

October 08, 2006

Attendance: ABLY (Hart), BASH (Whatley), BGSC (Strunk/Sec), CAC (Rice), CHY (Miller), CLPR (Roberts), CM (Nunan), DR (Peaden), DUBS (Shoenfelt), FAST (Wobser), GCST (Nye/Tech Chr), GTAC (Pierson), KAC (Bachman), KCST (Back), KEY (Wentzel), LTPY (Promenschenkel), MAC (Saxton), MAKO (Harsh), MHSW (Dorfman), NAC (Finn), OHST (Brodbeck), OSU/OSSC (Wadley), OU (Werner), PCY (Leonard), RAYS (Heis), SAK (Kolbe), SFF (Chelle), SOS (Moran), SPY (Patmos), SYL (Black), UASC (Saltus), WAC (Peterfish), WOR (Colby), WTRC (Davis), Rausch (Ath Rep), Pristash (Safety), Roberts (Ad v-c), Harker (S/S), Carrigan (Agp v-c)

Absent: APSC, BKHY, BSC, BVCY, CFY, CRC, CY, DUST, DYBD, EST, HURY, LY, LYST, MAST, MCY, MUS/RHA, NAAC, TYS, UC, WAUS, WCY, WPST, XSC, YWSC.

Secretary's Report:

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

General Chairs Report:

-**OSI v. Burt (Dave Olson):** The criminal matter is still proceeding. The civil matter is almost wrapped up. Hearing dates will be emailed and put on the website. The Audit Committee will also be on the website.

-**Convention Review (Cindy Roberts):** Any questions to the Audit Committee let Cindy know. The Committee is open to accounting suggestions (i.e. firms).

-The convention was very political this year. Jim Wood was elected President; Pat Lundsford was elected Vice-Chair for Program Operations (liason with coaches); Mary Jo Swalley also elected.

-USA Swimming has \$40 million in assets. Olympic Trials '08 will be live on NBC from Omaha (14,000 spectator seats). Advertising on children's TV. Mark Schubert is the new National Team Director. Promoting awareness to swimming. New Outreach programs. Has a new Diversity Chair.

-**Futures, direction, etc. (Dick B.):** Meetings will start **promptly** at time stated on agenda! Thank you to past general chair Al Kurth for starting us in a new direction. Fall House of Delegates will always be in Columbus coinciding with coach swimposium, Spring House of Delegates will rotate (5/6/07 in Dayton).

From Dick Boettcher:

The first thing I would like to do in this report is to thank my predecessor, Al Kurth, for his two terms of service to OSI. We have made a lot of progress as an LSC under Al's leadership. He aided and supported the Senior Committee to bring our Senior Championship meets back from near extinction to being a premier meet. He laid the groundwork to streamline our Policy & Procedure process that will ultimately result in a simplified handbook format. In addition, he did a lot of good work behind the scenes to develop our image and relationship with our neighboring LSCs, most notably, Lake Erie. Probably most significant is his work, much of which will not nor cannot be made public, to bring the sad financial situation to a head and begin the recovery process. This was tough work, and took a lot of guts and persistence, and we all owe Al a debt of gratitude for it.

It is my objective to continue building on the good things that Al has started, and to make even more progress in improving the LSC as it delivers its mission of supporting our athletes, coaches, clubs and programs in competitive swimming. My efforts for the next couple of years can be broken down into four priority focus areas (in order of priority!):

First and foremost is to regain our financial health and to make sure that we have systems in place to insure ongoing fiscal responsibility. I am working closely with our Treasurer, Tim Myers, and I would ask that all of us do the same. He has done a great job so far, and he needs all of our cooperation as he puts the right systems in place. He is establishing transparency for our

finances by posting budgets and reports on our website. We are also developing budget ownership and accountability of individual Board members in their areas of responsibility. A regular auditing process is now in place and will be a part of our fiscal life from here on out.

Second is to develop a more active role by the Board of Directors/Executive Committee in the day-to-day operation of the LSC. I am not totally clear on how this will play out, but it is probably a combination of E-mail, conference calls, and face-to-face meetings on a more regular basis than in the past. I'm sure open to suggestions on how to do this effectively and efficiently, since I don't have any neat solutions right now! I will be using our By-laws to work with each Board member to develop strategies and work plans for their areas of responsibility, however.

Next, is individual work with outside entities to regain our reputation that has been pretty badly tarnished by the financial fiasco with our former treasurer. This will involve individual efforts and PR on my part with USA Swimming and our sister LSCs. This will be greatly enhanced with the help of all the members of Ohio Swimming doing the best job that they can do to make sure we continue to have outstanding programs that develop outstanding athletes!

Finally, I am going to establish a feasibility study group in the next year or so to look at the possibility of establishing a permanent LSC office within a 3-5 year time frame. Most of the largest LSCs have these operations, and I believe that we can benefit long term from having a more "professional face" on our day-to-day business operations.

While this does not represent a comprehensive "list" of all my responsibilities and activities, I wanted to make sure that the membership of the LSC knows what my highest priorities are as we go forward. I also want to make sure that you all understand that one person does not represent the whole LSC – this is a team effort and it takes all of us working together to deliver on our mission of providing the best possible competitive swimming programs for our young athletes. In other words, the Board and I will need the help and support of everyone in the LSC!

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Boettcher

General Chair, Ohio Swimming, Inc.

Treasurer's Report:

- \$60,000 currently in account; should have \$130,000 by the end of the month.
- Questioning whether to pay USA Swimming past due bill (\$19000). Voted by House to pay the bill and start clean.
- **'06-'07 budget:** Change Adapted to \$800.00; Change Zone team to \$14,200.00. Look for updated reports on the budget monthly on the website.

Registration Chair's Report:

- Please remember to **use '06-'07** transfer of funds form, transfer forms, athlete and non-athlete forms (all are on the OSI website).
- **Registration:** must file electronically; remember to mail the hard copy of the TM export file; with this, you must also sent the transfer of funds form and the money for the registrations.
- **Club applications:** Club can't renew membership unless head coach is current in certifications.
- **Transfers:** Please be sure to check the box that they are 'New' to your club. If the last date of representation at a meet is not completed, their last date becomes the date that Erin receives the transfer form.
- **All clubs must be using Team Manager 4.0** or they will not be compatible with Erin's system.
- **Athlete Registration:** USA Swimming asks for Ethnicity and if have a disability. Please check the appropriate boxes for these in Team Manager.
- **Statistics:** negative growth (3%) in '06. 5600 registered athletes.
- **Coach background checks:** 2 year expiration; currently pilot testing in 5 LSC's; rollout for the remaining LSC's will be in phases; Ohio will be notified when it is our turn and we will have 5 weeks to complete.

Administrative Vice Chair:

- All gray book changes, corrections, and deletions have been approved, denied, or tabled. Please check the website for the new and improved gray book.
- All Forms and Reports have been updated to reflect changes and all current forms have 10/6/06 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, email Cindy Roberts.

Officials:

- Clinics:** We are in the midst of our fall clinics. Columbus, Toledo and Cincinnati clinic have been held. The second Cincinnati clinic was held on October 7th and there were 24 people in the new officials session. This is the largest we have had recently. The Dayton clinic is scheduled for October 12th. As of 10/7, we have 15 new Level 5 stroke and turn officials, three new starters and one new referee.
- We need to encourage all clubs to discuss becoming an official with their parents. A big concern of mine is the lack of experience in the younger age group sessions. We need to get parents involved when their kids are young to increase the deck experience in these younger age group sessions. Suggestions are welcome. We will be discussing strategies to increase our numbers at our spring Officials Chairs meeting.
- National Officials Certification:** The new N2 and N3 National Officials Certification process seems to be working. Pat Lunsford said the procedures will be changed soon to eliminate some of the confusion.
- Jurisdiction:** USA Swimming has posted the new stroke and turn briefing and the recommended jurisdictions that were put up last January and then removed. The stroke and turn briefing is much less specific than what it was. We will continue with the old briefing that was more complete for this short course season. Also, the jurisdiction is more in line with what High School is – turn/finish judges have last stroke in/first stroke out. Stroke judges have wall-to-wall. We are waiting on clarification before we change in Ohio. Pat Lunsford has indicated that this will be cleaned up in the near future and we will wait for the final results before changing. We do want to align Ohio with what USA Swimming recommends.
- General:** I am brand new in this position. If there are suggestions/comments on ways to improve the effectiveness of the Ohio officials, I would welcome them. Contact me anytime with your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
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NTV:

- “Approval” for YMCA, NCAA (USA technical rules)
- “Observed” for District, State, MAC

Top 16 Records: **Ohio Records**

- Ohio short course records are updated as of 1-May-06. Copies of new records for long course 2006 are distributed for review at today's HoD meeting and the complete lc list will be updated in the coming months. 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 2006; 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.

- USA-Swimming is in the process of consolidating the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups. Once USA-Swimming has outlined its age group handling of records, the Ohio Records Chair will brief the OSI membership on if & how we (OSI) should follow suit.

National “Top 16” Certificates and IMX

- All certificates from short course 2005 and long course 2006 are in. Distributions were made at the Ohio Age Group State meet and at the May 2006 and October 2006 HoD meeting. If you did not receive your clubs certificates, please contact the Ohio Records Chair.
- All certificates are awarded based on times that are ranked in the top 16 in the USA-Swimming SWIMS database at the conclusion of the sc and lc seasons. Simply achieving a “Top 16” time standard does not generate a National Top 16 certificate.
- USA-Swimming will be implementing a “mythical” point system based on top 16 times for each age group.
- 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.
- Long Course 2006 Individual IMX Scores Announced by USA-Swimming:

Top Ohio 12-Under Females:

1. Cara Norris (CAC) – 5th Nationally
2. Grace Long (UASC)
3. Maddie Schaffer (DR)
4. Alisabeth Marsteller (RAYS)
5. Rachel Jackson (NAAC)

Top Ohio 12-Under Males:

1. Sam Mitchell (WTRC) – 9th Nationally
2. Matthew Abeysinghe (DR)
3. Josh Brooks (WTRC)
4. Mack Rice (CAC)
5. Brett Mackenzie (DR)

Top Ohio 13-Over Females:

1. Ellen Williamson (CLPR) – 9th Nationally
2. Danielle Jansen (CM)
3. Amanda Smith (RAYS)
4. Claire Dickmann (CLPR)
5. Taylor Garber (DR)

Top Ohio 13-Over Males:

1. Cory Chitwood (CLPR) – 2nd Nationally
2. Michael Miller (CLPR)
3. Matt Angelini (CM)
4. Jared Miller (CM)
5. Shane Coltharp (CLPR)

SWIMS and SWIM CONNECTION

- All Ohio Sanctioned meets from long course 2006 have been uploaded to the official USA-Swimming “SWIMS” database, as well as the official Ohio “SWIM CONNECTION” database.
- All results can be viewed in the public-access “SWIMS” database at www.usaswimming.org, select “Times/Time Standards” from the main menu.
- 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 by:

Brent Peaden

Safety:

1. 2006-2007 Approved Coach's Course List.
 - a. Revised annually by USA Swimming (each July).
 - b. No major changes that I am aware of.
 - c. Available from USA Swimming web site.
2. 2006 Six Month (January-June) Accident statistics.
 - a. 507 accidents reported nationally (up slightly from 443 last year).
 - b. 15 accidents reported in Ohio (up from 3 last year).
 - a. Summary/statistics available: contact John Pristash.
3. Report of Occurrence (accident) form
 - a. Has just been revised (Oct. 2006), with only minor changes.
 - b. Please make sure that you are using the new "updated" form (should say "Revised 10/2006" in lower right corner).
 - c. Form currently available from USA Swimming web site, and will soon be available on the Ohio Swimming web site.
 - d. Make sure that all accidents are reported, regardless of their severity.
 - e. Attach any additional documentation (facility report, newspaper article, witness statements, etc.).
 - f. Copies should be sent to (all addresses are on the bottom of the current form):
 - USA Swimming
 - Risk Management Services, Inc.
 - Safety Chair
4. 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.

Respectively submitted:



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Adaptive:

- In recent news, Keith Kennedy, Head Coach of GTAC, has been named to the coaching staff of the US Paralympic World Championship Team that will compete in South Africa this December. Cincinnati swimmer April Kerley (S9 classification) earned a spot of the 25-member US team and she will join Keith at Worlds. Congratulations Keith and April!
- New USA Swimming incentive programs to encourage the inclusion of swimmers with a disability began September 1. All Ohio Swimming clubs have received or will soon receive printed details on both the USA Swimming Disability Reward Program and the USA Swimming Disability Internet Challenge. Clubs will also receive a letter to forward to their swimmers with a disability to encourage the swimmers to get classified at the April GTAC meet.
- Since I will be moving to Massachusetts with my family this coming summer, this will be my last year as Adapted Chair with Ohio Swimming. I have asked Peggy Ewald, an Ohio swim

coach who is one of the US Paralympic National Team coaches, to take over this position. She is very qualified and has agreed to start as Adapted Chair in September, 2007.

-A major update of the adapted swimming page of the Ohio Swimming website has been completed. Topics include: In the News, General Overview, Upcoming Events, Related Websites, Central Zone Meet, Championship Requirements, Disability Classifications, Free Materials, and Contact Information.

-Also, the following proposal will be considered by the Ohio Swimming House of Delegates on Oct. 8, 2006: Ohio Swimming meet hosts are required to include the following statement in their meet information. The purpose of the statement is to welcome athletes with a disability, to establish fair qualifying guidelines, and to ask for advance notice of any necessary accommodations.

-Swimmers with a Disability are Welcome to Enter Ohio Swimming Meets: Coaches: 1)

Enter the swimmer on Hy-Tek or the paper entry form; 2) Provide advance notice of any necessary accommodations; 3) List in the email with the Hy-Tek entry (or on paper) the swimmer's name, entry times, strokes/distances, days/sessions, and how the swimmer prefers to be seeded. Swimmers with a disability will be seeded with the same age group in either the same distance race or a longer distance race (i.e., 50 free during the 100 free).

-Qualifying time standards at regular season meets are waived for swimmers with a disability. For Ohio Swimming Championship meets, swimmers with a disability may enter if they qualify in at least one event for the US Paralympic National Championships. At the Central Zone meet, four swimmers with a disability are welcome on the Ohio Zone Team without meeting the time standards. More info. available under 'adapted' on the Ohio Swimming website.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kolbe, Ohio Swimming Adapted Chair

Outreach:

-No Report

Age Group Chair:

-Age Group Committee

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.

1. **Age Group Committee** has been reorganized into 11 voting members:
 - a. Five Standing Members
 - b. Four Commission Members (NW, COL, DAY, CIN)
 - c. Two "At Large" Members
2. **Age Group Championship Meet Bid Questionnaire** will be posted, to be filled out by all teams bidding on Age Group Championship Meet. The completed questionnaires will be posted on the OSI website 7 days prior to each HOD meeting for all HOD delegates to review.
3. **Age Group Championship Series Meets** – Beginning in 2007, OSI will have the following Championship Meets:
 - a. Short Course:
 - i. Regional Championships (no minimum time standards)
 1. Northwest Commission – One Regional Championship
 2. Central Ohio Commission – Two Regional Championships
 3. Dayton Commission – One Regional Championship
 4. Cincinnati Commission – Two Regional Championships
 - ii. Junior Olympics – One Age Group Junior Olympic Championship

- b. Long Course
 - i. Ohio A Championship (no minimum time standards)
 - 1. Ohio A North Championship
 - 2. Ohio A South Championship
 - ii. Junior Olympics – One Age Group Junior Olympic Championship
- c. This format allows:
 - i. Greater participation rates by keeping more swimmers closer to home.
 - ii. Single Prelim session for all age groups, no afternoon sessions, and earlier Finals starting at 5:30 PM for all Championship Meets.
 - iii. Time Trials will be conducted following morning prelims.
- 4. **Meet Book Templates** – all Age Group Championship Series Meet Book Templates now appear on the OSI Website in the Age Group Committee page. All conduct and information regarding Age Group Championship Series Meets are now contained in the Meet Templates, eliminating the
- 5. **Time Standards**
 - a. Minimum Time Standards have been eliminated for Long Course A Championships.
 - b. Age Group Junior Olympic Time Standards are now in effect for two years (2007 and 2008) for both Short & Long Course.
- 6. **Five Year Calendar** – The five year calendar of recommended dates of Age Group Championship Series Meets has been posted to the Age Group Committee page on OSI website. This allows teams bidding on Championship Series Meets a useful planning tool.
- 7. **Financial Questionnaire** – Championship Meets – Tabled for future discussion.

Senior Chair:

-No Report

Technical Planning Chair:

-No Report

Coaches Report:

-No Report

High School:

-No Report

Zone Report:

2006 Central Zone Championship Meet Details

Teams: Ohio, Arkansas, Michigan, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ozark, South Dakota

Team Ohio: 125 Athletes, 5 Coaches

Location: Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma

Notes: all athletes returned home safely, no issues to report, financial report sent to Ohio Treasurer on Oct 1st, 2006

2006 Central Zone Team Scores (Pool Events):

- 1. IL 5617
- 2. MV 4065
- 3. OH 3671
- 4. OZ 2241
- 5. SD 1808
- 6. MW 1319

7. ARK 1228
8. OK 1077
9. ND 603

2006 Central Zone Open Water Championships

Ohio – 1st Overall

2006 Central Zone Age Group Scores for Ohio:

- 10-Under Boys – 2nd overall
- 10-Under Girls – 1st overall
- 10-Under Combined – 1st overall
- 11-12 Boys – 2nd overall
- 11-12 Girls – 2nd overall
- 11-12 Combined – 2nd overall
- 13-14 Boys – 4th overall
- 13-14 Girls – 5th overall
- 13-14 Combined – 4th overall
- 15-18 Boys **none**
- 15-18 Girls – 9th overall
- 15-18 Combined – 9th overall

2006 Central Zone Individual High Point

10-Under Girls

- Alisabeth Marsteller (MASON) – 1st overall
- Taylor Dschaak (CM) – 4th overall
- Jessie Schieman (WTRC) – 7th overall
- Alex Schuttinger (COPS) – 8th overall

10-Under Boys

- Josh Brooks (WTRC) – 3rd overall
- Matthew Abeysinghe (DR) – 4th overall
- Scott Richmond (MAKOS) – 5th overall
- Louis Vennefron (CLPR) – 8th overall

11-12 Girls

- Abby Chin (UASC) – 1st overall

11-12 Boys

- Sam Mitchell (WTRC) – 1st overall
- Brett Mackenzie (DR) – 2nd overall
- George Frank (EGLZ) – 3rd overall
- Mack Rice (CAC) – 5th overall

13-14 Girls

none

13-14 Boys

none

15-18 Girls

- Sarah Andrews (DR) – 1st overall

15-18 Boys

none

2006 Central Zone Records by Ohio Swimmers:

1. Sam Mitchell (WTRC) 11-12 boys 100 Back – 1:03.84
2. Sarah Andrews (DR) 15-18 girls 1500 Free – 17:16.33
3. 11-12 Boys 400 M.R. – 4:29.05
Sam Mitchell (WTRC)
Gabriel Baumgartner (SFF)
Mack Rice (CAC)
Brett Mackenzie (DR)

1. **2007 Central Zone Championships**

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

Location: Cleveland (OH) State University

Dates: Aug 3-4-5, 2007 (Registration on Aug 2, Open Water on Aug 8)

Notes: Ohio Travel Team may stay in A/C dorms walking distance to pool. Team hotel will be setup for non-travel athletes and parents.

2. **2008 Central Zone Championships “Mega Zone” 25th Anniversary**

Teams: All 15 LSC’s

Location: IUPUI, Indianapolis (IN)

Dates: Aug 7-8-9-10 (Registration on Aug 6, Open Water on Aug 11)

Notes: Pool competition will be 4 days instead of 3 to reduce duration of the meet. Lessons learned from the 2003 "Mega" Meet will make this meet better than before. Ohio Travel team and parents will have a team hotel setup.

3. **"FLAT FEE" Zone Travel Fee**
\$350 per athlete each year, regardless of location and dates. 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).
4. **Website**
Links & updates will be available on the Ohio LSC website. Meet details posted at:
http://www.daytonraiders.com/ohio_zone_team.htm
5. **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

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bpeaden@woh.rr.com, OHIO ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR

Sanctioning/Scheduling Chair:

-No Report.

-Bidding on '07 Long Course meets

Athlete's Report:

-No Report

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjourned: 4:47p.m.