New Jersey Swimming
Draft of Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting - April 25, 2012

Attendance: Bud Rimbault, Bruce Peterson, Stephanie Crofton, Tristan Formon, Eric Fucito, Marlene Curtis, Corrina Weinkofsky, Matt Donovan, Lou Petto, Mohamed Abdelaal, Libby Dalziel, Nick Smagula, Henry Fryczynski, Bill Deatly, Greg Eggert, Anna Barry, Jim Sheehan, Heather Grieb, Julianna Cavano, Jim O'Neill, Judy Sharkey, Sue Anderson

Call to Order: 7:35pm
No new items to be started after 10:00pm No additions were added to the agenda.

Reading, Correction, and Adoption of Minutes:
The minutes from the February 8, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting adopted with no changes or corrections.

General Chair Report: Bud Rimbault
Voting Policy - A reminder that there is a maximum of three individuals from each club that can be on the board not counting athletes.
Introduced Sue Anderson a guest speaker who was going to talk about the Make A Splash Program.

Make A Splash Program: Sue Anderson
A written report was provided.
Five NJ towns received grant money from the Juvenile Justice Department. The program was successful in reaching a large number of children in NJ inner city communities and exposing them to swim and water safety instruction. There were a total of 5413 participants in the following towns: Bayonne, Jersey City, Newark, Plainfield, and Asbury Park.
Sue offered some ideas as to what NJ Swimming could do moving forward since this funding is no longer available to these communities.

Reports of Officers:
Athlete: Nick Smagula and Libby Dalziel
Nick was selected to write an article about swimming for Pacific Northwest. Athletes from across the nation will be included. His article was on a backstroke drill and why it was a good one to use. He also said that he would check into a suit, goggles, and cap donation as one of the ideas that Sue had mentioned.

Administrative Chair: Henry Fryczynski
A written report was provided.
There are a total of 55 sanctioned and approved meets. For the 2012 LC schedule there are 27 meets that have been submitted. Henry feels that the submission deadline should be changed to a minimum of 60 days prior to the start date of a meet.
Open Water - A new Open Water Chair needs to be appointed. a pool of Independent Safety Monitors needs to be developed. They come to observe the event and to make sure the plan is being followed according to the meet announcements. The safety monitors would have the power to stop the swim. NJ Swimming needs to tap into resources that have been doing open water swims. A suggestion was made to visit areas that have been successfully running open water swims.

Treasurer: Eric Fucito
A written report was provided.
There was a request to have two budgets for the House of Delegate meeting, one to include a table at the Golden Goggles and one without this expense. A motion was made to include an additional $3,000.00 for travel reimbursement for those athletes traveling to Olympic Trials. This has been included in past budgets in the Olympic years. They would get a share of this money plus the regular travel reimbursement.
Splash fees are up to date. Taxes are due May 15.

Senior: Mohamed Abdelaal
A written report was provided at the meeting about the Senior State meet. There were 427 athletes that participated from 26 teams. Time standards were also included in the report. Scholarship information will be put on the front page of the NJ Swimming website.

Age Group: Tristan Formon - A written report was provided.

NJS 2012 Summer Schedule up on line.
2013 NJS Junior Age Group Champs Standards posted on line.
2013 NJS Gold, Silver, and Bronze times submitted for web posting.
2013 - 12 and under Silver/Bronze Championship Regions finalized and submitted for web posting.

The following motions were presented and all motions passed.
P1 – Date for Submission of NJS Championship Info
Purpose: To implement a date requirements for submission of NJD Championship meet information to be submitted to the NJD Administrative Vice Chair for sanctioning purposes. Effective date would be April 26, 2012.

P2 Ð Date for Submission of NJS Approved Meet Info
Purpose: To allow the Administrative Vice Chair increased time to address meet information as it relates to NJS Approved Meet requests. Effective date would be May 25, 2012.

P3 Ð Defining the winter and summer season
Purpose: To look at eliminate the windows in the current calendar that fall between the winter and summer season and summer and winter season. Effect date would be April 26, 2012., Winter season: begins September 1 and ends March 31. Summer season: begins April1 and ends August 31.
An additional change was added to say that the first day of competition would designate which season the meet would fall in. The question was raised as to what is a team entry. If a single entry from a team comes in does this mean that the rest of the team makes it in? Tech Planning will look at some guidelines to present.

Coaches: Lou Petto
He continues to work on the mass email system. Mike Randazzo had also spoken with Lou about running a distance meet following one of the camps.

Officials: Bruce Peterson
An officials meeting was held last week. Judy Sharkey is on the slate for the House of Delegates meeting to be the new Officials Chair. Bruce requested that the starting times of meet sessions be put up on the website quicker. This would be help in getting officials to work at meets. There are a limited number of Referees at this time so there will be clinics held and at this time 28 individuals have been invited to attend.
Revision to the NJ Policy Handbook: Competition Section - Identify the meet referee with name, and email address.

Reports of Committees and Coordinators:

Registration: Eric Fucito - No outstanding issues to report.

Safety: Marlene Curtis - Written report provided.

Records: Anna Barry - Anna had attended a conference in the Boston area. There was a lot of useful information presented. There continues to be issues with the age of athletes when they swim at a YMCA meet or a USA Swimming meet. If teams swim at an out of state meets and a NJ Swimming record was broken the coach will need to contact her so that she can verify the swim.

Legal Counsel: No report

Nominating Committee: Slate is posted on the NJ Swimming website front page.

Technical Planning Committee: Tristan Formon -Written report provided with the minutes and items that were discussed at the February 20th meeting.

Report of at Large Members of the Board:
Matt Donovan Ð He has been selected as a coach for a select camp in Maryland.

Jim Sheehan Ð USA Swimming is partnering with the Got Milk campaign. USA Swimming has also decided to wait for FINA's report on Open Water Swimming that will be completed May 2013 after realizing it would take them that long also to complete.
Greg Eggert Ð Written report was provided highlighting important swimming dates and his volunteer and professional activities. He also spoke about his request for reimbursement of 2011 expenses.

Report from Administrative Office: Stephanie Crofton
Zones meet was a success. Stephanie was selected to be one of the coaches at the Open Water camp in June at Ft. Myers, Florida. The office is also looking at the information to do on-line registration with payment by credit card. The NJ Swimming office continues to be busy.

Advice and Consent to Appointments: None

Unfinished (old) Business: None

New Business: Jack Caucino from the Red Bank YMCA would like to see high school age athletes with current JR National times or better be able to get into any meet (even if that meet is already closed) to swim. The issue was given to the Technical Planning Committee to look at, since this also raises the issue of the four-hour rule.
Safety Marshal Handbook Ð presented by Marlene Curtis
Will be included on the website with the change to include that there will be designated Head Safety Marshal at each session of the meet.

Next scheduled Meeting:
House of Delegates meeting on May 16, 2012 @ 7:30pm Holiday Inn Somerset 195 Davidson Ave Somerset, NJ

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55pm