

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF
SNAKE RIVER SWIMMING, INC.
(September 27, 2003)**

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates of Snake River Swimming, Inc., was held at the Twin Falls YMCA, Twin Falls, Idaho, and was called to order at 1:40 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2003.

In attendance were: Al and Dina Luptak, Roger Osmun, Travis McCan, Frank Burlison, Bill Galyean, Linda Conger, Susan Smith, Carol Edl, Daniel Edl, Duke Van Campen, Gino and Janice Favillo, Ron Gipson, Megan Wagner, Randy Daugherty, Bobby Goldhahn, Linda Keele, Lauren Keele, Shirley Robinson, Brian Gallagher, Kim Bryson, Patty Fisk, Sherrie Christensen, Gary Wright, Peggy Hawkins, Julie Smith, John Apgar, Joan Grady, and Kelly Grady. It was determined that representatives from all teams were in attendance.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

GENERAL CHAIR. John Twiss thanked everyone for their part in running the LSC.

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR. Roger Osmun attended the Budgeting and Meet Scheduling Meetings held earlier in the day, and it was agreed that complete reports would be given later in this meeting.

SENIOR CHAIR. Linda Conger submitted the attached report and summarized it briefly, pointing out that the biggest change in swimming would be the new rule, effective May 15, 2004, that: "In pools with water depth less than 4 feet at the starting end, the swimmer must start from within the water." A discussion ensued about the effect this rule would have on all teams within the LSC. (This "4-foot rule" was discussed in more detail later in the meeting.)

Linda also pointed out that she had included a list of previous LSC swimmers who were continuing their swimming careers in college and beyond.

AGE GROUP CHAIR. Susan Smith made a recommendation that parents of swimmers attending Zone meets need to absorb some of the duties of managing the Zone team.

TREASURER. Gino Favillo submitted the attached Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2002, and as of September 15, 2003. John Twiss summarized what had been discussed in the earlier Budgeting Meeting, making the following points:

- The only non-budgeted item to be purchased was the scoreboard;
- Swimmer fees for meets should not be raised;
- Patty Stratton had suggested that financial worksheets be put on the website for examination by any interested person.

COACH'S REPRESENTATIVE. Denise Thompson was not present at the meeting and no report had been submitted.

REGISTRATION CHAIR. Dina Luptak made the following points:

- Registration is now web-based with a central USA Swimming database;
- She had attended training sessions regarding the new registration method;
- Summaries are available on the website, a sample of which is attached;
- Customizable registration forms are available on Team Manager;
- It was her opinion that increased registration fees may be a problem;
- All swimmers should be given their registration cards as evidence of payment of their dues;
- She welcomes emails with questions or comments.

TECHNICAL PLANNING CHAIR. There had been a Technical Planning Meeting held earlier in the day. Brian Gallagher reported that he had compiled and summarized survey results from the 2003 Winter Championships. After discussion, upon motion by Al Luptak, seconded by Dina, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that in future Winter Championship meets: (1) 10 and under swimmers shall only swim timed finals; (2) prelims and finals will be held on Saturday only; and (3) "no times" will not be allowed.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Technical Planning Committee will resolve the detailed planning issues for the Winter Championship meet by the Thanksgiving meet or, if not finally decided at that time, by email vote.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that "no times" will not be allowed in future Summer Championships.

OFFICIALS CHAIR. Al Luptak submitted the attached report and stressed that we need to continue to recruit and advance officials. Susan Smith proposed additional stroke and turn clinics be held at Boise meets and/or at Winter Championships. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of doing this. Al stated that he would attempt to put together a clinic at the Thanksgiving meet.

SANCTION CHAIR. Sherrie Christensen submitted the attached report. Sherrie made the following additional points:

- Clinics are supposed to be sanctioned;
- The submission of a meet invitation does not necessarily mean the meet is sanctioned;
- She recommended that the current submission deadlines be increased from the current deadlines of 30 days for regular meets and 2 weeks for time trials.

RECORDS/TOP 16/OVC/NATIONAL TIMES CHAIR. Patty Stratton was not in attendance but had submitted the attached report. It was stressed that meet results need to be emailed to her.

SAFETY CHAIR. Frank Burlison reported that he receives one or two incident/accident reports each quarter.

Frank brought up the new “4-foot rule” and pointed out that the YMCA has a 5-foot rule. A discussion ensued whether there is an issue of USA sanction rules versus YMCA rules, and it was decided that it would be a coach’s decision whether a swimmer would start in the water or not if the pool depth was between 4 and 5 feet. It was pointed out again that the relays would be affected by the new 4-foot rule at every pool in the LSC. After full discussion, upon motion made by Frank Burlison, seconded by Linda Conger, the following motion was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED, that effective immediately (rather than 5/15/2004), the Snake River LSC will adopt the rule that: “In pools with water depth less than 4 feet at the starting end, the swimmer must start from within the water.”

It was also discussed whether insurance coverage needed to be increased at the various pools, but each team will have to make this decision.

ADAPTED SWIMMING CHAIR. Linda Conger reported that it is important to educate and motivate disabled swimmers to participate in USA Swimming events.

AWARDS CHAIR. Frank Burlison was responsible for doing the awards at this year’s Summer Championships. He pointed out that it had been deemed more useful to the recipients to make the academic awards certificates rather than trophies.

ATHLETE REPS. Megan Wagner, the Senior Athlete Rep, reported on her trip to the National Convention and made the following specific points:

- It was a non-voting year;
- The proposal for lowering the times for Junior Nationals was heavily fought;
- The adaptive swimming workshop was particularly informative;
- The goal is to bring back Junior and Senior All-Stars, beginning with discussions with athlete reps from Montana;
- She will be updating the athletes’ portion of the Snake River Swimming website;
- She proposed a new award be given to a swimmer in any age group who had dequalification times, and will be working out details for setting the standards for this award.

Kelly Grady, the Junior Athlete Rep, also reported on her trip to the National Convention, and made the following specific points:

- She attended a camp improvement workshop, and has some suggestions for nutritional and scientific “camps” for anyone interested;

- Highly recommended each team take advantage of the Club Toolbox.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Frank led the Nominating Committee and made the following nominations:

General Chair – Al Luptak
Age Group Chair – Linda Conger
Senior Chair – Bob Goldhahn
Secretary – Joan Grady
Officials Chair – Joyce McInturff (if this position is elected and not
appointed by General Chair)

After full discussion, upon motion by Frank Burlison, seconded by Dina Luptak, the above-listed officers were unanimously elected for two-year terms effective immediately, with the exception that the General Chair is for a one-year term.

2004 BUDGET

The attached proposed budget had been fully reviewed at the earlier Budgeting Meeting. Roger briefly referenced the following items:

- Western Zones Coach/Chaperone is for expenses related to the coach, chaperone and team (i.e., meet entries, ground travel), and is not for individual subsidies;
- Extra money was allotted for Junior and Senior All Stars;
- Money for USA workshops was added.

After discussion, and upon motion by Randy Daugherty, seconded by Linda Conger, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2004 budget be accepted.

2004 MEET SCHEDULE

Roger reviewed the attached proposed meet schedule as put together during the earlier planning meeting. After full discussion, and upon motion by Patty Fisk, seconded by Al Luptak, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED, that the 2004 meet schedule as presented be accepted.

As in the past, Roger will submit the meet schedule to the snakeriverswimming.org webmaster for posting on the internet.

NEW BUSINESS

It was pointed out that any new information, in particular contact information for teams, should be submitted to Kathy Grover to keep our website updated.

Via email, Patty Stratton moved as follows:

SRS should raise our athlete and non-athlete dues by \$5 in order to allow us to budget for some added activities for our swimmers. USA Swimming registration will be increasing at \$1/year for the next 10 years. By voting to raise our fees to \$52 for 2005 athlete registrations, we should not have to raise them again for another 4 years. As the USA Swimming portion of the \$52 (\$40) increases each year, the LSC portion (currently \$7) would decrease. So in 2005 the LSC would receive \$11 from each athlete registration and USA Swimming would receive \$41. In 2006, the LSC would receive \$10, and USA Swimming \$42. At the end of the 4 years, we could evaluate where we are and determine at that time if we want to raise dues again by \$4-5 or raise them at \$1/ year. Raising dues would allow some extra money to be used by the LSC and it would make it less confusing each year for us when we have to raise the dues by \$1/year to cover the USA Swimming increase. In addition, it has been proven that membership increases during a year in which the Olympics are held. I don't think the \$5 increase would negatively affect membership in 2005.

After full discussion, there was no second, and the motion died.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Conger moved to adjourn, it was seconded unanimously; and, therefore, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Grady