

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2013

7:10 pm

Present:

Scott Wilshire – General Chair
Lynne Shine – Administrative Vice-Chair
Ryan Johnson – Secretary
Donna Beyerl - Treasurer
Charles Lersch – Age Group Vice-Chair
Franny Dean – Jr. Athlete Representative
Mike Kristufek – Coaches Representative
Hosea & Dana Holder – Diversity/Inclusion Co-Chairs
Laura Hartman – Permanent Office/Registration Chair
Luke Modrak – Technical Planning Chair
Lisa Kocsis – Safety Chair

Absent:

Todd Clark – Senior Vice-Chair
Zachary Buerger – Sr. Athlete Representative
Patrick Lersch – Athlete Member at Large

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

Having no exceptions, MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Minutes from the last meeting of November 20, 2013.

I. Consent Agenda:

A. Financial Reports.

Discussion:

Scott indicated a variance in the athlete reimbursement for sectionals. Donna stated that the realigned budget reflect the difference of the \$32,000 budgeted and \$31,000 spent.

II. Action Items:

NONE

III. Old Business:

A. Zones Budget

Discussion:

Laura asked for questions and said that a budget needs approved so we can have the application out for the next week. Scott questioned the cost per swimmer numbers. Laura indicated that it is a before and after cost with respect to applying the AMS funding. A fix of \$150 to \$250 for Coordinator Stipend was made to align with the November Motion. Also a discussion arose about the need to supply so many items for the coaching staff. Particularly the Zones coaching jackets should be designed without the year so that they can be reused, saving costs. Scott indicated that for future Zones trips, this budget needs the prior approval of the Zones Head Coach and run by the Treasurer to clear financials before being presented to the Board. Charles asked what Hotel we were contracted for in the Spring. Laura indicated we are locked into the Woodcliff. Scott stated that moving forward, only the General Chair and Admin-Vice Chair are to sign all contracts. The job of the Board is to approve the overall budget, not dive into details – Scott, Lynne.

MOTION was made and seconded to APPROVE the athlete charges in the amount of \$325 for 10 & Unders, and \$475 for the 11 & Overs and the total budget not to exceed \$17,000.

B. Banquet

Discussion:

Listed sites included the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. Since this site was to be under a tent, it was seen as not professional enough to hold a banquet. Hosea stated that people would not want to eat next to smelly rhinos. The County Club option was nice, but it was felt that there needed to be a change of venue, and that this option limited our size. The Gateway Clipper was not considered because of time restraints placed on the banquet. It was decided that the Chadwick which had been used in the past would be the site for this year. A save the date reminder would be sent out and posted on the calendar, but invitations would not go out until the weeks prior to the banquet.

MOTION made and seconded to ACCEPT the Chadwick for the site of the 2014 AMS Banquet with the date of June 3, 2014 assuming that the 3rd is still available. Mike and Laura opposed.

C. Mission Statements – differed to include the membership make-up of the committees

IV. New Business:

A. Athlete Committee

Discussion:

Franny indicated that the Athlete Committee will look into ways to increase attendance and activities at the banquet. They will also have a meeting and social bowling get together to start up the Committee.

MOTION made to APPROVE the Athlete Meeting budget not to exceed \$300.

B. Athlete Concussion

Discussion:

Lisa presented the concussion testing handed down by the PIAA. Ryan asked if this would be a requirement added to the testing done by coaches and officials on top of their USA Swimming required certifications. Donna stated that USA Swimming has not gone forward with this, and would it be possibly a liability issue by mandating it in AMS. Concussions are becoming more of an issue and we should be informative for now with the LSC Parent Boards, Coaches, and Officials. It was decided that this should be a recommendation for now instead of a mandate. Mike will take it back to the Coaches Committee for further discussion.

C. Coaches Education Clinic Opportunity

Discussion:

Items within the budget such as Coaches Education do not need Board approval, just notification unless they foresee them going outside of the budget line item.

MOTION made and seconded to APPROVE a stipend of \$2,500 for David March and Jeff Dugdale for a Coaches Education Clinic on April 5, 2014.

D. Zones Manual - tabled

E. Warm Up Policy

Discussion:

Scott is concerned about Warm ups and how dangerous they are becoming. Athletes entering and exiting in overcrowded facilities can cause serious injury. This needs to be looked at and brought back to the Board with input from all AMS Committees (Age Group, Coaches, Athlete, Senior, Tech Planning). This also needs to have some teeth to it to be more enforceable. Lisa asked if we can put some ownership of the Warm Up process back on the host clubs. Tech Planning Committee will take this issue up for review.

F. Nomination Committee

Discussion:

Mike would like approval to move forward with a new membership of the nominating committee. Ryan asked as to why the entire committee is comprised of Board Members. Lisa indicated that she will step down for her husband Karl Koscsics, and Luke will step down for Matt Tucker.

MOTION made and seconded to APPROVE with changes.

- G. Athlete Reimbursement – Differed from Todd
- H. Scholarship Athlete – Differed from Todd, Scott will follow up with Todd
- I. By –Law Revisions

Discussion:

Lynne and Ryan will put together so the Board can review as changes are being made.

- J. Deck Access – The 2014 Meet Announcements will be updated to reflect this change in policy
- K. Website

Discussion:

TeamUnify no longer supports dummy sites. Luke can either update the website piece by piece, or do a week shutdown. It is decided that Luke will use his judgment to update the website, and consult with the Board along the way.

- L. AMS Records

Discussion:

Our records are established different than the national time standards, and because of this, they have to be updated manually and take an inordinate amount of time. If we realign the ages to make the national age group records, they would be self-updating with the import of meet files and would require a minimal amount of work. Scott spoke with several of the LSC's Coaches, and none were bothered by the change.

MOTION made and seconded to APPROVE the Adoption of the National Age Group Record format and make the transition.

Housekeeping: There will be a bid meeting for the Long Course Meets Next Month.

The Meeting was adjourned 9:32 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

Next Meeting January 15, 2014 at location tbd