

# Hawaiian Swimming Board Minutes

August 25, 2007

Veterans' Memorial Aquatic Center

**Present:** Jon Hayashida, Gwenn Tomiyoshi, Larry Oshiro, Lynn Liu, Tammy Miyashiro, Pat Takeshita, Kekoa Taparra, Dave Coleman, Fred Tester, Char Tester, Dean Schmaltz, Kenny Chew, Marcelle Arakaki

Meeting called to order at 1:08 p.m. by D Coleman.

I. Announcements

II. Reports:

A. General Chair - Reports

- Secretary Minutes of July 15, 2007 were postponed to the next meeting.
- Treasurer Report – No report.
- Membership/Registration Report – No report - data submitted

As of August 23, 2007, Hawaiian Swimming has registered

Athletes	2,332	Individual	238
Seasonal 1	178	Family	80
Outreach Athletes	26		-----
Athlete Single Meet	2	Total Non-Athletes	318
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Total Athletes	2,450		
Clubs	31		
Organizations	2		
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Total Clubs	33		

Gwenn Tomiyoshi announced that 17 teams were fined from May 13 to August 4, of which 9 have cleared their fines and eight are outstanding. Teams who have passed the 30 days to appeal will be sent a letter informing them if fines haven't been cleared by the 2008 swim season, club registration renewal will be held pending resolving fine payments. Teams will have until Dec. 16, 2007 to submit their fines to Lynne Nakamura P.O. Box 893193 Mililani, Hi 96789. If fines are not received, club swimmers will become unattached. It was suggested that it be noted in the Meet Notice to be registered.

B. Age Group Vice Chair

Short Course Age Group State Championship is scheduled for December 14-17, at Kihei Aquatic Center in Kihei, Maui.

Long Course Age Group State Championship will be held at VMAC pool and will be scheduled for June 12-15, 2008 (Thursday-Sunday). The LSC Board voted yes to June 12-15, 2008 after considering graduation commencement dates and summer school starting the week of June 10. The meet is open for bids by Oahu teams.

Open Oahu meet dates have been combined with limits to the number of entries and enforcing times requirements in the meet notice. It was noted that combining East and West swimmers may include as many as 700 swimmers. To accommodate the number of swimmers the combined meets will exclude the long distance events and relays. It was mentioned that coaches have requested that long distance events be held once a month. It was suggested that Kenny Chew come up with the meet format for meets discussed.

According to Rules and Regulations, meet notice needs to be sent at least 30 days before a meet. September was a combined event because of less swimmers during the month.

Suggested to get the Oahu meet notice for September 16<sup>th</sup> out as soon as possible. B/C meets and A+ meets may have swimmers attending both swim meets. Maybe teams not currently sponsoring a meet, maybe they will decide to sponsor a meet.

The Senior meet time standard is similar to a 15-16 HIAA.

Enforcing “A” splash rule? It was recalled that at a previous meeting, fines were reinstated for Invitational meets only because neighbor islands do not run classified meets and cannot be fined. Neighbor island meets are able to run non-classified meets because the number of participants at the meet are less and they have a shorter event list (multiple meet schedules) On a Meet Management point of view, Oahu can do fines and do it themselves to affect them. Dave Coleman recommended that each island do their own meet management requirements.

It was also stated that some teams are not timely putting meet results in their TM database or before the next meet. Coaches will continue to do these things until it is followed.

Kenny will need to come up with a plan to: 1) Look at time management of meet and 2) Coaches who have developmental swimmers. Oahu needs to govern themselves and need to be able to have meet management and swim development work together.

A suggestion was made to have written in the Meet Notice that swimmers' entries must enter fastest, converted times and failure to abide with this rule will be subject to fines. Someone will be required to keep tabs of all swimmer times.

The LSC Board approved the attached suggested schedule of meets,

#### Moratorium on inter and intrasquad meets

The moratorium to not allow inter and intra squad meets was applied for the 2005-2006 season. The moratorium was approved to continue for an additional season 2006 – 2007. It was noted that Bruce Stratton, chairman of the rules committee emailed that there should be no moratorium disallowing sanctions for inter and intra squad meets.

Rules and Regulations requires a inter and intra squad meet must have a certified referee and a certified starter and it is not in conflict with another sanctioned meet.

A motion was made to remove the moratorium. D Coleman seconded motion.

11 - yes

1 – no

1 – abstain

#### Supervision of Warmup/Warmdown Pool

It was also noted that another email from Bruce Stratton that clarified that coaches must oversee their swimmers' warmup and warmdown. The email specifically referenced coaches who say they do not have to oversee their swimmers at a warmup/warmdown facility is wrong.

The reason that a coach may feel that they do not have to be there is because the officials on deck doesn't know who the coaches' swimmers are.

Jon Hayashida will email Bruce Stratton's email . Dean Schmaltz stated that they are not consistent within USA Swimming on the requirements and will email conflicting information to Jon.

#### How to Sanction Meet – K Chew

Now that the moratorium has been lifted, Kenny Chew did not want officials to feel that they are compelled to say yes to officiate inter/intra squad meets. When a team applies for a sanction, a referee must also be listed. Dean Schmaltz stated that it is not fair for teams without officials on their team. Dave Coleman suggested having a surcharge on entry for meets. The LSC trains people to be officials and runs equipment (but not necessarily depends on those teams who have equipment such as Punahou and Iolani), there should be a surcharge on meets. Since meets are sanctioned on schedule, the LSC times coordinator could charge a fee.

This will be discussed at a later date.

#### Time Standards – K Chew

See attached.

Please make sure that converted times are for meters and yards. Changes were reviewed. Changes were made based on qualifiers for States and to encourage other swimmers to participate. If more swimmers qualify for i.e., 50 fly, maybe swimmers may have an incentive to swim a 100 fly.

It was moved to approve the time standards, Dave Coleman seconded. The LSC Board approved the time standards.

Dean Schmaltz stated that while reviewing the list of items to be proposed at the Convention, the LSC Chairman from Ohio is proposing to introduce the 50 fly, back, breast, and free for 13-18 year olds. World Championships has these events, so these suggested events should be held, too. Kekoa has been notified.

D Coleman suggested an announcement be made to ask if anyone who has a large space, who would like to donate or let LSC use it to store the LSC equipment which is currently being stored at the Tester's home. VMAC has ruled not to have the LSC use their site because their basic policy is not to house private equipment. A suggestion was made to rent appropriate storage space. Someone will also be needed to oversee the routine maintenance of the equipment.

Fred Tester stated that on meet notices, there are requirements for distance events and IM events. Nobody is enforcing it. If not enforcing it with a fine, remove it from the meet notice. For time management purposes, it is not fair to have to watch a B/C swimmer swim a distance event if they are not qualified to do so.

Kenny Chew asked if Hawaiian Swimming is the host of the Silver Meet this swim year? Maui has asked for reimbursement for the sanction fee. Jon stated that the Silver meet was a pilot program and is sanctioned by the Hawaiian Swimming LSC

Fred Tester asked if fines will be given for those swimmers swimming out of classification for non-classified meets starting in September? Meet

notice should state that it be mandatory to have best times entered. This item will be tabled as one of the items to be discussed at the next LSC Board meeting.

Jon Hayashida distributed a proposed LSC Board meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held on September 9. The June 15, 2007 meeting date was changed to June 22, 2007.

C. Swimmer's Representative

Kekoa Taparra questioned about representation of Swimmers' Representatives. and will provide a suggestion at the next meeting. A suggestion was made to have request Nicole Miyahira to resign to elect a new athletes representative since Nicole is away at school K Taparra presented logo design for Short Course Age Group Championship medals by Brandon Ching. Will send to designer to re-work design and will bring to next meeting.

D. Club, Athlete, and Special Program Development

Char Tester announced that a Club and Coaches Development meeting will be held later this year and asked suggestions for topics be sent to her.

III. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.