

Minutes of Annual General Meeting House of Delegates of Snake River Swimming 2007

Call to Order

John Apgar called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. on October 6, 2007 at the KMVT Community Room in Twin Falls, ID.

Attendance

In attendance were: John Apgar, Kyle Bodily, Peggy Hawkins, Maggie Wright, Linda Conger, Dina Luptak, Brian Gallagher, Dana Wright, Casi Pahis, Denise Thompson, Ricky Swearingen, Patty Fisk, Patty Stratton, James Baisden, Jen Baisden, Joe Neratko, Danyale Simontahi, Janice Favillo, Bobby Goldham, Nick Young, Beth Malina, Dennis Burgett, Joe Burquist, Paul Hodges, Roger Osmun, Gavy Pora, Michael-Shea O'Donnell, Jessica Layton, Hayden Osmun, Lara Shopshire.. It was determined Baker Swim Team and Eureka Swim Team were not in attendance. Kyle noted we had a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes

Linda Conger moved to waive the reading and accept the minutes of the 2006 House of Delegates of Snake River Swimming General Meeting as posted on the SRSI website. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy reported as of August 31, 2007, the end of the fiscal year, Snake River has \$42,836.07 in checking and \$8900 in a certificate of deposit. All outstanding debts are paid. The requirements for financial procedure required by USA Swimming were being met. Reiterated one check per team for registrations makes the job much easier, but will continue to take checks made out to Snake River from parents.

Reports of Officers

General Chair. John expressed concern over the fact that the population of Idaho continues to grow, but the number of clubs and swimmers has stayed the same over the last year. What are we not doing to promote the organization and how can we improve on that? John expressed his opinion that swimming should not be sanctioned as a sport in the state of Idaho. He would like to host a championship meet in Boise next year with New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Idaho in place of traveling to age-groups. Clear mission statements, documentation, and insurability are needed for clubs especially those YMCA affiliated. More organization is desirable which might include an office and staff, possibly sharing an office with another LSC.

Administrative Vice-Chair. Kyle expressed items of interest will be discussed in specific committee reports.

Senior Vice-Chair. Bobby reported on participation for USA Swimming Senior Meets and presented the 2007-2008 schedule. (handout)

Age Group Vice-Chair. Linda reported there will be a refund for zone participants, but the figure was not determined yet. The 2008 Western Zones Meet will be in Gresham, OR and the 2009 Western Zones Meet will be in Honolulu, HI. Convention went well with Linda Conger, John Apgar, James Baisden, Dana Wright, and Nick Young attending. Noted discussion of whether athletes should be on the board of review as required in the bylaws. John commented Snake River Swimming wasn't thought of too highly by other LSC's and noted Indiana didn't have any qualified Olympic swimmers.

Secretary. Maggie Wright reported the bylaws/standing rules have been updated, posted on the website and ready for adopting later in the meeting.

Coaches Representative. James Baisden reported on news from convention. The training for coaches has changed to no longer accept lifeguard class for training as in the past. The life guard class will only cover the skills section. A sports medicine therapist recommended swimmers no longer do the shoulder stretch and it's better to massage the cramps out especially around the shoulder and not to stretch the shoulder structure itself. Further information is available on the USA Swimming website. A session was dedicated to handling parents – how often to meet with, goals, general information. And the backstroke pull position is to be more of a side pull with a whip instead of rotating the shoulder putting strain on the rotor cup.

Technical Chair. Report will come in committee reports.

Sanction Chair. No report, but see handout.

Registration/Membership Coordinator. Dina Luptak reported 997 registered swimmers in 2007, down from 993 in 2006. Please email registration forms this year, teams should automatically be sending her a list of athletes instead of her having to ask for, and a team check for registrations instead of individual checks makes everyone's job easier. Dinah also mentioned she received a bill and accident report from the Summer Championship Meet that the referee or host team should have submitted to USA Swimming.

Official's Chair. Joe Burquist reported Snake River has 96 officials and is a high percentage for our LSC's size. There were 14 new stroke and turn officials added in 2007 with 20 trainees. Joe would like to see more organization in trainings, each team have an officials representative on their board, and that the LSC has purchased new DVD's to share/view among the clubs. He apologized for not being able to attend the officials clinic and not getting the word out sooner so that another delegate could have attended. Joe requested the officials do what they can to support Baker Swim Team in volunteering to help with their meets. Joe reiterated the controversy of the breaststroke call/overtake at the 2007 Summer Championship Meet. An officials committee meeting was held and the consensus was the call was good and should not have been overturned. In order to give the swimmer the benefit of the doubt sometimes there needs to be more observation than a spontaneous call. Joe asked that in the future when there is a controversial call to refrain from angry emails and register a formal complaint so that procedure outlined in the rules can be followed.

Adaptive Chair. No report.

Equipment Chair. No report.

Records Chair. Patty Stratton asked that she is notified of any new records and not just the webmaster. High school times will be submitted for SWIMS, names need to be included in relays. Bobby Goldham asked why times achieved in time trials are not recorded as records. Patty stated

that to be considered for records times in Snake River Swimming the time trials need to be posted, include other more than one team, and be sanctioned by the sanction chair.

Review Committee. No report.

Athlete Representatives. Dana Wright and Nick Young reported on convention. Nick attended an Outreach Program in Los Angeles where he worked with peers his own age teaching others his own age how to swim. He said it was a very rewarding experience. Dana reported on a new meet in development called the Scholastic Meet. It would be open to senior swimmers making the qualifying time standards with an average 3.5 GPA. Dana discussed the issue of having athlete reps on the board of review. It was recommended to keep the minimum age of athlete reps at 16. Also presented at convention was the possibility of adding an open water competition at sectional meets. Michael Phelps was awarded "athlete of the year" and was a no show due to training.

Publicity Coordinator. No report

Awards Coordinator. No report.

Committee Reports

Technical Committee. Brian Gallagher reported on the technical committee meeting. Brian presented the idea of moving the 50 free as requested by the athlete reps to Friday. Denise motioned to move the 50 free to Friday, the 100 free to Saturday, and the 200 free to Sunday. Motion passed. Brian presented the possible restructuring of the Challenge 50's format. The discussion centered around the idea of swimming the 50 back on Friday, 50 breast on Saturday and the 50 fly on Sunday with only one prelim race that morning and one final that evening. The 50's would count as an event, be scored and seeded eliminating the Challenge 50's format. No motion was made.

Brian presented the request to add a time standard to championship meets using B motivational times. Motion was made to accept B motivational times for championship meets as modified by Linda Conger. Discussion included getting swimmers to attend more meets to achieve times, motivating swimmers to set goals to come to championships, parents might not want to accept the expense if their swimmer can't swim maximum swims or if only siblings are swimming, championships should be a quality meet, LSC will lose money as folks will go to other meets outside the LSC, should shorten the length of the prelims especially in distance events, will keep the meet within the time frame as outlined in the 2007 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Book, and finally the limitation of number of time trials. Motion was made to amend original motion to use motivational times from 2007 Rules and Regulations Book using the 15% times in Track IV as the qualifying times for events 100 or longer. The 15-16 times will be used for the 15-21 age group. Motion passed. Motion was made to let the referee at the summer championship meet set the start time on Saturday's final events one and one half hour after the completion of the 800 free. Discussion revolved around getting the finals start time out to those folks who had already left the premises and the start times should be stated in the invitation. Motion failed.

Finance/Budget/Travel Committee. Peggy Hawkins reported on the committee meeting. The 2008 budget was set with an increase for travel expenses, allotting \$100 in secretarial expenses to supply each team with a new copy of the updated bylaws and standing rules in notebooks, an increase in the Membership/Registration allotment to cover postage, an increase in the webpage fees and allotting \$5000.00 from general funds to cover the purchase of a new timing system trailer. A motion was made to accept the budget as proposed. Motion passed.

Meet Schedule Committee. Kyle Bodily reported on the committee meeting. It was requested the Y meets be included on the schedule when posted on the website. Motion was made to accept the schedule as presented. Motion passed.

Zone Committee. Report was included in Age-Group Chair's report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

John Apgar presented the request from Nampa Swim Team to establish the Koudelka Memorial Trophy to be presented annually at the Koudelka Memorial Meet. The trophy would be presented to an outstanding representative family in Snake River Swimming. The Koudelka family will make the selection from a 1 – 2 page nomination.

John Apgar presented the idea of Boise hosting an age-group Rocky Mountain Meet with Snake River, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico in March with time standards slightly slower than age-group regionals. This would enable swimmers to swim at lower elevations and save the expense of traveling to the regional age-group meet. Pros and cons were: maximum number of swimmers would be 600, would many of Snake River swimmers be able to participate, is the money generated for the LSC or Boise, conflict with spring break, Boise is already on the circuit for holding Y Regionals. Athletes were in favor of the meet. Boise will look into availability of facility. John will pursue with the other LSCs.

Motion was made to amend the standing rule Section 2, part 1 eliminating the wording regarding records made in time trials. Section 2, part 1 will now read "All records shall be set in sanctioned competitions." Motion passed.

Motion was made to accept records made in time trials, if requested, to be retroactive. Motion passed.

Motion was made to move the 1500 freestyle race to Thursday night during Summer Championship Meet if the facility is available. Motion passed.

Patty Stratton, records coordinator, inquired about time verification for meets. If times are to be verified, times need to be entered in the format achieved and not converted. Also that verification should be included in the meet invitation.

Motion was made to increase club fees from \$100 to \$125 with the \$25 going to zone funds. Motion failed.

Steve Vernon needs to be contacted as soon as possible for purchase of new trailer as the old trailer is no longer road safe.

Dina Luptak stated USA Swimming is offering to do a club development meeting during next year's House of Delegates Meeting. Discussion as to holding another Swimposium in 2008 in the new

YMCA facility in Ketchum. Annual House of Delegates meeting could be Friday night, club leadership could then be Saturday. Brian will investigate.

Maggie Wright presented the bylaws to conform with USA Swimming template and incorporation of existing Snake River Swimming bylaws as well as the updates to the Standing Rules as made by Al Luptak. Motion was made to accept the bylaws as posted on the website as well as the standing rules as posted on the website and including those motions made at this meeting needing to be incorporated in. Motion passed.

Nominations

Maggie Wright read the nominations: John Apgar, General Chair; Kyle Bodily, Admin Vice-Chair; Senior Vice-Chair, Bobby Goldham; Maggie Wright, Secretary; Linda Conger, Coaches Representative. Motion was made to move for a white ballot to accept nominations as read. Motion passed. Denise Thompson offered to step in as Age-Group Chair.

House of Delegates Meeting 2008

Motion was made to hold the annual HOD meeting October 17 -18, 2008 in Ketchum, ID with an alternate date of October 10-11, 2008 depending on scheduling of club development meeting with USA Swimming. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Wright
Snake River Swimming Secretary