Florida Swimming
BOD Meeting 2/26/2013
Phone Conference

Those in attendance were: Jeff Smith, Fred Lewis, Helen Kelly, Charlie Rose, Mitzi Tighe, Erin Crabtree, Emma Donahue, Terry Maul, Jeanne Epps, Doug Schuster, Ryan Gober, Jeff Wise, Pat Toner, Matt Wilson, Sherwood Watts, Cashel Mack

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Mitzi thanked everyone for such a great turnout and for all of the help at both the Grand Prix meet, and Senior Champs in Orlando.

Jeff Smith opened stating that we would take attendance again at the conclusion of the meeting to be sure that we catch everyone.

He stated that the 1st order of business was Meet Selection for Spring 2014 Championships.

There was 1 BID for Spring FLAGS (SYS). Jeff asked that the BOD vote to recommend SYS to the HOD for Spring FLAGS. Motion was made, seconded, approved.

After the deadline, Florida Swimming received a bid from National Training Center for Spring Sr. Champs. We also received a bid from YTO (Orlando). Mitzi, representing Orlando spoke up on the possibility of “teaming” up with other local teams to host this meet. Jeff Wise questioned NTC’s potential to host this meet. The discussion was that NTC has not previously hosted championship meets, and there was nobody present on the call to represent them. Discussion followed, and a motion was made to accept YTO’s bid for the Spring Senior Champs and recommend it to HOD. Motion was seconded, and APPROVED.

Jeff Smith stated that the bids for summer 2014 and spring 2015 will be voted on at Florida Swimming convention in October. There will be a HOD meeting at FLAGS between sessions on 3/9.

Jeff Smith also mentioned asking technical planning to look at moving Sectionals back. He asked that Fred Lewis work on this as he is a technical planning rep. The Sectional committee meets in September of October. It was discussed that this would be the time to recommend this.

Jeff mentioned that he attended a “shared services” meeting with USA Swimming. United States Swimming has asked that Florida Swimming develop a strategic plan. He asked if there was anyone on the BOD interested in learning more about this. Arlene from USA Swimming would assist our BOD with this. Doug Schuster and Sherwood Watts expressed interest in this. We would need to find a
time for USA Swimming to meet with us. Arlene had suggested some dates in the Spring. Sherwood suggested that we shoot for a Sat. a.m. after workout. It was concluded that Fall would be a better option as far as planning. At this shared services meeting the weekend of the Grand Prix meet, Jeff was joined by Chris Anderson, Tim Bauer, and Dave Thomas. There were several initiatives discussed. USA Swimming is urging LSC’s to become closer and work better together.

A) Bookmark each other’s websites
B) Invite member from each other’s BOD to come to meetings
C) Officials chairs to share training and strategies
D) Sr.Circuit with meets alternating LSC’s
E) Award State of Florida Top Times
F) Safe Sport committees to meet together
G) Share symposiums etc.

Jeff will send minutes of the meeting to each of us.

Jeff Smith shared that per our bylaws (607.3.5), we are directed to have a Personnel Committee perform a review on our Office. Jeff stated that Helen has been great and very helpful in working with him etc. This committee will present its review in October. The committee consists of the General Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Treasurer.

There has been discussion that Florida Swimming would like to pay late funding for junior and senior nationals to a few teams who submitted requests past the deadline. It was suggested that we change the deadline to 1/31, from 12/31. Sherwood stated that this sounds like a good idea. Mitzi made a motion to change deadline and pay. Motion was seconded and APPROVED.

Jeff stated that we need to destroy ballets from the athlete selection for athlete rep. Caleb Hudak was voted as our new athlete rep. There was a motion to destroy ballets. It was seconded and APPROVED.

Charlie Rose brought up the Senior Swimming Trials meet that we voted to give $2000 to host team. Fred and he discussed the meet actually being a “trials” meet etc. Charlie stated that the most popular option amongst coaches seemed to be a 1-2 day format. There has not yet been a decision as to where it will be or the exact weekend. Charlie stated that Gold Coast is interested in sending swimmers to the meet.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cashel Mack, Secretary