

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Board of Directors' Meeting - 15 May 2013
U. of Pittsburgh - Cathedral of Learning
Minutes

PRESENT:

General Chair: Paul Sieferth

Age Group VC: Jacinta Batsky

Senior VC: Todd Clark

Treasurer: Donna Beyerl

Tech Planning Co-Chairs: Neil Jones & Dan Prager

Safety Chair: Bob Mermelstein

Coaches Rep: Michael Kristufek

Permanent Office/Reg Chair: Laura Hartman

At-Large Member: Scott Wilshire

Jr. Athlete Rep: Zach Buerger

BOD Guest: USA Swimming Sport Development Consultant - Eastern Zone : Peter Clark

ABSENT:

Admin VC: Lynne Shine

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Paul Seiferth, General Chair.

Consent Agenda:

(M) Scott Wilshire, (S) Donna Beyerl - (with stipulation that Financial report is preliminary) to accept the Consent Agenda. approved by acclimation.

Treasurer (Donna Beyerl)

Review of "clean-up" work that is underway on the financials was presented.

USA Swimming Sport Development Consultant - Eastern Zone (Peter Clark)

Pete reviewed his appointment schedule for the week.

Permanent Office (Laura Hartman)

Laura reported on the upcoming AMS Banquet to be held on June 4, 2013.

Age Group Vice Chair (Jacinta Batisky)

Jacinta reported that the meet awards were sent out. There are still some meets that remain unbid and not all of the clubs received their choices. Bids will be open (until June 15) on the unbid meets for those teams who did not receive their choices. After June 15, any unbid meet is open for bid by any club in the LSC. There were two meets that were awarded contingent upon the host club meeting its requirements for officials (SFAC and MOON each need one more official).

All but three teams got into GPAC - so all but three teams are in one of the Age Group Opens.

Wording needs to be added to all Meet Announcements indicating that the meet entry deadline is *XX/XX/XXXX or until the meet is full.*

The issue that has arisen is "how do we make sure that accommodations exist to ensure that swimmers get their needed splashes". Peter Clark interjected that the Middle Atlantic LSC has considered starting a duel league for the 12 and under swimmers - with the objective of increasing USA membership and getting the kids in meets and having fun.

General Chair (Paul Seiferth)

Paul reported on the Eastern Zone meeting held in Fort Lauderdale. Representing AMS were Paul Seiferth, Todd Clark, Pete Barry, Mike Kristufek, and Jamy Pfister.

The EZ has added a fourth Sectional meet. The two short course meets are closed - open only to specified areas of EZ respectively. One of the LC meets is being held the same weekend as Zones - but is open to anyone.

We will be sending two athletes, one coach, and one committee chair to the Diversity Summit.

Jacinta will be attending the Safe Sport meeting to be held in Dallas.

There are currently breaststroke rule changes that are being contemplated by the Rules & Regulations Committee - more information to follow.

Another addition by USA Swimming is the Athlete Honor Code.

Senior Vice Chair (Todd Clark)

We will be having athlete elections to choose a Junior Athlete Representative. The nomination window, as well as the dates for online submission of votes will be posted on AMS website.

We also need to develop a process for the selection of athlete representatives to the BOD and the various committees.

Athlete Representative (Zach Buerger)

Zach reported on the Athlete Committee. The question was raised as to why the LSC had chosen to transform the Mazzei meet from an "early season fun meet" to a more structured "real" meet.

Zach also raised a concern about the recent change regarding the ability of swimmers to select their own events at Zones. He stated that the swimmers would like to have more of a voice in the matter. Mike addressed this issue, and outlined the reasons for the change. The Age Group Committee was tasked with looking into this issue in more detail.

Old Business (Donna Beyerl)

Donna reported on the equipment that the LSC will be purchasing. It consists of 4 lane modules, 1 speaker and cord, and an extension cord for the starter microphone. Merle Beyerl is also going to look into purchasing bins for the storage of all of the equipment.

Todd suggested that we consider purchasing one or two new pads every year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Shine

AMS Secretary