

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Present:

Scott Wilshire – General Chair
Lynne Shine – Administrative Vice-Chair
Ryan Johnson – Secretary
Donna Beyerl – Treasurer
Matt Tucker – Senior Vice-Chair
Charles Lersch – Age Group Vice-Chair
Mike Kristufek – Coaches Representative
Dana Holder – Diversity/Inclusion Co-Chair
Laura Hartman – Permanent Office/Registration Chair
Luke Modrak – Technical Planning Chair
Lisa Kocsis – Safety Chair
Patrick Lersch – Athlete Member at Large

Absent:

Franny Dean – Sr. Athlete Representative
Sebastian Yocca – Jr. Athlete Representative

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Minutes from the last meeting of October 15, 2014. APPROVED

MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Financials for September, 2014 with a \$4,800 AMS Convention budget line item approval, APPROVED.

Donna will scan and send out via email the Tax Return for the Board to Review

I. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve all non-pulled Consent Agenda Items, ACCEPTED.

II. Action Items:

A. Open Water Swimming

Discussion:

\$1,000 was approved in 2015 budget for open water awards. We would be signing up for putting this up as an AMS meet being run by Ohio swimming. We are only responsible for providing our own individual and team awards.

MOTION That AMS commit to participating in the LSC Open water championship for 2015 in conjunction with OHIO. APPROVED

III. Old Business:

A. Operating Procedures

Discussion:

Lynne has posted them to the Google Drive for everyone to see and look into editing them. The Google Doc will track the changes made by each Board member. We are asking that the Board Members go on and have your changes completed by December so that Lynne can make the changes and the board can vote in January. Mike wanted to see that the Operating Procedures get up because it makes things difficult at Meets.

B. Publicity Intern

Discussion:

Mike was hoping that by next fall we could have someone in place to do publicity. There are some concerns over how this will affect the permanent office position. Will this be compensated? We are looking towards Point Park. Lisa and Mike will work with Laura to bring a proposal to the board.

C. Change in Funding

Discussion:

We need to encourage people to get to the higher level meets and represent the LSC, we also want to make it easier and quicker to get the reimbursements outs by getting rid of the manual tabulations of splashes and days. Jr. Nationals and above will have no requirements. Matt will include the funding objective; the Board will review, discuss, and vote. This will be sent out to the board and voted on via email within the next two weeks.

D. Scholastic All American Requirements

Discussion:

Talk over weighted verses unweighted in counting the Academic Requirements .

MOTION was made that the AMS Scholastic All American application be passed with the changed of – 3.75 unweighted and 3.25 weighted GPA for the Academic year. All transcripts

must have a postmark date no later than August 1st, and must also qualify for the current Spring Section Meet in the Eastern Zone. With latitude given to make grammatical edits. APPROVED.

Further discussion after the MOTION indicated that email discussion on this topic for explaining how the process would be tabulated would follow.

IV. New Business:

A. Board Member Job Descriptions

Discussion:

All Board Member Job Descriptions are now posted on the Google Drive, and should be reviewed by all board members.

B. Mentor Program:

Discussion:

Mike made a MOTION that we accept the budgeted \$2,000 and apply it towards 4 coaches to go towards David Marshes Elite Performance Mentor Program Camp. – MOTION withdrawn since budget was approved at a prior meeting. Mike will put forward operating procedures rules to be approved by the Board for Selection requirements.

C. Safe Sport Wish List

Discussion:

We should tell USA swimming what we would like to see for safe sport procedures. Lisa will send this out to Clubs about the opportunity to go to Colorado Springs for Safe Sport. Luke will work with Lisa to offer an incentive to have club boards be safe sport certified.

D. Website Update

Discussion:

Duplicative tabs for the current season are in place for meets. Most of the site is organized properly. Do we have a completion date for when we think the Website will be done. Luke states that what is left is content moving, and it will be done by end of December. He will be paid for his website services upon its completion. A comprehensive update will be provided at next month's meeting.

E. AMS Computer Backup

Discussion:

We will backup the hard drive to the Google Drive “the cloud” to be completed by next meeting. Some members still believe we should carry a hard backup on an external drive.

F. Zone Information

Discussion:

Laura will put together a budget for Next week, send it to Charles and Charles will send it out to the board.

G. Other

Discussion:

Luke Charles, Matt, Mike, Lynne, Scott and Bob came to a meeting to resolve the issue of the DLAC Meet with the Admin Officials incident, and other issues that were plaguing the meet. It was agreed that if you are adding something on the fly, there is more of a need to communicate. The 4 hour rule is a guideline and we should not use it as a policy to inhibit creative thinking to help resolve some meet issues. There was a strong consensus to eliminate 200 yard events at distance meets as there are ample opportunities to run these events elsewhere.

We need to educate the clubs more on how to host their own meets.

The Meeting was adjourned 9:25 PM by Scott Wilshire

Next Meeting December 17, 2014 at location tbd