

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
1st Floor Great Hall, Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Present:

Scott Wilshire – General Chair
Ryan Johnson – Secretary
Donna Beyerl - Treasurer
Charles Lersch – Age Group Vice-Chair
Todd Clark – Senior Vice-Chair
Mike Kristufek – Coaches Representative
Laura Hartman – Permanent Office/Registration Chair
Luke Modrak – Technical Planning Chair
Hosea & Dana Holder – Diversity/Inclusion Co-Chairs
Patrick Lersch – Athlete Member at Large

Absent:

Lynne Shine – Administrative Vice-Chair
Paul Seiferth – Safe Sport Chair
Lisa Kocsis – Safety Chair
Zachary Buerger – Sr. Athlete Representative
Franny Dean – Jr. Athlete Representative

The Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

Having no exceptions, MOTION was made to ACCEPT the Minutes from the last meeting of August 21, 2013.

I. Consent Agenda:

- A. Coaches policies pulled by Mike for approval by the B.O.D. to get entered into the Operating Procedures.

Discussion:

Scott indicated we will look into how policies and procedures get posted and entered, and deferred to Governance Committee.

(Follow Up – The Coaches policies were already entered into the Operating Procedures by Lynne prior to this Meeting).

B. Athlete of the Year Award was pulled by Donna Beyerl for discussion

Discussion:

Donna questioned whether it is fair to each athlete to only look at the awards by season stating that one athlete could block the award for an entire group as they aged up both in SCY and LCM. Mike stated that if Leah swam one meet a year, she would get the award. Donna stated that to look at only the top three events with power points is a very unfair guide that leaves out other swimmer criteria such as participation and overall growth from year to year, and that the cross over between short course times/power points and long course is different. Todd responded that power points are meant to be equal in theory for both short and long course seasons. Ryan stated that the athlete of the year award is a performance based award and because of this, power points are the clearest way to measure this. It was raised that perhaps we should come up with an alternative award to coincide with the performance base swimmer of the year.

MOTION was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Athlete of the Year Award, with the understanding to differ discussion back to the Coaches Committee into creating or evaluating the possibility of another award.

C. Coaches Recognition of Service Award

Discussion:

Mike recommends that a service award should be developed to recognize those that have been involved and around in the LSC for many years. He is gathering statistics. A similar award should be considered for Officials. Scott mentioned that John should be told to look into this.

MOTION was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Non-pulled Consent Agenda Reports (Attachment 1)

II. Action Items:

NONE

III. Old Business:

A. Budget (Attachment 2)

Discussion:

Should we keep the income from athlete registrations since last year was an Olympic Bump Year? Laura stated that trends fall after Olympic years and income should correspond, however, we anticipate growth in athletes and elected to maintain the income at the present level. Todd mentioned we need to start purchasing a pad a year to keep equipment up to date. A review of line items was completed to address items recommended by various Board members. Budget completed with a \$3,275 net income after investments which will be posted and presented to the HOD for approval.

MOTION was made and seconded to ACCEPT the budget as finalized.

B. Audit vs. Review

Discussion:

Donna outlined three possible options for the LSC in terms of Financials Reviews/Oversight. She also indicated that we should move towards a different CPA Firm with better reliability and cheaper rates who will also do the LSC 990 at years end for \$1,000 (Attachment 3).

MOTION by Scott to engage Alpern Rosenthal for a financial review in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 and come back with an agreement for approval to the B.O.D to be completed by end of this fiscal year.

(Follow Up – Scott would like everyone participating in the process as to have an understanding of how our financials work. This is something that should be done every three years) . Seconded and Approved.

C. Sponsorships

Discussion:

Ryan stated that he contacted USA Swimming and the LSC is permitted to acquire sponsorships for any purpose they deem necessary. It was stated that for our purposes, sponsorships should have a specific objective i.e. Zones All-star Team. Charles indicated that he would like to see this information disseminated out to the clubs for their benefit.

MOTION was made and seconded to table this item for further discussion.

D. Computer Backup Policies

This item was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting

E. Overview of AMS Website Restructuring

This item was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting

F. Overview of Convention

Reports will be available at HOD meeting

G. Meet Surcharge Request of \$5.00 by Team Pittsburgh

Discussion:

Team Pittsburgh placed a formal request for allowance of a \$5.00 surcharge at their hosted meets. After much discussion, it was decided to allow the request, but it would be called a facility surcharge fee on the Meet Announcements because of the nature of the charge. It was understood that Pitt is an excellent site for meets and we should look into further discussions with them about meets, hosting, and future arrangements.

MOTION was made and seconded to ACCEPT the “facility surcharge” from Team Pittsburgh.

Housekeeping:

Scott would like the AMS Website to be cleaned up over the next month to reflect current activities. Also all committee minutes should begin to be posted to the website.

The Meeting was adjourned 8:58 PM by General Chair, Scott Wilshire

Next Meeting October 16, 2013 at location tbd