

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF
SNAKE RIVER SWIMMING**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the General Chair, Al Luptak.

Attendance

A representative from all teams was in attendance (see attached sign-in sheet), with the exception of Baker Swim Team.

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting

Linda Conger stated that the minutes from the annual meeting did not reflect that she had mentioned that Bruce Stratton had completed his second term as USA Swimming Treasurer and was appointed Chairman of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Dina Luptak moved to amend the minutes to include this item. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Swimposium

Joyce McInturff telephoned USA Swimming to get available dates for a swimposium to be held in Twin Falls. She was given June 4 and 18 as possibilities. There followed a discussion about the various types of swimposiums, including clinics for swimmers, leadership clinics for Team Board members, and parent clinics. It was brought up that June 11th would be a better date than either the 4th or 18th. Further discussion was held regarding the possibility of holding the swimposium on the same weekend as the annual House of Delegates meeting. Denise Thompson moved that a swimposium should be held on June 11 if that date was available with USA Swimming, or if that date was not available, the swimposium be held in conjunction with the annual House of Delegates meeting on October 1, 2005. Ron Gipson seconded the motion, and it was passed by a majority.

Zones

The Zone meet will be held on August 9-13, 2005. Linda Conger will look into making the hotel reservation. Al stated that although there is no requirement in the Standing Rules, past practices were to have the Zone Committee consist of: Age Group Chair, Athlete Representatives, Head Zone Coach, Assistant Zone Coach, a past chaperone, and 2 other appointed people. Presently, Joe Neratko and Linda Keele have volunteered to be on the Committee. Dina, as the previous chaperone, agreed to be on the Committee. It was suggested that the Senior Chair should also be on the Committee.

In the past, the Age Group Chair had acted as the Zone Committee Chairman. Linda Conger, as the Age Group Chair, volunteered to act in that capacity for the upcoming Zone meet.

Zone coaches need to be elected. The process for the election was discussed. Any coach interested in being a Zone coach was to talk to the Coaches' Representative, John Apgar,

following the meeting. The Zone coaches were to be determined by the end of the Thanksgiving Meet (November 21).

All Stars

It was agreed that All Stars should be continued. Linda stated that we needed to pick some possible dates for the All Star meet, and it was proposed that most weekends in April were available. Linda will check with Inland Empire and Montana to see if April was a good time for them.

Linda proposed that the All Star Coaches be the same as the Zone Coaches. After further discussion regarding the election process, it was decided that anyone interested in acting as an All Star coach was to talk to John Apgar following the meeting, and the All Star Coaches would be finally decided upon by the end of the Thanksgiving Meet (November 21).

Winter Champs

Brian Gallagher understood that the Saturday and Sunday events from last year's Winter Championships be flip-flopped, with the exception that the 1650 events would remain on Sunday. After a short discussion, it was agreed that not all events should be flip-flopped. Brian will work with the Nampa Swim Team to come up with the meet format.

Board of Review

John Twiss agreed to be on the Board of Review. Al has not heard from Bill Trask, so it is assumed that he is not interested in serving on the Board of Review. Because it is still believed that a lawyer would be a good person on the Board, Bobby will talk to Dave Alexander about Mr. Alexander's availability to serve.

Webmaster

It was noted that the web page is not being regularly updated. Roger and Al will talk to Dave Ziolkowski about this.

Timing System

Al has not been able to reach Steve Vernon. Al encouraged everyone who used the timing system to talk with Steve about any problems. Frank Burlison again suggested that a checklist be developed for use by anyone using the timing system.

Bylaws

Joan used some bylaws from USA Swimming to make an electronic copy of Snake River's Bylaws. Al noted that there were some minor differences between the old typed copy and the electronic copy. Joan stated that, as a legal secretary, it was common practice to "restate" the bylaws without making them exactly identical in format, but everyone would need to read and approve the restated Bylaws. Shirley Robinson, from Idaho Falls YMCA, stated that her

secretary could re-type our Bylaws in order to match them exactly. Al will follow up on this item.

Standing Rules

Al is continuing to work on updating the Standing Rules.

Financial Report

Peggy Hawkins will get with Gino Favillo to take over as Treasurer. It is hoped that a full financial report of total assets and expenses will be available by the end of December.

New Business

Linda Conger stated that since USA Swimming pays all her expenses to attend the Age Group Chair Workshop on April 22-24, Snake River should send another (naming Bobby Goldhan) to attend the Workshop as well. It was agreed this was a good idea. If Bobby is not interested, other volunteers will be considered.

Dina Luptak reminded everyone that if their Club is not registered by December 1, their registration fees will be doubled.

Patty Stratton's email comments regarding the enforcement of the Standing Rule that a host team must have one official for every 12 swimmers were discussed. It was pointed out that we do not have any enforcement procedure in place for this Rule.

There was a short discussion regarding whether Zone times should be posted as actual Zone qualifying times or as Snake River qualifying times. Linda Conger will submit Zone times as Snake River qualifying times to the Webmaster and will hand out copies during the Thanksgiving meet.

A question was raised regarding meet fees when no awards are presented. Although there is no rule on this, the policy and administrative clinic training has been that awards should be the largest part of the budget (40% to 50%). Al stated his opinion is the surcharge should cover pool rental, timing system rental, travel fund, and other expenses to run the meet, and the event fee be used to cover awards. If a meet is not presenting awards, there should be no fee per event.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held between prelims and finals on Saturday during Winter Champs.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Grady