

General Chair Report

BOD 6/24/2014

EZ Meeting

The qualifying times for Junior Nationals are approaching the National qualifying times and there have been discussions to have two SC Juniors in beginning in December 2015. For the LC season there would be a new series of three meets known as the Legends series. Qualifying times would be established between Sectional and the Junior qualifying times. These proposals will be voted on at the USAS HOD meeting in September. From an LSC prospective it may require that we re-consider our current funding levels for the Travel Grants.

Because of new initiatives being sponsored by USA Swimming, the level of funding being provided to the host clubs for these events will be adjusted, challenging the clubs to come up with innovative ways to raise money.

The EZ does not have any funds to host various projects and voted to assess each of the LSCs \$.25 per athlete. A check for approximately \$2500 has been sent to the EZ.

Each LSC was asked to provide the name of three individuals who could potentially serve on a Zone Appeals Panel whose role would to adjudicate challenges regarding sanctioning and approval of meets. The composition was to be a coach, official, and a post graduate athlete. Bud Rimbault, Judy Sharkey, and Ana Bogdanovski have accepted invitations. The final selection will be made by the EZ prior to Golden Goggles. If they are not selected, they may be considered candidates for a potentially newly formed Zone Boards of Review.

Committee Changes

Sandy Rattray has resigned from the Open Water Committee due to her heavy travel schedule for work. Corrina Weinkofsky, our newly elected secretary, has also given up her position on the Open water Committee so that she can concentrate on her duties as secretary. We thank both of these individuals for their service on these committees.

With the upcoming financial review being conducted by the Morley Group, I have asked Anna Barry, our treasurer, to concentrate her efforts in this area and Tiny Randazzo has agreed to return as Records Chair. We thank Anna for the dual responsibilities she has performed for the LSC the past two years.

Age Group Chair

The election is to be conducted at the Fall HOD.

Safe Sport Presentation

Approximately seventeen people attended the Chris Gavagan presentation on May 21st at the Doubletree.

Scholastic All American, NJS College Scholarship Applications, Philips 66 Volunteer Award Applications

All apps are available on the web site. Due to poor response to the College Scholarship the deadline has been extended to June 30th.and a blast e-mail has gone out to all teams.

Fall HOD Meeting

This was originally scheduled for Sat. Oct. 4th, two weeks after the USAS Convention. Using my i-pad calendar it didn't indicate that it was Yom Kippur which I subsequently became aware of. Recommend that the meeting be re-scheduled to Sat. 9/27 especially since it is the intention of our Camps Chairs to schedule the Speedo Olympian to appear at this meeting.

Meeting with Speedo Rep

Held a meeting with Marie Labosky, our Speedo representative, Stephanie and Greg to review the NJS agreement regarding our Zone team. We discussed tentative dates for the appearance of the Speedo Olympic athlete, obtaining the art work so that the officials shirts can be finalized, and potential new Speedo offerings for Zone team. Since Van Husen is now the parent of Speedo, we are eligible for other products carried by Van Husen's other brands. Marie urged us to think outside the box on how to use the VIK we receive annually for the life of the contract.

Tech Planning Meeting

Kip will address the particulars but have given consideration to using Go to Meeting as a way to increase participation. One of the options available would permit up to 25 attendees to participate remotely.

Web Site Meeting

In the process of organizing a meeting with the members of the web committee to review ways to improve our web site. I have asked a web site developer who is a former swimmer, parent, and official to facilitate this meeting.