

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Present:

Scott Wilshire; General Chair
Lynne Shine; Administrative Vice Chair
Ryan Johnson; Secretary
Donna Beyerl; Treasurer
Mike Kristufek; Coaches Representative
Hosea Holder; Diversity & Inclusion Co-Chair
Lisa Kocsis; Safety & Safe Sport Chair
Matt Tucker; Incoming Senior Chair
Luke Modrak; Technical Planning Chair

Absent:

Laura Hartman; Permanent Office
Charles Lersch; Age Group Vice Chair
Dana Holder; Diversity & Inclusion Co-Chair
Franny Dean; Senior Athletes' Representative
Patrick Lersch; At-Large Athlete Representative
Sebastian Yocca; Junior Athletes' Representative

The Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Minutes from the November 19, 2014. APPROVED

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the October and November Financials for 2014. APPROVED

CONSENT ITEMS:

Katherine Longwell from DLAC noticed that School Custodial personnel are using the facilities during practice. AMS recommends a policy, but it is up to individual Clubs to apply what policy best suits their needs.

Catch the Spirit Camps to help improve the Age Group Swimming Opportunities and it is recommended that we help promote these types of events

Some criticism on the Meet Process – meets process and structures are found confusing and unsupportive for LSC Clubs; these are the views expressed by the Coaches Committee. Luke will come to next meeting as Tech Chair with plans to address these issues. Some teams are moving out of the area to get competition outside of our LSC.

We are looking to use Highland Park as an opportunity to move forward with a different type of Meet this summer that could showcase this type of new meets events. If a club would host a meet, the LSC would try and get promotion from the City or County for this meet to promote swimming in the area.

MLAC Request for Seasonal Athletes – Reduction request for AMS Fees for Summer Swimmers. We cannot reduce the USA Swimming portion, but propose reducing the AMS portion of the fee from \$17.00 to \$5.00.

Discussion:

The Board hopes that this can help promote summer league swimming in the area, and help to bridge the gap between these summer league teams and year round swimming with AMS.

MOTION to approve Mt. Lebanon's request for the reduction in the AMS fee to \$5.00 for seasonal athletes ages 6-14. Scott recuses himself. 6 in favor 2 apposed. ACCEPTED

Funding Requirements – funding is subject to the Board of Directors to be established with the posting of the Budget in September with Proof of Receipt. Funded athletes must provide proof of receipt greater than the amount. Athletes must apply for funding. Matt is making a form for application to approval. Athletes will provide proof of swimming splashes as well.

MOTION to approve athlete funding requirements with approved modifications. ACCEPTED

All American Requirements – The requirements would remain as discussed at the previous Board Meeting with a change in the Scholastic Requirement, made in the below motion.

MOTION to Amend to a 3.75 unweighted for the Scholastic Requirement – APPROVED
The Swimmers will be required to turn in proof of swimming.

Website Update – committee tabs are up and working with committees to get content up. We are thinking about putting a survey out to the LSC for website review. Scott would like to see actionable date items for completion of certain events. Luke has a goal date of June.

Operating Procedures – Moving forward to posting, all updates are being included in the new Operating Procedures with dates attached to the bottom of when the procedures were last updated.

Purchasing of new Blocks for AMS use at North Park Pool - Mike gave a presentation with portfolio about the advantages, costs, and usage of AMS purchasing 10 starting blocks with supplies for the rough cost of \$30,000. The Board agreed that such a large expenditure was unwarranted, and we would instead support paying the rental fee of \$1,000 for the current Sarah Heinz House Blocks which are suited for use at North Park, to any team willing to host a meet at that location. The upcoming use and construction of several new pools in the area would limit new blocks to only one or two sites which was seen as a frivolous use of AMS funds. Also, such a large single item expenditure would require H.O.D. approval whereas the Board can authorize the \$1,000 rental fee.

Club recognition levels – create a safe sport icon possibly for club websites. Scott will send out an email blurb about Safe Sport and Concussions.

Intern – we would work with Rebecca Juneau to solicit someone that would like to freelance for this position. Bring back at the next meeting with more financial description.

AMS Long Course Schedule – Was released today by the Age Group Committee, need to communicate with all three tech planning, age group and senior chairs and have until end of the week to revise and post for LSC Bidding.

Age Group Committee, Senior Committee, and Tech Planning Committee will meet together twice a year respectively to organize Long Course and Short Course Schedules and then the respective chairs will meet to approve a final process to present to the Board of Directors for Schedule approval. It is understood that the three (3) committees will meet in February to finalize the 2015-2016 LSC Short Course Schedule before submitted for approval by the B.O.D.

MOTION was made to remove Sebastian Yocca as Jr. Athlete Representative and have Matt and Laura reach out to the runner-up to fill this position. APPROVED

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

Next Meeting February 18, 2015 at location tbd