Meeting called to order by Chris Oliver at 8:20. There was discussion on how to use Fusebox, and apologies for the technical difficulty that caused the meeting to start late.

Minutes from October 1st, 2011 meeting were approved.

Those in attendance were: Jon Sakovich, Lisa Bitting, Mark Corley, Jeff Wise, Fred Lewis, Terry Maul, Sherwood Watts, Charlie Rose, Eric Tiedt, Jackie Kenney, Erik Bing, Emma Volz, Clay Parnell, Erin Crabtree, Don Henshaw, Justin Correia, Ira Klein, Helen Kelly.

Additions to the agenda: 2013 Championship Meet Dates;

Area 1: No report
Area 2: No report
Area 3: Fred Lewis reported that they had a meeting in early January and he believes all teams were in attendance. They had good discussion about how everyone wants to run the area with regards to meets. He expressed that the events with CAT over the last week were contrary to these discussions. Fred originally denied a CAT request for an open time trial due to TBAY having a meet and a time trial. CAT then received a sanction for a closed time trial.
Area 4: No report
Area 5: Sherwood stated that everyone is getting ready for the championship meets. All is good.
Area 6: No report, Steve Lochte was not in attendance.

Chairman report: Chris Oliver stated that we had the new Meet Bid Process in place to allow the local TP Rep make decisions that are in the best interest of the local athletes. The TP Rep can use what ever process they need to arrive at the decision and document the process that they used, but do not let old rules be your only guide. This should allow more freedom for the local areas to approve the meets they need.

2012 Meet Schedule was on the agenda. It was decided that the discussion above covered the 2012 Meet Schedule.

Championship Meet Proposal: There was much discussion on Proposal 2 that was brought to the meeting. This Proposal is below. The discussion led to a discussion on Roberts Rules. It was determined that it is in the by laws that we are to run our meetings according to Roberts Rules. It was then suggested by Ira Klein that Roberts Rules require that any one with a vested interest in the awarding of the championship meet must recuse themselves. It was then cited by Jon Sakovich via Sherwood Watts from the Roberts Rules handbook, that in Roberts Rules no one can be forced not to vote due to having a vested interest. It is stated that they may choose to recuse themselves.
We then discussed the actual Championship Meet Proposal. There was concern expressed that a team that loses can appeal for no valid reason. They will have nothing to lose, so why not appeal, and the competition will now be limited to one other team. Further, it appears that the losing team has all the control. There was also concern expressed that only the teams that bid can appeal. The question was asked why bother with January and April voting, and vote on it at HOD in October. The challenge here is waiting until October to award the championship meets that are 4 months away. Therefore, it was suggested that we move to do 2014 championship meets in October of 2012. In the end, there was no agreement for anything, and the proposal was tabled.

**2013 Championship Meet Dates:**
FLAGS: 3/7/13 – 3/10/13 and 7/25/13 – 7/28/13

Sectionals (as decided by Sectional committee): 3/14/13 – 3/17/13 and 7/18/13 – 7/21/13
Sectionals will be in the Florida Swimming LSC in the summer of 2013 and 2014. Sectionals will be in the Florida Swimming LSC in the spring of 2015 and 2016. The purpose of this is to have an indoor pool in the spring of an Olympic year.

**2013 Meet Bids are due March 24, 2012.** Helen has one week to get all the meets posted on the web site. **Next meeting cannot be before April 21, 2012.**