

Allegheny Mountain Swimming  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Present:

Scott Wilshire – General Chair  
Lynne Shine – Administrative Vice-Chair  
Ryan Johnson – Secretary  
Donna Beyerl – Treasurer  
Charles Lersch – Age Group Vice-Chair  
Matt Tucker – Senior Chair  
Franny Dean – Sr. Athlete Representative  
Mike Kristufek – Coaches Representative  
Hosea & Dana Holder – Diversity/Inclusion Co-Chairs  
Laura Hartman – Permanent Office/Registration Chair  
Patrick Lersch – Athlete Member at Large  
Emma Hestad – Jr. Athlete Representative  
Sebastian Yocca – Athlete Member at Large

Guest:

Cindy Woods – FCKW  
Bob Mermelstein – Officials Chair

**The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire**

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Minutes from the last meeting of February 18, 2015 with a correction from Lynne and Donna.

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the December 2014 Financials – APPROVED

The Financial Committee will complete a review in April and Approve for the B.O.D.

I. Consent Agenda:

NONE

II. Action Items:

NONE

III. Old Business:

A. Allegheny County Parks and Starting Blocks

Discussion:

Scott had reached out to Andy from County Parks and had a very good discussion. He would encourage people that are scheduling camps and clinics to consider North Park as a venue, they will be very accommodating to us. Scott also updated the Letter of Understanding for use of the Blocks to Sarah Heinz House for general use of the blocks over the next three years allowing other teams to step in during that period and rent them.

B. Spring H.O.D.

Discussion:

Will be held at the Beyrel Center on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, a Wednesday from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. All items will need to be posted to the AMS Website by end of April.

C. Diversity

Discussion:

We need to educate the LSC about what Diversity and Inclusion in swimming is. We also need to have an assessment of clubs tracking ethnic backgrounds of club members as making sure registration chairs realize there are optional fields to check during the registration process. We also need to look into retention, are these people leaving or staying in the LSC.

Dana asked that the form created be sent out to all the Clubs which includes splash reimbursement for Outreach Swimmers.

Catch the Spirit and Diversity Camps could be held here in Pittsburgh to help the swimmers here who cannot go or participate because it is held at the Zone Level. Dana will look into resources that USA Swimming has for Diversity Camps at the Local Level. Dana will also put together some data and discussion on a diversity programming process for Clubs.

Dana will put together a general information discussion for the Spring H.O.D. meeting to educate the Clubs on working with Diversity.

D. JO Meet Entry

Discussion:

Bob Mermelstein did a very exhaustive look into the situation and came up with recommendations. Bob went through all 144 entries to review the times and provided a detailed list of reference for the B.O.D. to review.

Scott would like the Board to think about this for the next meeting, our recommendations and where we are going forward, including counting Y and League times.

IV. New Business:

A. Athlete At Large Member

Discussion:

Sebastian Yocca will address all aspects of him being reconsidered. He has provided a Jacksonville Convention Report. Sebastian's Email was never placed onto the email list and he says that he wanted to be here. He thanks Franny for helping him to reach out and work through the first few weeks. He is willing to take the initiative and step up. He also has ideas to help with the Athlete committee and meetings to help move things forward including setting schedules and such.

MOTION to have Sebastian Yocca appointed as an Athlete At-Large Representative, (Matt, Second Donna) APPROVED.

B. Athlete Funding Letter from Team Pitt

Discussion:

Email Received from Team Pitt over Athlete Funding and Laura will put something together for the Board to review for discussion for the next meeting. Laura indicated that they did not meet the registration requirement. We will look at the issue and move forward with that.

C. Co-Host Meet with Pittsburgh Stingrays

Discussion:

In order to better use the Highland Park Facility and accommodate another site for B Champs this summer, AMS will help any team including the Pittsburgh Stingrays in this endeavor. GPAC May not be able to host Bronze Champs because of a conflicting Deck Hockey tournament

MOTION that AMS Support the Pittsburgh Sting Rays in co-hosting a Meet July 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 details to follow. APPROVED

D. Baker Family Zones

B&R Pools has stepped up to provide suites, attire, and apparel for the Baker family who lost their belonging in an accident. Scott will write a thank you letter to EJ from B&R.

MOTION to Cover the AMS Zones Fee for the Baker Family, APPROVED.

E. Financial Assistance Proposal

Lynne and Scott have put together a Financial Assistance Proposal.

MOTION to Accept the Financial Assistance Proposal, APPROVED.

F. Eastern Zones Meeting

Eastern Zone Meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Patrick got a message from the Eastern Zone Athlete Rep if they were attending. Scott would like to take Brian Blackwell with him as the Board of Review and Patrick Lersch.

G. Zones Update

We have 82 athletes going on the Zone Trip. Team Leaves next Wednesday with 2 buses.

H. LSC Website

Lynne did a review of our LSC Website comparative to other LSC's and will go over this with Luke to update and conform our Website. She went through each LSC's website and created an outline for review. Lynne also indicated that we need to increase Safe Sport and Safety visibility on our website.

Laura, Lynne and Luke will meet with some other Board members to review and help implement.

**The Meeting was adjourned 9:20 PM by Scott Wilshire**

Next Meeting April 15, 2015 at location tbd