BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 1st, Mission Inn Resort

Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Lisa Bitting, Fred Lewis, Jon Sakovich, Dale Porter, Ira Klein, Chris Oliver, Ty Segrest, Steve Brown, Sherwood Watts, Tom Keer, Melissa Hellervik-bing, Matt Wilson, Pam Wilson, Retta Barber, Joey Black, Bill Vargo, David VanBuskirk, Julie Van Buskirk, Joe Auer, Stuart Michelson, Thomas Tiedt, Cori Welbes, Kiki Cook, Helen Kelly, Grant Nelson, Ann Stone, Bob Ruth, Erik Bing, Jackie Kenny, Emma Volz, Justin Correia, Todd Hoffmeier, Don Henshaw, Charlie Rose, Perrin Foerster, Jim Kelly and Cashel Mack

Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting, seconded, APPROVED

Additions to New Business: 1) Proposal from Florida Sports Network, 2) Don Henshaw Open Water News

Reports of Officers:

General Chair: Jim stated that his report is in the book for tomorrow's meeting

Admin Vice Chair: No report.

Senior Vice Chair: Ira stated that he would like to add that the Southern zone Senior Champs will be held in Ft. Lauderdale 2nd week of August. They are taking the age requirements out, and qualifying times will be the same.

Age Group Vice Chair: report is in the book, but added:

Lisa stated that the Age Group Committee of (Sherwood Watts, Scott Caron, Jackie Kenny, Erin Crabtree, and Lisa) met via conference call. The documents attached are all a result of the work of the committee.

1) The first document is the meet announcement for B Championships or Harry Meisel meet. The East and West letters may vary due to the meet hosts. The meet entry deadline is moved to the Monday prior to the meet. There will be a team spirit award for the meet.
2) Spring FLAGS is the same format.
3) 120 Rule---revised description
4) All Star Selection will be the same---goes to the top 6 . Anyone wanting to participate must turn in the application by the end of finals on Sunday. There is a $50 deposit. The meet is 3/24-25 at Indian River. The meet letter is included in the documents.
5) Summer FLAGS was a success with the chase starts. It was discussed that we should keep the chase starts. We will alter warm ups on Thursday to reflect the absence of 10 and unders in that session. We will produce a timeline for finals sessions to allow athletes and coaches to be better prepared, and to better pace the meet.
6) Selection procedure for Zones will be the same procedure. Conditions for what to do it there is a tie is in attached info. See handout, as well as the application.

Motion made to accept Lisa's report, seconded, APPROVED

Treasurer:
Stuart stated that his report is in the book, and is the same as the last month's meeting.
Other Reports:
Executive Director:
Helen stated that her report is in the book. It was an honor to give Kiki Cook a lifetime membership to USA Swimming at the National Convention two weeks ago. Helen stated that the billing from FL Swimming will be 2nd week of the month on the Team Unify system. She reiterated that a negative amount means that you have money to spend.

Officials Chair: Melissa stated that her report is in the book. We lost 75 to 80 officials because they didn't want to do or pay for the background screening. We will be losing more officials due to the athlete protection testing. During the officials meeting, there was discussion on how to get #s up . They had several ideas such as A) Teams sponsor lunches to get officials B) Coaches ask their parents to become officials, C) Group instructions
Melissa encouraged us to get larger teams to have officials participate in LSC Championships. The officials did buy radios that were approved in the last meeting. They will now not have the interruptions from the parents on the radios during championship meets.
Melissa discussed the requirements now in place for meet announcements. They include the designation of camera zones, registration requirements, etc. There are a lot of new conditions of sanction.
Our LSC was encouraged to use one spot for meet info. Melissa stated we should use Don Henshaw and the website for this.
Matt Wilson will be the new Officials Chair.

Registration: Helen asked us to see the attached form. We ended with the exact same number of athletes as the previous year. Number of clubs went down because of merging.

Safety Chair: Cori Welbes stated that she offered classes for certification on Fri. and Sat. We had 41 coaches in CPR, 18 in Safety Training, and 22 in First Aid. Cori went to Minn. to safety meetings. Things discussed there were safety marshalls, and emergency action plans. Also, flyers handed out called "Does your Club have Culture?".-see attached flyer

Diversity Chair: Retta reported that her committee met earlier today. She encouraged coaches to fill out their surveys, and thanked those who had. Tomorrow, she will provide delegates with packets defining the committee and USA Swimming goals. See proposal.
Discussion followed. It was proposed to table proposal for a year to see what type of numbers are needed.
Bill Vargo encouraged the Board NOT to table this proposal and to come to some agreement to provide the Outreach and Diversity program a starting point.
Florida swimming has 32 eligible athletes since 2004. Retta stated that she wants to increase knowledge of our diversity program.

There was discussion about the selection criteria which was defined as Free Lunch or other government assistance.
Motion was made and seconded to accept proposal #1---PASSED
Retta stated that her next(#2) proposal was for athletes who could not afford to attend Zone or championship meets. There was a motion made for FL Swimming to cover the expenses of eligible athletes to attend the Zone Championships. Motion was seconded, and PASSED

A motion was made to table the 3rd part of Retta's proposal regarding equipment. Fred will call Speedo and see if they will provide suits for these athletes. Motion to table was seconded, and PASSED

Retta next proposed a solution to how to keep this fund going annually. She proposed a .05 increase in meet surcharge fees which would go to support Diversity and Outreach .
There was discussion regarding the budget and if we were prepared for this.
There was a motion to accept this proposal, seconded, and FAILED

Retta finished her report by asking to utilize the Outreach application.

Technical Planning Chair: Chris Oliver reported GCST won the Open Water National Championships in April. The open water 10K Nationals will be on April 27th, the 5K on the 29th, and the Florida Swimming LSC open water Champs will be on the 28th along with the FL Swimming vs. Gold Coast All Star meet. He stated that the meet BID process is attached, and due dates for BIDS is now 3/24/2012.

BSS needs to have a no 15-16 and senior champ qual. Statement added to their meet on the schedule. Reported that it was agreed to have a 14-16 age group for senior champs, and that athletes would be limited to one championship meet in an age group.
A motion was made to accept Chris' report, seconded, PASSED

Coaches Rep: Charlie stated that his report is in the book. The Convention was great. It was decided that the upper limit for open water swimming is 85 degrees. This goes into effect immediately. He discussed the athlete protection video. He stated that it takes an hour. Shared that tonight Dale Porter would be talking with the coaches, and sharing his ideas and practices with the Bolles Age Group program. The Hall of Fame inductees will be announced tomorrow.

Athletes Reps: Emma Volz reported that the Convention was great. She discussed important topics were Scholastic All American times, Make a Splash, Diversity, Athlete Protection, and there were some special awards presented. Ryan Lochte was awarded Athlete of the Year and Kiki Cook was presented with a lifetime membership to USA Swimming.
Jackie Kenny reported that she did not get her report to the book, but that it was her first trip to convention. She had a great experience and it was an eye opening experience for her. The learned a lot. She was impressed with the Disability proposal by Benji Demott, which addressed the scoring for disability swimmers at the zone meet. He proposed that they have a separate scoring system. There was discussion, and his proposal passed. She enjoys the new USA Swimming tool, Deck Pass, which is an

online tool in which athletes can earn patches (there are over 2000 virtual patches). She was part of the discussion regarding the scholastic all American time standards. The proposal from the athletes was that they be the same as the junior national bonus standards. She thanked the Board for helping her and for the opportunity.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee Slate of Officers (as reported by committee chair, Melissa Hellervik-Bing)

Vice Chair: Scott KimmelmanSr. Vice Chair: Steve Brown

Registration: Helen Kelly Treasurer: Stuart Michelson

Board of Review: Ann Stone, and Steve Altheimer: Alternates to the Board of Review will be Bill Vargo, Ira Klein, and Duncan Sherrard.

New Business:

There is a proposal from the Florida Swim Network (attached). They broadcast online FLAGS and Senior Champs. They have gotten a lot of rave reviews, and they provide a very valuable service. They would like to be the official network of FL Swimming. Jim expressed concerns over the advertising that is done on the network they use. They stated they could talk with the company and that they would most likely work with them to keep advertising kid friendly.

Motion made to accept their proposal, seconded, PASSED

Don Henshaw

Presented that GCST was awarded the Open Water Nationals in April at Lake Mirimar. The open water 10K Nationals which will be a selection meet once again, will be on the 27th of April. The Open water 5K will be on the 29th and the Florida Swimming Championships and All Star meet with FL Gold Coast will be on the 28th.

Jim stated that the next BOD meeting will be immediately following the HOD meeting tomorrow.

Before adjourning, Ira stated that the reimbursements for next summer should be decided. He proposed that the reimbursement for Jr. Nats and the US Open in Indianapolis be $750.

Motion was made to accept, seconded, and PASSED.

Discussion occurred over Olympic Trials proposal from Ira for $1000 reimbursement. It was suggested to make the reimbursement $500 maximum for travel, then $100 per day with specification of day before competition, day of competition, and day after competition. Maximum reimbursement would be $1500. Motion to accept Olympic Trial proposal, seconded, PASSED

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cashel Mack