registration on Aug 6, Open Water on Aug 10)

The Ohio Travel Team and staff will have lodging setup north of Indianapolis; information will be available on the OSI website on or approximately June 1, 2009

#### **National Time Standards Updated For 2009-2012**

There are new time standards for the quadrennial years 2009-2012, which includes AAA standards that qualify swimmers to the Zone Championships. You can view the new time standards at the USA Swimming and Ohio Swimming websites. To qualify for the Central Zone Open Water Championships, the qualifying criteria is unchanged – swimmers must have achieved a National A time in the longest distance freestyle of their age group within the 12 months preceding the previous year's Zone Championship Meet.

#### **Central Zone Committee**

The Central Zone "Task Force" is considering a revision to the Zone meet format that allows for prelim/final competition for the 11-12 age group (currently, 10-unders and 11-12 competes in timed finals and 13-14 and 15-18 compete in prelim/finals format). Also, the task force will be discussing adding an event to the 13-14 and 15-18 age groups (from 5 to 6 events). The 11-12 and 10-unders will remain at 6 for the meet. All of these considerations, along with other items, will be presented for vote at the Central Zone delegates meeting in September and, if passed, will be implemented in 2010.

#### **Website**

Visit the Ohio Swimming, Inc (OSI) website at [www.swimohio.com](http://www.swimohio.com) and select "All Star Teams" from the menu.

#### **E-Mail Distribution List**

Parents & swimmers wanting to be added to the "Ohio Zone Team" distribution list send an e-mail to the Ohio Zone Team Coordinator Brent Peaden at [bpeaden@woh.rr.com](mailto:bpeaden@woh.rr.com)

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

Brent Peaden

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OHIO ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR

**Records:** Check OSI Website for current Long Course and Short Course records.

**Camps:** Coaches need to push the younger, novice, entry level camps to their swimmers for the camps to be successful and not be cancelled. Elite and IMX camps are well-attended!

Ohio Swimming has operated two camps so far this year. The first camp was a Catch the Spirit Camp through USA Swimming that took place on December 28, 2008 at Keating Natatorium. We had

35 participants and 4 coaches in that camp. USA Swimming provided t-shirts and coach stipends, which helped reduce the cost of the camp. We had a lot of positive comments from campers and parents. The second camp we ran was the Age Group Select Camp at Miami University. Swimmers were selected based on their short course IMX scores. We had 44 swimmers and 4 coaches participate in this camp. This was the second year that we offered this camp to our swimmers.

The final camp for 2008-09 is an Elite Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. This high altitude training camp takes place the weekend of May 22-25, 2009. We have 19 swimmers who are registered to participate. USA Swimming and the O.T.C. provide housing, transportation to and from the airport, and meals. 3 coaches will also be attending the camp. Ed Bachman of KAC, Jason Roberts of CLPR, and Carolyn Strunk of BGSC will be running the six long course practices and three dryland sessions in Colorado. USA Swimming also provides valuable classes that both the athlete and coach can benefit from. We are also trying to set up a filming session for each athlete. This should be a great experience for all of those involved.

I had an aggressive camps schedule planned for the past year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel some of the camps because there was not enough interest to justify running them. I am hopeful that we can continue to build on the successes of the camps we did get to run this past year. Therefore, for 2009-2010, I plan on trying to run 3 different levels of camps. The first will be for swimmers 9-12 years old that are slower than the National A time standard. I would like to run this level of camp in each of the commissions; Northwest, Central, and Cincinnati/Dayton. The date for these camps will be December 20, 2009. The second camp will be the Age Group Select Camp. Swimmers will once again be selected based off of their short course IMX scores. The tentative date for this camp will be April 25, 2010. Miami University has worked out very well for this camp and I will try to lock in this location for next year. The third camp will be the Elite Camp for 28 swimmers 14 years and over, who have achieved the appropriate qualifying time standards. The proposed date for that will be May 28-31, 2010. I will submit paperwork for the camp to USA Swimming in the coming weeks.

Depending on the interest in the December camps, I may add an additional camp for swimmers who would not qualify for the Age Group Select Camp or Elite Camp. If anyone has any questions or thoughts, please email me at [ohiocamps@gmail.com](mailto:ohiocamps@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted:

Todd Billhimer

Ohio LSC Camps Coordinator

**Technical Chair:** no report

**Athlete:** message board for athletes to go to reps with questions, concerns, etc. Chris black will get with Chris Pierson on how to get this to work.

**Sanctioning/Scheduling:** See OSI Website for list of meet dates/locations

No old business.

New business:

Announcements: Fall meeting, October 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with mid-states swimposium (embassy suites in Dublin). Short course jr nationals at OSU 12/10-12/2009.

Motion to adjourn 4:10pm. Moved/seconded.