

**Florida Gold Coast  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 24, 2013@ 7:30 pm  
Broward, “Nova Southeastern University”**

I. Call to Order- Chris Anderson Called meeting to order at 7:50pm

II. Roll Call/Excused Absences

Chair-	Chris Anderson-P	Guests:
Vice-Chair-	Allan Williams -P	Julie Smiddy
Sr. Chair-	Jimmy Parmenter-P	John Turnipseed
Age Gr Chair-	Jim McCombs-excused	Bruno Darzi
Coaches Rep-	Sid Cassidy-P	Kathleen Prindle
Coaches Rep-	Dolores Campbell-P	
Coaches Rep-	Kirk Peppas-P	
Treasurer-	Dick Cavanah -P	
Secretary	Lori Bosco-P	
Official Chair	Adam Zeichner-P	
Finance Chair	David Hammond-P	
Safety Chair	Duffy Dillon-P	
Athlete Rep	Catrina Silveira-excused	
Athlete Rep	Brittany Hammond-excused	
Athlete Rep	Quinn Cassidy-excused	
Athlete Rep	Sam Smiddy-excused	
At-Large	Jay Thomas-P	
At-Large	Alf Aquirre-P	
At-Large	Lou Manganiello-P	
At-Large	Chadli Fernandez-P	

III. Approval of June 18 2013 meeting minutes-Duffy Dillon **Second**.Allan Williams.  
**Passed. 12-0**

IV. Officers Reports

A. General Chair Christopher Anderson

1. 2013 USAS Reports-

- a. Kathleen Pringle- report and handout
- b. Julie Smiddy-report

2. FGC HOD Meeting (Volunteers Positions & Committees)

a. Jay Thomas- moving away from LSC Board of Review to ZONE Board of Review- effective January 2015. Effective 2015 is an Administrative Review Board.

Our Board needs to be proactive with this in 2014. Task force: Chris Anderson and Jim McCombs

- B. Vice Chair                      Allan Williams (Technical Planning)
1. 2014 FGC Schedule-no additions
  2. Next technical planning date: TBA
  3. Report from convention- Senior Circuit- one day format and LSC would split cost for awards of top ten. One Sectional cut needed to enter and hosts can decide on format of option for meet. #1-no relay short order college event or #2 long option include relays.  
**Dates:** **a.** January 18, long course meter at Nova,  
**b.** April 5 short course yards at IRSC (in between prelims and finals of All- Star meet,  
**c.** May 3- FGCU long course meters Ft. Myers,  
**d.** June 7-IRSC long course meter meet

- C. Athletes                      Cat Silveira, Brittany Hammond, Quinn Cassidy, Sam Smiddy
1. No report- (no athletes present). How to get more athletes in attendance at meeting? Saturday meeting, Sunday meeting, earlier meeting??
    - a. recommendation- announcement on website nominate athlete reps- (Julie Smiddy to put out flyer to teams and one to put on the website to nominate athlete representative. Need 4- one from each county and then one from any count to be present at the HOD

- D. Coaches                      Kirk Peppas, Dolores Campbell, Sid Cassidy-
1. Coaches certification: need Safety Training for Swim Coaches and CPR

- E. Senior                      Jimmy Parmenter-
1. Sectionals March 13-16 at Plantation Central Park
  2. Senior Champs at Nova Southeastern: March 21-23
  3. Florida Senior Circuit- dates under Vice-Chair report (above)
  4. Southern Zone Senior Champs this year- largest meet so far
  5. 2014 in Ft. Myers and 2015 in Greenview SC
  6. Report from convention: Officials/Coaches- how get along.
  7. Great representation from FGC in US Open, Worlds, Jr. Nationals:
    - a. Clara Smiddy won 100 back member on National Jr. team- went to Dubai-good races: swam pre-lims with 400med relay, bronze in 50 back and placed 4<sup>th</sup> place in 100 back
    - b. Alia Atkinson-9<sup>th</sup> place at Worlds
    - c. Dylan Carter- silver medal 50M Fly in Dubai
    - d/ Phillipe Bronze 100 breast,
    - e. Tyler Martin- at Worlds
    - f. Emily Kopas- Jr. Nationals

8. Jimmy – New appointment: Senior Zone Chair. Elected by southern zones

- F. Age Group Jim McCombs- absent- (board members contributed)
1. FGC LC JO's Report local JO- very balanced extremely competition good meet
  2. New requirements for sanctioning process: Need: Administrative Official and Referee
  3. 4 hour rule interpretation-handout from Jimmy (on web)- discussion
  4. Summer 2013 Zone representation report-Chadli-60% best times. 6<sup>th</sup> place for girls, 7<sup>th</sup> place for boys. Open water session- several top 10 finish best Daniel who won 11-12 age group. Look at page on facebook to see pictures at Zones. Keep everyone involved..maybe do the same for other trips.

- G. Registration Dick Cavanah
1. Registration report-handout
  2. Registration cards for 2014—going directly to the athlete

- H. Treasurer Dick Cavanah
1. Financial Report audit should be completed by end of month
  2. Proposal from Dick to look at who qualifies for reduction of FGC membership fee- task force created of Dick Cavanah and Duffy Dillon. Task Chadli to call the National diversity committee to see how to proceed.

- I. Officials Adam Zeichner
1. Over the summer had 7 stroke and turn clinics including the Swimposium which was lead by Pat Lundsford.-About 30 officials with 6 brand new parents.
  2. Administrative Official-now required have at each meet. Have about 25 people starting the process who have a full year to complete the process- Sept 1 , 2014. Will be coming up with 3 dates to offer administrative official clinic- one in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach. \*Keep names coming to Adam so he can communicate with them to make sure have information if interested.
  3. 4 hours rule clarification- discussed previously
  - 4- Technical rules change-
    - a. **Backstroke**- swimmers are not allowed to be completely submerged at the finish- some part of the swimmer must be on the surface.
    - b. **Breaststroke**- clarification- permitted to turn in any manner as long as the body is on the breast upon leaving the wall. **And** Hands must be separated at the touch and the finished- (no stack touch)
    - c- swimwear- added no swimmer permitted to wear power bands or adhesive substances
    - d. **Change**-swimming as an alternate can compete in any non-scoring heat
- 5-Code of conduct- 304.3 Effective immediately:**
- a. Change: Athletes must be allowed to participate and compete to the fullest extent allowed by the Rules and Regulations. Discrimination against any member or

participant on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, genetics, mental or physical disability, or any other status protected by federal, state or local law, where applicable, is prohibited.

b. **Coaches: Addition:** A romantic or sexual relationship, even if it is a consensual relationship between adults, which began during the swimming relationship, between athletes and those individuals (i) having direct supervisory or evaluative control, or (ii) who are in a position of power and trust over the athlete. Except in circumstances where no imbalance of power exists, coaches have this direct supervisory or evaluative control and are in a position of power and trust over those athletes they coach. The prohibition on romantic or sexual relationships does not include those relationships where it can be demonstrated that there is no imbalance of power. For example, this prohibition does not apply to a relationship between two spouses or life partners which existed prior to the swimming relationship. For factors that may be relevant to determining whether an imbalance of power exists, consult the USOC's Athlete Protection Policy.

c. **Addition:** Any peer-to-peer sexual abuse. For the purposes of the Code of Conduct, the term "peer-to-peer sexual abuse" shall mean any unwelcome physical conduct of a sexual nature directed towards a minor athlete by another minor athlete.

d. **Addition:** For any USA Swimming member club or coach to knowingly  
A. allow any person who has been placed on the USA Swimming list of "Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible" to coach or instruct any of its athlete members, B aid or abet coaching or instruction of athletes by any person who has been placed on the USA Swimming list of "Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible," or C allow any person who has been placed on the USA Swimming list of "Individuals

## V. Committee Reports

1. **Safe Sport**-Jennifer Gibson-attended report at convention- Few people are taking advantage of parent and athlete training. Looking for ways to get information out. Discussion.

### 2. **FGC Information/FGC Website Taskforce**

Update-Task force of: (Sid, Duffy, Kathleen)-Ideas: to set up twitter/blogs/create facebook page as missing out on media representation. Will bring forward proposal next meeting.

### 3. **Volunteerism**

Jay, Lori and Sid

a. Swimposium -August 17: held at Coral Springs who graciously volunteer their facility to the Gold Coast. Approx. 85 athletes attended, 30 officials, 25 coaches-presented by Clark Burkle-athletes, Pat Lundsford-officials, and Randy Jillian-Club Leadership for Coaches.

b. Have annually- maybe do a parent track for our next one and August. Put together a budget and plan for January meeting.

### 4. Financial investment:

David Hammond

a. No report

5. **Open Water** Sid Cassidy
  - a. Pass Rule at FINA level about temp 74.5 at National have 79.4 water temp. Big topic of discussion at convention about this issue of sanctioning.
  - b. January 11 for cancer research Open Water 10K, 1 mile and 200 yard dash.in Boca Raton.
  
6. **Safety** Duffy Dillon
  - a. Requirements for Safety Training Swim Coaches-need to get out to Coaches
  - b. Report at convention: 1. talked about entry fees.
    2. At Sectionals: able to swim more events per day-Opened up to the first invited 250 swimmers from outside Southern Zone
    3. Approve a 10 year-\$2 per year increase in registration fee to begin 2015
    4. Board of Review meeting- informative
  
7. **Records/Times/NTV** Jay Thomas
  - a. World Records, US Open Records, American Records will no longer to published in the rule book- posted on web site USA swimming
  - b. Convention Report: talk about USIC United states Swimming Insurance, Our Kids Initiative Committee (leaders from all rule making organizations get together to bring rule books more closer together)
    - b. Lynda Davies will be helping with times
    - c. Send information to Jay about observed meets-(Jay back in working with FHSAA): FHSAA form A required for a Non-season culminating meets ie: "Woodson" and Form B- state series ie Districts meets 7 day prior. Applications sent to Jay for these meets
    - d. FGC website- if the meet does not show up there as an Observed meet will add once approved.
  
8. **Board of Review** Christopher Anderson
  - a. One (1) current case to be heard sometime next week
  
9. **Disability Swimming** Kirk Peppas
  - a. No report.
  
10. **Outreach/Diversity** Chadli Fernandez
  - a. weekend of JO went to meeting at Charlotte, NC- create direction for LSC- goals set at convention 2012- adjusted them. Four goals: 1-work on the translation of documents have, 2- creation of committee, 3-increase in the budget, 4-run a diversity clinics
  - b. For next meeting- bring a budget for Outreach
  
12. **Social Events task force** Lori Bosco
  - a. Volunteer Reception- any team have officials who did not get a bottle, please email me: lori.bosco@fkcc.edu

- VII. Old Business- None
- VIII. New Business – Action Items (Before 10:00PM)  
None- after 10pm
- IX. Announcement of New Teams Cavanah-
  - A. Azura Florida Aquatics-Jim Luca
  - B. Change name form Shark Aquatics to NOVA Southeastern Swim Club
- X. FGC B.O. D. Meeting Schedule-
  - C. November 19 at 7:30pm registration-8:00pm-Start- FGC HOD with BOD to follow Plantation
- XI. Adjournment -10:38pm.