

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

21 SEPTEMBER 2013

In attendance:

Colleen Barczyk, Mike Falati, Allen Anderson, Wally Fall, Ron Moore, Vic Moore, Hannah Mayes, Lomax Napper, Jeanine Malbrough, Joe Ferguson, Sara Sewell, Tiffany Carroll, Debra Harper, Rob Stewart, Joan Casseri, Derrek Amidon, Chris Prator, Robert Looney, Sarah Landreneau, Sarah Gros, Kier Brandel, Kaci McGuire, Nicole Matherne, Paulette Crawford, Bill Jerome, Bill Babcock, Travis Theriot, Judith Reichert, Kris Babylon, Courtney Roedel, and Billy Newport.

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by Colleen Barczyk in Lafayette, Louisiana on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:12 AM.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from 22 September 2012.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and APPROVED to accept the minutes as Emailed.

III. Treasurer's

*Warren Lind was absent; however, a report for the fiscal year ending 8/31/13 was handed out. The Travel Fund Account balance is \$198,990.35 and the General Fund Account balance is \$79,377.65. There are still some deposits and expenses outstanding for the year ending 8/31/13. Outstanding expenses include ASCA coach's reimbursement, Zone coach's stipends, Long Course Sectional reimbursements and coach travel expenses.

IV. Report of Officers

*Colleen Barczyk, General Chairman, reported that the **team registration** will be \$350.00 for the new season with a discounted price of \$150.00 if paid by 1 October and \$250.00 if paid between 2 October and 1 November. Any registration paid after 1 November will be \$350.00. *The **team transfer fee** of \$2.00 will move to \$20.00 beginning 1 September 2013. On 1 September 2014 the fee will be \$30.00 for an individual athlete to transfer to a new team. *The association will send two (2) people to the **Zone Board of Review** for issues beyond the scope of the local Board of Review. ***LEAP** is due every 4 years and will be due again in 2014. *The **Sectional Meets** will now be more unified and must take place 8-22 days prior to Juniors of the US Open. The time standards should be such that there are 700-800 swimmers participating in each Sectional Meet. The Spring Sectional Meet will be 3.5 days and the Summer Sectional Meet 4 days. There will be an 18 and Under Final in each event. This could cause scheduling problems for Long Course State in 2015 (possible 7 July week-end). *There is a **Senior Zone Championship** available that is not a reimbursed meet; however, the time standards are within 5% of Junior qualifying times, Participants represent their home team. *Anyone **hosting a meet** must use the

templet available from Louisiana Swimming in their meet information.* **Coaches certification** will be checked quarterly and at all championship meets. Coaches must be currently certified for their Team to participate in a meet. *Anyone with information on **certification classes** should send that information to Judy Ramirez so that it can be posted. *A **coach and athlete** cannot participate in a personal relationship.

***Dave Geyer-Senior Chair** was absent.

***Derrek Amidon-Age Group Chair** deferred to later.

***Robby Fritscher-Coaches Representative** reported that the Zone trip was one of the best. The team won the Spirit Award. Open water swim went well. Zone 2013 will be in San Antonio and in 2014 Tupelo.

***Paulette Crawford-Safety Chair** reported that all certification is for a two year period and coaches no longer need First Aid.

***Judy Ramirez-Registration Chairman** was not in attendance. She reported that **birth certificates** only need to be sent on new athletes. No checks will be accepted from individuals, only teams and for the exact amount. ***Dual and Tri Meets** do not pay the sur-charge only the sanction fee.

***Courtney Roedel-Safe Sport** reported that Athlete Protection needs to be updated yearly. All teams need to complete pre-employment screening on new hires. Parents and athletes have educational videos available through USA Swimming. Emails can be sent to the parents that include the available resources. Spot ads are available to run in heat sheets concerning inappropriate behavior.

***Randolph Shannon-Diversity** was not in attendance. He and two athletes attended the **summit** which was held at the same time as State Meet. R. Shannon and Kaci McGuire will choose the athletes to attend the next session.

***Bill Jerome-Adaptive** reported that grants are available from USAS for inclusion in swimming other than on the deck. Accommodations must be provided for swimmers with disabilities. There can be no discrimination against athletes for sexual orientation.

***Wally Fall-Board of Review** reported that the Damon Mc Coy fund has \$14,000 which is used for anyone in the association who has a legitimate need.

***Victoria Barczyk-Athlete Rep** reported that she and Amy Pennington will work on setting up a face book, twitter, and instagram account which all athletes can access for swimming related information.

***Ron Moore-Officials Chair** stated that if a swimmer misses a preliminary event without scratching or declaring a false start, they will be out of their next event. This information will be included in the meet information.

V. Old Business

*Chris Prator reported that the **All Star Meet** between Mississippi and Louisiana will be held in Jackson at the MACOS. It will be held on March 22 and consist of single age groups from 11-14 years with eight (8) swimmers representing each age in each sex.

***Robby Fritscher** and committee will report back to Colleen Barczyk by 1 October the format for choosing the representatives.

VI. New Business

*A MOTION by Robby Fritscher, SECONDED, and PASSED to name our age group coach of the year award the **Ed Kelly Award**.

*Mike Falati made a MOTION that was SECONDED and PASSED to lead a committee to work on a **warm-up format for Short Course State Finals** that would accommodate all swimmers. This report is due back to Colleen Barczyk by 1 November 2013. The meet invitation for **Long Course State will explain open warm-up procedure**.

*A MOTION was made by Courtney Roedel, SECONDED and PASSED to only allow **two (2) bonus swims in any State Championship Meet** regardless of the number of events made.

*A MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the **proposed time standards for State Meet** which will be tightened or loosened according to the number of swimmers in an event. The times will be tightened if there were more than 32 swimmers in an event. Proposed information was distributed on numbers and adjustments necessary in each event.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to swim the **men's 1500 and women's 800 freestyle** to swim on Friday and the women's 1500 and men's 800 to swim on Sunday with the top heat of women and the top heat of men swimming the first race of finals on the respective nights

*MOTIONS concerning the change of Long Course back to 3.5 days; format changes to make it similar to Short Course State, limiting total number of events swum were either pulled or died for lack of second.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and TABLED to limit the number of **votes** each team receives to two at the General Membership Meeting. Colleen will check with USAS as to the by-laws concerning this MOTION.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to create a **late entry system** for our State Meets and District Meets. This system will be as follows: After OME closes a roster will be sent to all teams to check for accuracy with a window of opportunity to change events or add a missed swimmer. (Possibly midnight of the close day). Once the heat sheet is published there will be no changes of any kind.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to make any **qualifying time in any event in either State Meet** faster in the 15-16 age than the 13-14 age group and again faster in the Open Events than the 15-16 age group events.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to change the order of events on **Sunday in Long Course State Meet** to 100 Fly, 200 Free, and 200 Breast.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to switch the 13 and Over **100 Breast with the 200 Breast in Long Course State**.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to **switch the 200 I.M. and 100 I.M.** for 12 and Under in Short Course State.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to have all preliminary session **warm-ups for Long Course State an Open** warm-up. This is to be established by the committee working on Short Course warm-ups. There will be no open warm-ups for 12 and Under swimmers.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to swim the top 2 heats of female and

top 2 heats of male swimmers in the 13 and Over division of the **500 freestyle and 400 I.M.** the first events of the finals session in **Short Course State.**

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that from this day forward the **records** for Senior and Open will be the same. It will not affect passed records.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to move Mike Falati to **Vice-Chair** and Chris Prator into **Technical Planning.** Both positions will be supported with the help of Sarah Landreneau.

***Election of Officers**

Officers were elected by acclimation.

Age Group Chairman	Derrick Amidon
Treasurer	Warren Lind
Registration Chairman	Judy Ramirez
Officials	Ron Moore
Safety Chairman	Paulette Crawford

***Swimmer of the Year**

12 and Under Female:	Rylee Moore
12 and Under Male:	Pierce Thionville
13-18 Female:	Jonna Frantz
13-18 Male:	Colin Bone
Senior Female:	Caroline Beene
Senior Male:	Gage Alleman

VII. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary