

**LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING
10 FEBRUARY 2012**

In Attendance:

Judy Ramirez, Joan Casseri, James Winchester, Craig Harris, Colleen Barczyk, Derrek Amidon and Robby Fritscher.

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was held in Sulphur following preliminary heats on Friday at Short Course State Meet. The meeting was called to order by acting General Chairman Colleen Barczyk.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from the General Membership 2010 Meeting

*The minutes were approved as corrected. (Spelling of names)

III. Treasurer's Report

*Warren Lind suggested that we raise the swimmer surcharge per meet from \$4.00-\$5.00 immediately to cover the rising costs of the reimbursed meets. This will be brought before the General Membership on Sunday.

IV: Reports

*Diversity Report: Kaci McGuire reported that she would like for the body to form a Diversity Board which will be in charge of setting and funding a budget in order to bring in a more diverse population of swimmers to USA Swimming.

*James Winchester reported on the work being done in order to change our State Meet in the summer of 2013 into two meets (14 and Under and Open). Several formats were looked at with the idea of making the meets more exciting. Talking points included loosening qualifying times for the 14 and Under Meet, need for more officials, and added expenses for family travel as well as additional time. This will be voted on in the regular General Membership meeting. Ron Moore needs to be contacted in order to work on meet logistics.

*Robby Fritscher reported that Olympic Trials qualifying will close 18 June.

*Zone Meet: Derrek Amidon reported that the coaches would like to carry half cash and half credit card with an increase on the credit card cap. The base price per swimmer will be \$450.00 with an additional \$50.00 if a flight is required. The actual cost per swimmer this past summer was \$850.00. The team will meet in Shreveport for a day of bonding and practice prior to leaving for the meet. The team should have fun; however, they are there to swim fast. Each swimmer will swim the maximum number of events (4).

V. New Business

*Weekly updates will be sent prior to the General Membership Meeting.

*Coaches need to turn in paperwork for incidents that occur on deck that need extended care away from the pool.

*The meet referee needs to be notified if split times are needed to the times will be reported to SWIMS.

*Our State Meets will remain closed meets.

*The High School State Meet will include forms for parents and/or swimmers to fill out prior to their swim in order to have their swim observed and time to be recorded to SWIMS.

*We hope to pay either a part time or full time person to cover a Louisiana Swimming Office.

*Judy Ramirez will hold a clinic on athlete registrations and hosting a meet. Each team shall send a representative. Robby Fritscher donated the facility to hold the clinic. Each team should begin collecting birth certificates for each swimmer. All swimmers who previously competed for USAS and are transferring to another club, need to fill out a transfer form no matter how many years ago they competed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary