

**MINUTES OF 2004 ANNUAL MEETING
OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES
OF SNAKE RIVER SWIMMING**

Call to Order

Al Luptak called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. on September 25, 2004, at the Twin Falls YMCA.

Attendance

A roll sheet was passed around in order that all attendees could sign in. The attendance sheet will be kept with the minutes. There were 33 people in attendance. All teams, except Baker, Eureka Payette, and Shockwave, were represented at the meeting. Joan was asked to send in updated contact information to our Webmaster. (NOTE: Updated info has been sent to Dave, our Webmaster, so please check it for accuracy.)

Minutes of 9/27/03

After a review of the minutes of the meeting held 9/27/03, Linda Conger moved to accept them, Patty Fisk seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Reports of Officers

General Chairman. Al Luptak provided a written report, which shall be attached to these minutes. Al gave a broad overview of his Convention experience, emphasizing the enthusiasm generated by the spirit displayed at Convention. A highlight of the Convention was that Linda Conger was elected Age Group Planning Committee Coach Representative. Al encouraged all of us to check out the USA Swimming website, and reminded us that part of the USA Swimming dues helps local LSCs. Al stated that his job is to promote and foster all clubs within our LSC and is open to suggestions on how to make our LSC stronger. Email will be the primary form of communication, with the website as a backup.

Administrative Vice Chair. Roger Osmun suggested that we review the meet schedule and budget at a later point in the meeting.

Treasurer. Gino Favillo was not in attendance, and there was no report.

Senior Vice Chairman. Bobby Goldhahn stated that a packet of Senior times will be distributed to all teams at the Spook Splash and posted on the website.

Age Group Vice Chairman. Linda Conger will provide a written report, which will be attached to these minutes. Linda will be putting on a workshop for Age Group Chairs later this year. Linda also will prepare policies and procedures for the volunteer jobs in our LSC.

Secretary. Joan Grady had no report.

Technical Planning. A technical planning committee meeting was held earlier in the day, and there will be committee report later in this meeting.

Registration/Membership Chairman. Dina Luptak provided a written report, which will be attached to these minutes. She discussed our current status and pointed out ways to make registration easier.

Officials Chairman. Joyce McInturff wants to set up an annual meeting for officials. Joyce reminded everyone to be timely in submitting the paperwork. She stated there was a need to standardize forms. She brought a sample of the new T-shirt for officials and suggested that the clubs purchase the shirts for their officials. All purchases should be made through Joyce.

She stated that there had been 7 clinics over the past year, with 46 people in attendance, resulting in 16 new officials, 8 who had attended the clinics and taken the test but were still in training, and 3 new referees. A discussion followed regarding the need for more officials. Currently, there is a Standing Rule that states that a club must have one official per twelve swimmers in order to host a meet, but that Rule has not been enforced. **Denise Thompson moved that by the House of Delegates meeting in October, 2005, all teams shall be in compliance with the Standing Rule stating that a club must have one official per twelve swimmers (up to a maximum of ten officials) in order to host a meet. Linda Conger seconded the motion. After a full discussion, 14 voted in favor and 7 against. The motion carried.**

Sanction Chairman. Eliza Schmidt had no report, but a list of the sanctions for the year is attached hereto.

Coaches Representative. John Apgar reported that the library for the coaches is up and running. He stated that the All-Star meet had been regenerated and hoped that it would continue. There was a training session in Twin Falls last year, and he suggested similar sessions be held in April, May and June next year. Al suggested that a coaches section be added to the website, and that a list of the materials available be listed there.

Records/Top16/OVC. Patty Stratton was not in attendance, but Linda Conger reported that five records had been broken at Zones and Doug McCan is ranked first in his age group in the nation in the 100 breaststroke.

Safety Chairman. Frank Burlison reported that three incident reports had been filed.

Awards Chairman. Dina Luptak reported that she had done the awards this year, and will put together the requirements for each award for future use by the Awards Chairman.

Age Group Camps. Craig Faircloth was not in attendance, and there was no report submitted.

Athlete Representatives. Travis McCan, the Junior Athlete Rep, gave a general Convention report, specifically mentioning his attendance at the following workshops: Outreach, Male Retention in Swimming, Adaptive Swimming, Communications, and Tools to Become a Successful Swimmer. He stated that Michael Phelps was voted as Swimmer of the Year, and Mrs. Phelps accepted the award at the banquet. Kelly Grady, the Senior Athlete Rep, reported on the athlete meeting immediately prior to this meeting. She stated that athletes voted against 6-event limit at Summer

Champs, for retaining 50's at Winter Champs, and unanimously in favor of holding Summer Champs at Twin Falls. She proposed that there be a Saturday night dance at invitational meets, like Caldwell's, to encourage the athletes to socialize outside of the pool. She will re-start the athlete newsletter and asked that everyone email their club news to her for insertion in the newsletter.

Adaptive Chairman. Patty Fisk reported that she had attended a workshop in Colorado Springs last January. She stated that Clubs are encouraged not to turn away swimmers with disabilities. All four Zone meets now involve swimmers with disabilities within the Zone Championship format. Linda Conger added that this year Pacific Swimming brought two disabled swimmers to Zones.

Equipment Chairman. Steve Vernon was not at the meeting. Al will work with Steve on getting the starting system working. It was also reported that the trailer needed repair work done.

Committee Reports

Zones. Linda Conger will provide a written report that will be attached hereto. Linda will be proposing that future scoring at Zone meets be based on the number of swimmers.

Linda will make a list of Snake River Zone times for distribution to all coaches.

Technical Planning. Brian Gallagher reported that it had been proposed that at Summer Champs swimmers would be able to swim a maximum of three events per day, but there would be a limit of six events overall, i.e. if a swimmer chose to swim three events on Friday and three events on Saturday, that swimmer would not be able to swim an individual event on Sunday. In addition, a swimmer would be allowed one time trial per day which would not count in total events but would count in the number of events that day. After discussion, it was determined to leave the Summer Champs as they are.

There was a discussion about whether to keep the 50-yard events in Winter Champs, and, if 50's were left in, they be held on the same day as the 200's, rather than an event be offered in a 50-yard one day, 100-yard the next day, and 200 on the following day. It was determined that 50-yard events shall remain in Winter Champs.

Brian has an itinerary set for Winter Champs, but questioned whether an 800-yard freestyle event be added. After discussion, it was determined to table that idea for now.

Finance. Roger Osmun presented the proposed budget which had been prepared at the morning Committee meeting and asked that everyone review it and give comments. Al suggested that in the future all bank/income statements should be posted on our website. Linda Conger moved to adopt the budget in the form attached hereto, Patty Fisk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

Meet Scheduling. Roger Osmun presented the proposed meet schedule which had been prepared at the morning Committee meeting and asked that everyone review it and give comments. There was a discussion specifically regarding the date and place for Summer Champs. Denise Thompson moved that the Summer Champs be held June 28-31, 2005, and the place for the meet be open for bids. Ron Gipson seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a vote of 15 to 6.

There ensued a discussion regarding the venue for Summer Champs as both Boise Y and Twin Falls had put in bids for that meet. After a discussion, it was agreed that Twin Falls will hold the Summer Champs in 2005. The Magic Valley Marlins will host the preliminaries and finals in 2005.

Dina Luptak moved to accept the schedule in the form attached hereto, Ron Gipson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

Denise Thompson reported that several years ago the coaches had made changes to the Standing Rules, but the Standing Rules had never been formally amended. She had recently found her original notes, and she will hand over the information to Dina Luptak for follow-up in amending the Standing Rules.

Elections

Al Luptak stated that the Administrative Vice Chairman and Secretary positions were elected in odd years, and although Roger Osmun and Joan Grady had held those respective positions for two years, Roger and Joan agreed to stay in their positions until 2005.

Al then stated that the below-listed positions were up for election this year. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the following officers shall begin their two-year terms January 1, 2005:

Treasurer	Peggy Hawkins
Age Group Chair	Linda Conger
Registration	Dina Luptak
Technical Planning	Brian Gallagher
Awards Chair	Linda Keele
Publicity	Webmaster
Safety Chair	Casi Pahis
Camps	Denise Thompson

Al will check the Bylaws regarding the specific makeup of the Zone Committee. Linda Keele and Joe Neratko volunteered to be on the Zone Committee.

Al reported that upon his review of the Bylaws, our LSC should have a Board of Review to conduct hearings on any matter affecting Snake River Swimming and/or members of Snake River Swimming. In the case of a dispute, there is a formal process by the Board of Review, which is set out in the Bylaws. The powers of the Board are many. The Board adheres to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct. The Board should consist of five people with three alternates. According to the Bylaws, the Chair of the Board of Review should be the Past General Chair of the LSC – in our case, John Twiss. Al will contact John to check on his willingness to sit on the Board. The following people volunteered to be on the Board: Patty Stratton, Gary Wright, Ron Gipson, Patty Fisk, Kelly Grady and Travis McCan. It was suggested that a lawyer also sit on the Board. Bobby Goldhahn stated that he will ask Dave Alexander, the President of the Pocatello Swim Team, about his

willingness to serve on the Board. Bill Trask will also be asked to serve. Linda moved that the following people be accepted to serve on the Board of Review:

Patty Stratton
Gary Wright
Ron Gipson
Patty Fisk
Kelly Grady
Travis McCan
John Twiss (if willing)
Dave Alexander (if willing)
Bill Trask (if willing).

Dina seconded the motion, and it was unanimously adopted.

New Business

Website. The importance of the website was discussed. Duke Van Campen raised the possibility that the position of webmaster be a paid one. Al will talk with Dave Ziolkowski regarding his willingness to continue in that position.

Swimposiums. It was agreed that everyone wanted swimposiums. Janice Favillo, Joyce McInturff, and Maggie volunteered to work on swimposiums for our LSC.

Standing Rules Committee. Al stated there was a need to create a Standing Rules Committee to fully review and update the Rules. The following people agreed to serve on the Standing Rules Committee:

Joe Neratko
Linda Conger
Al Luptak
Denise Thompson
Duke Van Campen

HOD Meeting Schedule. After discussion, it was agreed that one-hour HOD meetings be held once per month during a meet. The next HOD meeting will be held in November at the Boise Y Thanksgiving Invitational.

It was suggested that in the future there should not be a high school meet on the day of the annual HOD meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Joan Grady, Secretary