

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.
MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
6 OCTOBER 2007

Ed Kelly, General Membership Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The minutes were accepted as amended by Colleen Barczk.

Colleen Barczk reported on her committee meetings including the upcoming I.M.X. Championships, a college swimming disk available from USAS, the Club Recognition Program and the Make a Splash Program.

Robby Fritscher introduced Bill Jerome the Adaptive Chairman. He also reported that any event made at Juniors would have a bonus event at a ratio of 1:1.

Wally Fall reported that we need three new members on the board of review and an athlete representative. Coaches Safety Training is changing with books available from the Red Cross. The written test can be taken on line. A demonstration of water skills must also be completed.

Jack Jordan will not register a new team member until the money is received. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to require both the signature of the new coach along with the signature of the coach from the transfer team. MOTION, ACCEPTED. It was further recommended that coaches make sure relay swimmers names are correct and posted on the results before leaving a swim meet.

Cassie Cloutet strongly recommended that at least one of the two elected athletes attend Convention as they hold 20% of the vote.

Robby Fritscher reported that the Zone Team was the best-behaved in recent years. A total of \$15,838.00 was spent and \$10,815.00 was brought in. No swimmers from Louisiana competed in the Open Water Swim. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to add an open water swimmers to the roster. MOTION, ACCEPTED. By the addition of the event, the team will stay one more day and add approximately \$2,500.00 to the cost. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change the swimmer charge from \$275.00 to \$325.00. MOTION, PASSED. The application process will continue with a \$15.00 fee up to 1 June and a \$35.00 fee after 1 June. Anyone can swim the Open Water Event even if they are not members of the team. The awards are separated.

Wally Fall reported that he wrote a letters to the University at Monroe and the Chamber of Commerce concerning the water and air quality during the Long Course State Meet, 2006. There will be a professional present at all meets to monitor both the water and air.

The representatives to the National Convention will have matching shirts with the design on the shirts donated by T.J. Natal.

It is strongly suggested that all meets have Marshals. They do not need to be members of U.S. Swimming.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change the time standards for the State Meet in any events where there were less than 16 swimmers in two of the last four State Meets. These new times will be an average of the "A" time and "BB" time as passed to the membership. MOTION, ACCEPTED. These times will be subject to review every year until a pattern is established.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED the any person that wins an event in the District Meet with a distance of 50, 100, or 200 will automatically swim that event in the State Meet with

no more than three swims a day. MOTION, ACCEPTED. Swimmers who change age group after District and prior to State can still swim in their younger age group, but will be placed on the results with the older age group.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to eliminate the use of watch time splits for use as qualifying times in the State Meets. MOTION, CARRIED. The only recognizable times will be those of the touch pads or the finish times in the events entered at the required distance.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to increase the swimmer sir charge for the State Meets from \$5.00 to \$10.00 with \$5.00 going to the association and \$5.00 to the host team. MOTION, PASSED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to add a sir charge of \$2.50 to both the District Meet and State Meet for 8 and Under Swimmer to be used to pay for meet awards. MOTION, ACCEPTED.

Jack Jordan will place a link to all Louisiana Swimming Clubs Web Sites.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to vote on sites for a two-year period for Short Course State, Long Course State, both District Meets and both 8 and Under Meets with an additional year added every year. MOTION, ACCEPTED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to move all morning heats of the 500-yard and 400 meter freestyle events to follow the relays. MOTION, ACCEPTED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change both Long Course and Short Course State Meets to 19 and Under Meets as long as the swimmer was a member of Louisiana Swimming since January 1st of their senior year of high school. MOTION, ACCEPTED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to raise the swimmer per meet charge from \$2.00 to \$4.00. MOTION, PASSED.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and FAILED to allow only one Sectional Meet funded a year.

A proposal to reimburse from the travel fund all college athletes who represent the State of Louisiana in national meets will be studied in committee and reported on in the next meeting.

A proposal to offer stipends to coaches for their attendance at professional swimming clinics associated through USA Swimming or ASCA was tabled.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to eliminate the Last Chance Meet as an association sponsored meet. MOTION, PASSED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change the date of the annual LSI meeting to the first Saturday after the USAS Convention as opposed to the first Sunday. MOTION, ACCEPTED.

A Diversity Summit will be held in Colorado Springs October 26, 27, and 28th. Kier McGuire and Randolph Shannon will attend.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to include the Spring Jr. Meet hosted by the National Swim Coaches Association eligible for travel reimbursement. MOTION, CARRIED.

Many other reports were included in handouts. Please refer to those from all committee chairmen.

Election of officers:

Age Group:	Colleen Barczyk
Program Operations.	P.J. Keller
Treasurer:	Warren Lind
Safety:	Wally Fall

Officials:	Bruce Thomas
Membership:	Jack Jordan
Adaptive:	Billy Jerome
Board of Review:	Billy Newport
	Matt Leach
	Chris Prator
	Cassie Cloutet

The Short Course State meet will be held 19-22 March, 2009 will be held at UNO and NUWAVE with a back up site at LSU and Tiger Aquatics. The Long Course State Meet will be held 23-26 July, 2009 at UNO and the Hurricanes with a back up site in Sulphur. These dates can change at the next General Membership Meeting.

The meet schedule is listed separately. The next General Membership meeting will be held in Lafayette.

Swimmers of the Year:

12 and Under Female:	Nominate	Kristen Jennings
	Awarded	Kara Kopcsó
12 and Under Male:	Nominated	Griffin Guzan
	Awarded	Grant Grenfell
13 and Over Female:	Awarded	Meggie Schmidt
13 and Over Male:	Nominated	Brian Carr
		Josh Brunet
		Mark Schindler
	Awarded:	Trey Stewart
Senior Female:	Awarded	Micah Martindale
Senior Male:	Nominated	Adam Klein
	Awarded	Robert Looney
Coach of the Year:	Nominated	Butch Jordan
	Awarded	Mike Falati

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary