

Minutes of Annual Meeting of House of Delegates of Snake River Swimming 2006
General Meeting

Call to Order

John Apgar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on September 30, 2006 at the KMVT Community Room in Twin Falls, ID.

Attendance

In attendance were: John Apgar, Kyle Bodily, Peggy Hawkins, Maggie Wright, Linda Conger, Tony Thiros, Dina Luptak, Brian Gallagher, Joyce McInturff, Dana Wright, Eliza Schmidt, Casi Pahis, Denise Thompson, David Wiles, Tonja Colby, Missy Britt, Eric Makelia, Julie Spokas, Frank Burlison, Madi Kaestner, Lauren Lewis, Noella Biedenbach, Joy Crist, Lisa Mashak, Jake Cole, Taylor Oswald, Ricky Swearingen, Matt Miller, Susan Smith, Andy Cole, and Floyd Fisk. It was determined Idaho Falls Y, Baker Swim Team, Eureka Swim Team were not in attendance. Kyle noted we had a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes

The minutes of the annual House of Delegates 2005 meeting held on October 1, 2005 had been approved at a special House of Delegates meeting held November 19, 2005. The minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2005 were reviewed. Linda moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers

General Chairman. John Apgar reported on the 20% athlete participation rule USA Swimming has adopted concerning governing of the LSC. John also inquired as to board members being able to vote by telephone due to medical reasons restricting the ability to attend the House of Delegates meeting. It was determined that the standing rule of no vote by proxy prohibits telephone voting.

Administrative Vice Chairman. Kyle Bodily presented the proposed 2007 meet schedule. Linda motioned to accept the meet schedule, Floyd seconded. Discussion was led by Tony Thiros concern of having both Winter and Summer Championship Meets on the west side of the state in one year. Noella Biedenbach stated the standing rules clearly state that the Summer Championship Meet is to be held the last weekend of July and on the proposed schedule it was scheduled the weekend before the last weekend. John verified the standing rule of holding the Summer Championship Meet the last weekend of July. The decision was made to continue with the officer reports and move discussion of the meet schedule to committee reports. Linda withdrew her motion.

Senior Vice Chairman. No report

Age Group Vice Chairman. Linda Conger reported briefly on convention and use of IMAX scores, money incentives allotted to swimmers with disabilities are to encourage more swimmers with disabilities to participate, background checks will be done on all coaches. Linda will send out a more complete report at a later date.

Treasurer. Peggy Hawkins said the budget reporting is from September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006 to coincide with the swimming season. Peggy reported a balance of \$35,561.00 in checking, \$8745.00 in an interest bearing CD, and that \$657.00 was made in interest. Income for the year was \$6,732.00. Peggy asked that clubs collect USA Swimming dues from their swimmers and send clubs check to cover the fees to the registrar. The LSC had to cover a \$2,000 expense for the Western Zones Meet due to four swimmers pulling out from attending at the last minute.

Secretary. Maggie Wright had copies of the four House of Delegates meetings from the year available. Maggie also stated she was in the process of filing minutes and forms due to USA Swimming.

Technical Planning Chairman. Brian deferred his report to under committee reports.

Registration/Membership Chairman. Dina Luptak asked that clubs use correct club codes when hosting a meet. Dina will no longer be printing out a second copy of a swimmers USA Swimming card. Dina asked to please be sure to use the 2007 forms when registering because the price has gone up and forms were available on the table in the front of the room.

Officials Chairman. Joyce McInturff was asked if meet marshals need to be USA Swimming registered. Joyce stated according to our by-laws, yes meet marshals need to be registered. Joyce reported 84 officials are on deck. There were eight officials' clinics over the past year with 12 new officials achieving certification at a rate of 43% of those who attended clinics. Three people in the state are currently qualified to hold clinics; those being Fred Hohorst, Al Luptak, and Ken Grover. Joyce presented the finance committee's decision to purchase six headsets for the LSC. The referee re-certification will be enforced which consist of taking the test before November 1, 2006. Joyce finished her report with the announcement she would be stepping down as Official's Chairman and Joe Burquist would be taking over at the first of the year. Joyce expressed her gratitude to the LSC for their commitment, that she was proud to say she is a member of Snake River Swimming and the quality of officials within the LSC. John Apgar expressed his gratitude to Joyce for doing such a great job and led the room in a round of applause.

Adaptive Chairman. No report

Equipment Chairman. Peggy Hawkins read an email from Steve Vernon concerning the repair of the timing system.

Committee Reports

Technical Planning. Brian made a statement concerning those swimmers aging up and not having times available to swim races at championship meets with the “No Times” rule.

Finance, Budget and Travel. Highlights will be discussed in new business.

Meet Scheduling. Postponed.

Old Business

John Apgar brought up the members-at-large section of the Bylaws 605.2 appointing additional athlete members to attain the 20% rule. Appointed were: Hannah McInturff - STP, Lauren Lewis –BY, Taylor Oswald -IFST, and Jake Cole -Elko. John then brought up the standing rule governing the Summer Championship dates. Denise read over the minutes from June 10, 2006 stating the standing rules had been adopted as read and that the corrections to be made were made in the current published set of standing rules. That if the current body wanted to change the standing rule an amendment needed to be made. *Denise motioned that the line in Standing Rule Section 2 A be changed to read “The dates of the Snake River Swimmer Championship Meet shall be anytime in July and the Winter Championship meet shall be anytime in February.”* Linda seconded. **Motion passed.** Dave W. then asked if that meant the dates will be set for championship meets one and one half years in advance. Denise motioned that *the Summer Championship Meet and the Winter Championship Meet be awarded two years in advance at the Annual House of Delegates Meeting.* **Motion passed.** The discussion turned to meet scheduling. Kyle B. led the discussion that the amendments are accepted to change the standing rules governing the dates of the championship meets. Discussion was centered on the rotation of championship meets. Denise motioned that *Snake River Swimming accept the rotation of the Summer Championship Meet and Winter Championship Meet beginning in the year 2007 with Nampa hosting the Winter Championship and Twin Falls hosting the Summer Championship.* Joy Crist seconded. Susan S. stated that she would like the rotation modified for the year 2007 and 2008 so that Boise Y could host both years. **Motion passed.** Kyle presented the proposed meet schedule. Tony T. strongly stated the need for the championship meets to be on alternating side of the state. Joe N. agreed that the two meets should be alternating. Andy Cole motioned *the proposed schedule be amended to award Twin Falls bid to host Summer Championship on July 27, 28, 29 2007.* Joe Nerakto seconded. Brian G. commented that as a coach he would like the best possible pool for his swimmers at a championship meet and that two years ago the rotation idea was proposed and Twin still has the meet. Frank B. stated the Twin Falls pool has a definite

current and asked that it could be a matter of turning the jets in different directions. Noella stated it would be looked into. **Motion passed** with a vote of fifteen ayes to eight nays. John A. made a motion to *approve Boise Y to host the Summer Championship Meet and Idaho Falls to host the Winter Championship Meet in 2008.* **Motion passed.** Noella B. made the motion to *accept the meet schedule as amended.* Joe N. seconded. **Motion passed.** Brian led the discussion of scoring the Challenge 50's. Questions were raised as to whether the 50's should be placed back in the regular event schedule and if they would then count as a day's event. A motion was made to *score the Challenge 50's, include the swim in the number of events, and to leave them in the Challenge 50's format.* **Motion passed.** Joe N. motioned to *pass the budget as written,* Linda seconded. **Motion passed.**

New Business

Noella B. conveyed the message that Mike Stromberg, Celeste's coach from North Dakota, has offered to come and do a clinic in Twin Falls in early December. Cost would be approximately \$90 per swimmer. John stated he thought this a good idea as Nampa's clinic was quite successful and everyone would benefit. Joe N. led the discussion of the problem with the zones budget going into the red was that four swimmers backed out at the last minute. Joe thought some kind of deadline for registration would alleviate this in the future. Frank B. brought up that in years past a zones committee was in place to help with planning. John suggested establishing a zone chairman position. Frank B. motioned that *a zone committee be set up, to choose the zone coaches early and that the head coach be the committee chairman.* Peggy seconded. Discussion was led by Maggie of the zone recommendations made at the budget meeting earlier in the day relating to the zone committee looking into sponsors and fundraising. Eliza asked that if possible not to have two new coaches appointed the same year. Denise stated the need to determine the committee soon and that in the past it's been chaired by the age group chairman or appointed by the general chair. The motion was amended for *the zone committee to be headed by the age group chairman who will appoint members and including the Jr. and Sr. Athlete Reps.* **Motion passed.** Linda motioned that *swimmers be allowed to use a 400m or 500y time to swim in the 800, 1000, or 1500 races at championship meets.* Discussion centered on the fact that those races aren't offered often enough to always get a time to comply with the NT rule. **Motion passed.** Frank motioned to *use a time for a stroke from a shorter race when a swimmer ages up to cover the NT rule.* Discussion centered on how close to the meet a swimmer would age up and that time trials are offered at meets enabling a swimmer to achieve a time in a race. **Motion denied.** Linda C. asked to *strike her motion regarding using 400m or 500y times to enable swimmers to swim the 800, 1000, or 1500 in championship meets when no time had been established.* **Motion rescinded.** Dana Wright reported on the athlete representatives concerning the convention in Dearborn, MI. Dana stated the Western Zones Meet will start earlier on Tuesday to shorten events offered on Saturday. The athlete committee considered the idea of a newsletter, but feel that is not the way to go. Dana and Tony will set up a blog

on My Space for the swimmers. Concerns were made as to monitoring harmful input, but Dana stated she and Tony will monitor it closely. Brian G. mentioned the scoring in championship meets to include only 1st – 8th place. Those clubs hosting should make sure the scoring is set up correctly. Eliza Schmidt brought up the practice of some coaches swimming “swimmers up” from their age group and to not allow it. Joyce stated that referees have the option to allow swimmers to swim out of their age-group at a meet. Joyce will send out reminders to referees concerning the issue. Frank B. asked about the LSC timing system. John reported discussion from the morning’s meeting of the budget committee concerning the system which included; looking into a timing system manager in Twin Falls, storing the timing system in Twin Falls, contacting USA Swimming about a used trailer to purchase, money was budgeted to purchase equipment to correct the current problems, and the establishment of a maintenance kit which clubs will use before packing the timing system up for transport. Susan S. announced Ken Grover will be doing a stroke and turn clinic in Boise and the particulars are on the website. Dina stated the Spook Splash invitation is out and on the website. Frank B. stated he has old books, handouts and magazines available for anyone who wants to take them. Dina asked that teams send her their current team manager database to compare with the SWIMS database.

Elections

Maggie nominated Linda as age-group chairman. Linda agreed to ONE more year. John will look into appointing someone to Age Group Camp Coordinator with the Board of Directors approval. Brian will stay on as Technical Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Wright
Snake River Swimming Secretary