

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF
SNAKE RIVER SWIMMING, INC.**

October 1, 2005

The annual meeting of the House of Delegates of Snake River Swimming, inc. was held at the KMVT Community Room, Twin Falls, Idaho, and was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, 2005

In attendance were: Al Luptak, Roger Osmun, Janice Favillo, Bobby Goldhahn, Celeste Walz, Linda Conger, Frank Burlison, Jack Smith, Patty Fisk, Linda Keele, Elizabeth Thompson, Cidnee Maggart, Katie Murray, Debbie Thiros, Denise Thompson, Joe Neratko, Elizabeth Neratko, Matt Burningham, Casi Pahis, Tony Thiros, John Apgar, Randy Daugherty, Maggie Wright, Eliza Schmidt, Duke VanCampen, Joyce McInturff, Dina Luptak, Travis McCan, Rhiannon Ledwig, Laurie Wirtz, Noella Biedenbach, Peggy Hawkins, Trish St. Oegger, Robb Steinke, Beth Malina. It was determined SV5B was not in attendance.

Reading of the minutes of the last HOD meeting was waived.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair. Al Lutak expressed his gratitude to Snake River Swimming for allowing him to be General Chairman and offered apologies for not accomplishing as much as he hoped concerning the LSC. Al noted the running, growing, and development of the LSC is a year long process, and business concerning the LSC can not be accomplished only at the annual HOD meeting. Suggested better communication could be achieved by holding multiple board and committee meetings throughout the year. A special thanks to Joyce McInturff, Janice Favillo, and Maggie Wright for coordination in the hosting of the Swimposium held on June 11, 2005 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Al noted USA Swimming was happy with the numbers attending, although he was disappointed in the number of teams not in attendance. Al reported the number of swimmers in the LSC is up, number of officials is up, and number of swimmers attending zones is up. Al feels the Western Regional Zone Meet should continue to be the target meet for the LSC. A special thank you to Dave Wiles as the webpage is looking great. Al reminded everyone the webpage is available to spread information throughout the LSC as communication is a problem and needs improvement. Also mentioned is the need for updating and better keeping of documentation at the LSC level. In closing, Al equated the chair's position to being a referee. The role being to coordinate, keep things fair between the teams, and needing the support of everyone to fulfill the expectations of their positions.

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR. Roger Osmun attended the Budgeting and Meet scheduling Meetings held earlier in the day and the complete reports would be given later in the meeting.

SENIOR VICE CHAIRMAN. No report.

AGE GROUP VICE CHAIRMAN. Linda Conger reported that SRS had one swimmer qualify for Junior Nationals. Convention report included that some of the other smaller LSC are looking into coordination of separate awards for Western Zones. Linda attended a workshop on grant writing and information concerning grants will be available on the USA Swimming website soon. Any teams interested in more information on grants are welcome to contact her personally. In regards to grants in general, Linda noted teams should first do research and also think outside of swimming when making applications. The 2007 Western Zone Meet was awarded to Farmington, New Mexico. Farmington is totally behind holding the meet with the entire community committed to help. Shade, an athlete party and timers for the meet will be provided. USA Swimming will require background checks on coach certifications starting probably within the next year. Certifications will be denied for those people unable to pass a background check.

TREASURER. Peggy Hawkins reported the books are still under reconstruction. The checking account is approximately \$30,000 and SRS holds a Certificate of Deposit at approximately \$7,000. SRS's only asset is the timing system at \$11,000.

SECRETARY. No report

TECHNICAL PLANNING. No report.

REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. Dina Luptak reported the number of swimmers is up. Please do not use last year's form for registering as the fees have gone up to \$49. Dina stressed the importance of sending a Hy-Tek backup file to her prior to meets for reconciliation. Dina asked that teams review the handout of swimmers for errors and to notify her of changes. Coaches need to keep current on certifications for insurance. Dina will accept copies of class records (rosters) because Red Cross is slow in issuing cards of certification.

OFFICIALS CHAIRMAN. Joyce McInturff reported five stroke and turn clinics, and one administrative clinic were held resulting in 15 new officials. Joyce reported on a national level some LSC's are paying their officials and no penalizing of teams is done for teams not meeting a swimmer/officials ratio. SRS has a standing rule that teams bidding to hold a meet must have at least one certified official for every 12 registers swimmers up to a maximum of 10 officials. There is also a rule to hold a meet a team must have a referee, a starter, 1 administrative official and 2 stroke and turn officials. Discussion was held

concerning the use of volunteer officials from other teams to fill these positions of teams not meeting that rule. A motion was passed to wave the swimmer/ratio requirement for teams and to continue using volunteers from other teams to fill positions necessary in the hosting of meets. The Standing Rules will be amended to reflect these changes. USA Swimming has amended their rules to conform to FINA concerning the breaststroke and backstroke effective September 21, 2005. Simply stated one dolphin kick is permitted at the start and at the turn in breaststroke. In backstroke, toes can be above the water, but not in, on or above the gutter at the start and complete submersion is permitted for not more than 15 meters at the finish.

SANCTION CHAIRMAN. Eliza Schmidt reported thirteen meets, one clinic, and six time trial were sanctioned. Question was made of what constitutes a meet or a time trial. Past minutes will be reviewed to see if clarification is there concerning number of teams or swimmers. Frank commented the trials are open to any and all swimmers, awards are not given and no relays are held.

COACHES REPRESENTATIVE. John Apgar reported Bobby's idea of adding the two new trophies at Summer Championships was good for the LSC. Any and all ideas are welcome and he will schedule a meeting if coaches are interested in discussing ideas. John is continually adding to the LSC's library of materials available for checkout to coaches. He is currently working on getting a list together. John encouraged coaches to attend a clinic hosted by Nampa Swim Team in October.

SAFETY. Casi Pahis reported four incidents were filed this year. The suggestion was made a sign stating "No cell phones or cameras allowed in locker room" be posted by teams at their swimming facilities.

RECORDS/TOP 16. Linda Conger reported for Patty Stratton. Linda urged swimmers to get involved with IMAX. This encourages swimmers to swim all events. Swimmers can set up and access their scores on the USA Swimming website. The season started September 1, 2005. Patty has provided the requirements for submitting meet results.. Teams need to have their entries person informed of the changes.

AWARDS. No report.

AGE GROUP CAMPS. Denise Thompson hopes to schedule a camp in March, 2006.

SR. & JR. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES. Travis McCan reported the reps will get the newsletter going this year. Ideas were discussed as how to generate excitement among the senior swimmers for retention. One suggestion is having a "senior's tent" at Summer Champs where the swimmers can interact. Another was profiling senior athletes in the newsletter or on the website. Tony Thiros

reported news from convention. He attended seminars about bibs, retention, rules, how the other LSC's work, and bettering communication within your LSC. He hopes to relay this information in the newsletter.

ADAPTIVE CHAIRMAN. No report.

EQUIPMENT CHAIRMAN. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TECHNICAL PLANNING. Al Luptak reported from the morning's committee session. Committee will look into the breaking out of the 15 & over scoring at championship meets. Motion passed to limit number of total individual events to 7, 3 individual events a day, 1 relay at SRS championship meets. Frank Burlison proposed using the Pac Rim format at championship meets concerning the 50 fly, 50 breaststroke, and 50 backstroke. First day would be elimination, second day is top 16, and third day is top 8. John Apgar questioned if there were enough senior swimmers to make it viable. Travis McCan reported it generated a lot of enthusiasm at the Pac Rim meet. The proposal will be reviewed and a recommendation made by the technical committee before Winter Champs. Teams were reminded to offer time trials at all meets. Invitational meets should consider varying formats for variety. Swimmers must swim in their age groups. Swimmers entered in event outside of their age group will be flagged and the team notified prior to the meet.

FINANCE. Roger Osmun reported on the morning budget session. Denise motioned that \$700 and \$50 of excess funds be added to zones funds and age group respectively from the proposed budget. Motioned passed to approve the 2006 budget as amended.

MEET SCHEDULING. Roger Osmun reported on the morning session. Motion was made to vote on the location for Summer Championships. Discussion was led by Jack Smith from Boise Y Swim Team stating Boise offered a warm-up pool, indoor facility, electronic timing system at the 50 meter, more swimmers not having to travel, more concessions available. Celeste Walz from Magic Valley Y Marlins agreed they had that, but Twin Falls was a suitable location also. Noella Biedenbach stated the Marlins are willing to do whatever is necessary to meet the needs required to continue to host Summer Championships. A written ballot was taken; Magic Valley Y Marlins will host Summer Championships in Twin Falls. John Apgar mentioned the lack of long course meets available in the LSC during the summer. The Magic Valley Y Marlins will look into offering long course time trials. Schedule of meets was approved.

OLD BUSINESS. None

ELECTIONS. Unopposed nominations were approved.

Admin Vice Chair – Kyle Bodily

Sr. Vice Chair – Bobby Goldhahn

Secretary – Maggie Wright

A written ballot for general chairman was taken – John Apgar elected

NEW BUSINESS.

Timing System - Discussion involved the timing system trailer and lack of shock absorption care needed in the packing of the trailer after a meet, oiling of parts and maintenance of the system. A checklist needs to be compiled and included in the trailer with instruction of the care and use of the timing system.

Coach certification – Denise asked that clinics be offered possible during meets. Denise reported on her experience with People to People this summer in Holland. Thousands of athletes from all over the world attended. Anyone interested in more information can contact Denise.

Budget Year – Peggy Hawkins requested the budget year be moved to coincide with the swim year (September 1 through August 31st). Motion was made and passed to change the budget year to coincide with the swim year the exact dates to be determined by the treasurer..

New USA Swimming Logo – The new logo should be updated on the website.

NEXT HOD MEETING. Al led the discussion stating the LSC should have as many HOD meetings as possible. Linda suggested conference calls might be an option. Motion was made and passed to hold the next HOD meeting at the Thanksgiving Meet in November in Boise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maggie Wright
Secretary
Snake River Swimming