 Board of Directors

15 October 2010

Bismarck, ND

Administrative Vice Chair Tom Engberg called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm. Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Leith Devier, Carla Porter, Becky LeDoux, April Lange, Lisa Kramer, Jeff Steele, Talia Butery, Loic Joseph and Tom Engberg. Absent were Jay Nimens, Brandi Clark, Jim Ballantyne, Ali Church and Ben Bolinske.

**Treasures Report:**

Leith mentioned that we have been losing approximately $2000.00 a year for the past 3 years. Quite a bit of money goes for medals. Other expenses that have gone up are travel and training expenses and coaches/athlete reimbursements for Sectionals. Leith brought up that one way to reduce the loss is by reducing the mileage rate from the previous IRS rate (currently $.50/mile) to 50% of the IRS Rate ($.25/mile). We are currently paying $500.00 per athlete and coach, per season, including mileage or travel, entry fees and room for Sectionals.

We would need to come up with around $15,000.00 if we want to send a bus to both the Senior Zones outside of Indianapolis and the13 and under zones in Topeka, KS. Do we just want to send a bus to Topeka, KS and still pay for a coach to go to senior zones or only budget for the Topeka, KS zones? The current budget includes $11,500.00 for zones in Topeka and nothing for Senior zones in Indianapolis area. The issue will be brought to the HoD meeting for solutions.

Leith suggested an increase in fees collected for meets as a way to cover expenses. Options include an increase in current per swimmer fee or adding a fee for relays. After discussion it was decided that an increase of $.25 per swimmer fee would be easiest to implement and will be recommended at the HoD meeting.

**General Chair Report:**

We need to get a jump on the LEAP program. Becky, Leith and Jeff agreed to assist the existing LEAP Committee of Loic, Lisa and Jay to get this done. We were due to have it completed in April of 2010 and USA Swimming could suspend our right to sanction meets if we do not come up with a satisfactory remediation plan.

**Board Member Reports:**

**Administrative Vice Chair-Officials:**

Tom Engberg mentioned that background checks would get more in depth. It is in the process of doing checks on non-athlete members also so be prepared. USA Swimming will be conducting this.

**Age Group Chair:**

We need to get something done with the meet schedule. We need to get on a rotation so there aren’t a bunch of meets on the same weekend. It was mentioned that maybe one weekend be on the western part of ND and the next weekend be on the eastern. This will be discussed in HoD meeting.

Coaches Rep:

Need to figure something out for the state meets. There is only a couple on the rotation that can even hold it. The new criteria that we would like to see is as follows:

8-lane pool with diving blocks on both ends

Separate cool down pool

Adequate area behind starting blocks

Spectator seating to be at least 600

On deck seating to be at least 300

Adequate motels, restaurants, and parking.

Will table till House of Delegates meeting.

Would like to see qualifying times changed so they start in January not March.

Nominations for Board of Review – 2yr term

Grant Richardson, Charlie Jeske, Shawn Lange, Tracy Roche, Todd Dutt, Brian Wall, Ali Church and Ben Bolinske.

Will keep the 1000 and 1650 the same.

**Safety Chair:**

Nothing stating that it is mandatory you have to sit and slide into pool. Will go back to entering pool feet first.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report

**Athlete Reps:** Nothing to report

Carla Porter made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm.

All other chair reports deferred until HoD meeting.

Respectfully,

April Lange

Secretary