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House of Delegates report

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Springtime Greetings to All! I look forward to the upcoming Summer Swim season.

A heap of appreciation to everyone who sends in their required documentation of courses completed. In addition, thanks for informing the office of address changes, name changes and status changes. It all helps in keeping records consistent and accurate. Use of DeckPass is good and has been good for Officials, Coaches and other volunteers to be able to check in and be on deck at swim meets. I think it is also helpful in reminding members of if and when various requirements expire and need to be renewed. I am pleased again that USA Swimming has been sending out emails to members reminding them that their Background Check and APT are about to expire. This has cut back considerably on the last minute rushes to get completed before a meet.

This past year we began to track Coaches and Officials having completed the Concussion Training which is a Minnesota State Law (MN Statute #121A.37 and 121A.38:Youth Programs). On DeckPass it shows checked as being completed. The training is good for three years and the Minnesota office has a record of the expiration date on file. Response has been good but could be better. I have emailed out reminders to members who have not yet completed it.

As of 4/18/2019 the Concussion Training compliance is as follows: ( 779 Coach/Official members) 506 have completed the training as indicated by the certificate of completion copies sent into the office; 273 Coach/Official Non Athletes either have not completed the training or have not sent in a copy of the certificate to be recorded.

I am in the office on a part time basis (usually in the office on Tuesday and Thursday). Thus, sometimes my responding to inquiries can be delayed. Keep that in mind when contacting me. I will reply as quickly as I can. If you have any questions or concerns please do contact me so that the issue can be addressed.

This year I contacted members via email with information regarding their memberships instead of mailing out that information. This is our effort to reduce paper consumption and reduce mailing costs. Both of which helps keep down office costs. From my perspective it has also improved and expedited the process of maintaining accurate records for our Non Athlete members. Thus, it is most helpful that when filling out the forms you complete them legibly. Also, use full legal names and full middle names as this goes a long way into making sure changes are made to the correct records.

Have a fun and safe time on deck!