

2014 FL Swimming House of Delegates
October 5th, 2014
Orlando, FL

Teams with Delegates Present: AAC, ATAC, BD, BERK, BRSC, BSS, BW, CAT, CCS, CBTS, CFA, CFM, CVST, CYC, DBS, DOLF, EAJ, EAST, FSLA, FSC, GCST, GSC, GTSA, HHST, HIGH, HTA, IRSC, RATS, JCLA, KSA, LAS, LEES, LOLL, MACG, NGS, NOLE, NTCA, PA, PCCC, SCAT, SPA, SPAC, SRQ, STAR, SWIM, SYS, TBAY, TCA, TCSC, TV, TPA, TST, TYS, UF, WFLA, WIN, WVKW, YCF

FL Swimming BOD Directors Present: Jeff Smith, Scott Kimmelman, Charlie Rose, Dale Porter, Cashel Mack, Jeff Wise, Helen Kelly, Stephen Plapp

FL Swimming Athlete Reps Present: Maria Zambito, Athena Cimino, Skyler Covert, Joshua Longfield

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Smith at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to accept, seconded, **APPROVED**

Roll Call : See teams above, two teams not signed in, so will not have a vote.

Additions to Agenda:

Zone Board of Review

Report of Officers:

Jeff Smith (General Chair):

Jeff thanked everyone for a great year, and for allowing him to serve as Chair of Florida Swimming. He stated that in the BOD meeting on Saturday, the Board approved some new Policies and Procedures. There would be some changes in Rules and Regulations that would be presented today. Jeff mentioned that we move towards a strategic plan for our LSC, and perhaps schedule USA Swimming to come and speak to us, and spend some time with us providing us continuing direction.

Jeff stated that Mark McCaw could not be with us today, but that he had provided a financial report. We switched to Quikbooks for our accounting purposes, and are using an accrual method, so our report shows a loss, when we actually have a sizeable profit.

Jeff mentioned that he would like to see us budget for Safe Sport. He mentioned that we had an issue in our LSC this past year with a coach. Parents of the victims of this situation want to get more parents and community involved in the safe sport training. It was mentioned that individuals need to be a member of USA Swimming to take advantage of this training. Jeff asked for volunteers for a committee to work on a budget that would present incentives to clubs to get more involvement .

Jeff mentioned that we had some difficulties this past year in scheduling board meetings. He has proposed two dates for 2015. They are January 12 (Monday) at 8:00 and May 13 (Monday) at 8:00. Both would be online meetings.

Scott Kimmelman (Administrative Vice-Chair):

Scott thanked Jeff for his service this past year. He had a long year of working and revamping our Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regs. Scott also commended Stephen Plapp on the job he did with the officials, and the document he was able to pull together.

Scott mentioned that he still feels that though it is difficult to meet everyone's schedules, that we as a BOD need more face to face meetings.

Charlie Rose (Senior Vice Chair):

Charlie stated that he provided a report, and that there are notes (see notes). Charlie stated that our Senior Circuit meets went well. There were 480 athletes that participated in the sr. circuit. 173 at the Stuart meet, 72 at IRCC, 116 at Brandon, and 119 at the YCF pool. The Zone committees forms the format at the USAS convention. They voted for a two day format (Saturday p.m. through Sunday). In 2016, due to the Olympic year, they are looking at a 2-3 day format. The Grand Prix meet went very well. Judy and Dave Wojcik will be taking over that meet now that Melissa Hellervik-Bing has moved. Sr. Champs was a success. Technical planning discussed adding 50's and mixed gender relays to our Senior Champ meet. The Sectional committee has voted to add 50's of strokes and mixed gender relays. Athletes at convention stood up and talked on how much they enjoyed both the opportunity to swim 50's as well as mixed gender relays. Charlie believes that adding 50's may actually shorten our sessions, and some swimmers currently choosing 200s of strokes may opt for 50's.

We need to establish BIDS and vote for two meets: July 2015 Sectionals, and March 2016 Sectionals. Pools bidding on these meets need to be able to accommodate chase starts. There were some changes to the summer (only) sectional meet. It was decided to drop the number of out of the section swimmers, add 50's and add mixed gender relays.

USA Swimming added the Legends meet. There will be 3 locations in the US. It is the same weekend as Juniors and the cuts will be between sectionals and juniors (2% slower than junior cuts). There will be an email sent out in regards to this meet. There was a question regarding support from FL Swimming for this meet...Charlie stated that that had not been decided yet, and he will work on it. The Legends meet will be open to all ages.

USA has gone from strongly discouraging to prohibiting deck changing.

Dale Porter (Age Group Vice Chair):

Dale commended Erin Crabtree for being the meet manager for zones and all stars.

Ryan Gober served as our All Star head coach. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to be the coach, and stated that the meet was exciting and it came down to the last relays. Everyone had a great time, and it was a great meet.

Zone Meet: We need to change the selection process in order to get our better athletes at the meet. The current format provides us with kids who are more ready to sc yards than 1c meters. We need to

use the summer FLAG meet to choose more of the athletes. We are choosing purely on pts. We end up with kids who are 3rd, 4th, and 5th at FLAGS. We swam great the first day but GA won every relay. We had no way of coming back after that. We need to do a better job of selecting our senior kids. We need to make a state wide focus on making that their taper meet.

Dale stated, as wrapping up, that he wanted to thank Helen and Kiki on all that they do in the office to help him with his position. He also thanked his age group committee, and all of the officials in the room.

Erin Crabtree spoke on disability athletes. At the USAS convention, they made some changes to the zone meet to allow disability athletes to be scored and swim in finals. If you have any athletes that would qualify for this, please contact Erin.

BIDS for July 2015 Southern Zone Sectional Meet: YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando. Billy Colbertson will run every meet there now. They have made some improvements and rehabbed ½ of the equipment in the facility. All in Favor: Unanimous/ **PASSED**

BIDS for March, 10-13 Southern Zone Sectional Meet (2016): Fred asked that the YMCA also take that meet.....voted/ **PASSED**

Helen Kelly (Executive Director/Registration)

All officers reports submitted will be online.

USA Swimming requested to allocate parents to take APT to stress safety. Parents need to have a little more education. They do not need to be a member of USA Swimming. Apparently parents can now log on and take the course as a parent. Helen recommended that clubs put links on their websites for Safe Sport. She also asked that we ask parents to go to USA swimming and take the Safe Sport course.

The Grand Prix was a great success. We have a contract to hold 2 more years of the meet. We had to let USA swimming know who would be running the meet, and we are waiting to hear back from them.

The FL Swim office is transitioning back to Quikbooks. We will be able to just push a button and get a report----much easier than it has been.

Our treasurer asks for forgiveness....he has a report but was not able to attend. The reason, that on his report it appears that we have a deficit is due to the transition to quikbooks and the transition to an accrual method of accounting.

We need to renew our LEAP by Nov. 1st. We are LEAP level 1, but will be working for LEAP level II this year.

Registration: 2013 was 13,550 athletes, 162 non athletes, and 103 clubs. We are down a bit this year from those numbers.

Stephen Plapp (Officials Rep):

Stephen stated that it has been a privilege serving over such a great group of volunteers. He was pleased that the committee worked as a committee and worked through several issues this year. They have come up with a document that worked for all 6 areas. He will have to work on changing the training document over the next year. He asked that the coaches help in sending parents to officiating. He thanked everyone for their help.

Cory Welbes (Safety Chair):

Cory stressed that we need to make sure that our athletes, coaches, and the business of FL Swimming is safe. She asked that we focus on risk management. She put 20 coaches through certification/ training yesterday. Cory stated that the certifications are now offered in a blended learning opportunity. She led an inaugural safety committee meeting (10 people attended including two athletes).

She would like to sponsor two lifeguard trainings through Florida Swimming....one in December, and another in the Spring. They would be blended learning opportunities a Fri p.m. through Sunday.

Cory discussed the safety of our warm ups at meets. She suggested that we look at different options for this and go to Rules and Regs.

Red Cross is no longer issuing cards. Your cert. documentation is free of charge, so no \$7-\$9 charge for a card. They will email it to you and you can save it on your phone.

Mitzi Kramer :

Mitzi not present and will be resigning from her position.

Justin Correia (Diversity and Outreach):

Justin stated that he is moving forward to plan diversity camps. The Southern Zone has camp every 2 years. We missed out last year, but will plan on participating next time. The 2015 Southern Zone camp is June 18-21 at University of Texas, Arlington. The LSC picks 2 athletes at SR Champ level or higher. Odd years each LSC asked to host LSC diversity camp. We are hosting in 2016. USA Swimming now has a template on how to do this. Next year, we are looking at April. A clinic is designed to introduce swimmers to swimming. A camp is for swimmers who already know how to swim. The USA Swimming committee talked about different situations in how to deal with these. For reimbursement forms, see website under diversity and inclusion.

Justin stated that he would be stepping down from this position.

Mark McCaw (Treasurer):

Jeff stated that Mark had a report available on the back table, but could not be here. He asked if anyone had any questions regarding Marks report....

Fred Lewis (presented technical planning):

The B champ meets were awarded as follows:

For the Harry Meisel B East meet, on Dec. 12-13, Bolles and CFM will talk to resolve

For the Harry Meisel B West meet, TBAY, SPA and PYP will host
Vote for both meets to accept BIDS/ **PASSED**

July 23-26 2015 Summer Sr. Champs technical planning recommends SYS

Asked for other BIDS:

Adam Epstein at IRCC spoke on the IRCC facility

Dale Porter spoke on Bolles

Brent spoke on SYS

Vote and IRSC won vote for Sr. Champs

July 16-19, 2015 Summer FLAGS: the recommended team from technical planning withdrew. Other BIDS were Treasure Coast Aquatics and CAT. Asked if any other BIDS

Pat Toner from TCA spoke on his facility

Kevin Dole from CAT spoke on the Long Center

SYS BID for meet after Sr. Champs was given to IRCC

SYS wins vote/ FLAGS at SYS

Fred brought up the meet fee structure and suggested that we go to more of a free market with a ceiling of double the current fees listed. He made a motion to double the current per event fees, keep the facility fee the same, and keep the surcharge to FL Swimming the same.

There was discussion, no second, and motion was withdrawn.

FL Swim Network would like to be able to bring in some revenue in order to be able to continue to provide our LSC with their services.

Jeff Wise (Coaches Rep):

Jeff's report will be online. He thanked Duncan, Terry, and Sion Brinn for meeting with him, and presenting college recruiting info. to coaches. It was a nice get together, as coaches got an idea of what college coaches are looking for.

The Coaches Association voted Justin Correia to be rep.

The coaches association discussed the awards that we present each year, and how it would be nice to move our BOD meeting and tech. planning meetings earlier on Sat. of the convention, and return to having a dinner (awards dinner) Sat. p.m. before HOD Sunday a.m.

Sue Talwar, Safe Sport - not present

Jeff asked what would be a good incentive for teams to get more parents involved in safe sport.

Athletes Reps(Maria Zambito and Erik Bing)

Erik was not present, but Maria stated that there will be an athlete's newsletter, and people can link to them via facebook. The athletes have discussed attendance at meetings. There were more athletes here at this HOD meeting than in the past. Maria stated that we are supposed to have on athlete per team.

Return to Technical Planning:

Spring 2016 Senior Circuit meets:

April 9-10, 2016 Bolles / vote/ **PASSED**

May 13-15, 2015 GCST/ vote/ **PASSED**

Technical Planning stated that the Spring meets March 10-13 FLAGS and March 17-21 Sr. Champs need to be voted on.... Sectional s is the same weekend as FLAGS, and NCSA meet same as Sr. Champs.

Ira recommended that we vote down the dates and return to Feb. dates. There was discussion, and several dates were thrown around...

Ira made a motion that we go with Senior Champs February 25-28 and FLAGS March 10-13. Motion was seconded, and **PASSED**

It was suggested that we provide 30 days for teams to fill out BID forms, then send email to HOD for vote and final approval. Motion, seconded, **PASSED**

Dale mentioned that there were some proposals from technical planning in regards to FLAGS. The first was in regards to format. Format changes to combine P/F 11-12 and 13- 14 bringing back top 16. Motion to return to combined age groups was seconded, and **PASSED**

There was a motion to make the 10 and under a separate session at the FLAGS meet. Motion was seconded, and **PASSED**

Motion was made in reference to time standards for FLAGS. It was suggested that we defer to 11-12, 13-14 time standards that were in place prior to last year. Motion, seconded, **FAILED**

It was proposed that we leave standards the same with separate single age time standards, but tweak them a bit. This was seconded, and **PASSED**

The Zone Selection procedure: In the past 5 swimmers were selected out of Spring meet and 3 out of LC meets. It was suggested that we use LC times only. The deadline for applications for Zones is the Sunday of FLAGS. The 15-18 age group would be the Sunday of Sectionals. It was suggested that the 11-

12, 13-14 are selected off of FLAGS times, and 15-18 off of top 10 times list (LC) only. There are 8 spots per age group. Motion, seconded, **PASSED**

AREA REPORTS:

Area 1:

The Spring Area Meet is Feb. 28-March 1 at BSS, and the Summer Area Meet is Aug. 1-2 at ATAC. Area Reps are: John Juluy, Marin Zubero, and Mark Conck to Technical Planning.

Area 2:

Area Meets are March 8-9 at CFM, and August 1-2 at NTC. Area Reps are Krystal Tavares (2 years), Dianne Scheiffele (1 year). Mike Brady is technical planning rep. The group discussed a relay meet on Jan. 31, a Developmental series, and distance meets.

Area 3:

Area reps are Brett Ewald, John Bruenning (1 year), and Fred Lewis (technical planning). There was discussion on the area meets, and how to make them more manageable in the summer and get officials from both areas to help. It was decided that we would tweak the 2/5 meet to add timed final event on Friday, and remove one from Sat. and Sun. Kay will work on an officials committee. Area 5 joined discussion and it was agreed to split the summer meet into two area meets, and keep Spring meet as combined. The dates for meets are March 27-29 at SYS, and July 31-Aug. 2 at SPA.

Area 4:

Area reps are Bob Ruth (technical planning), Terry Maul, and Andy Robins. Meet dates are March 28-April 1 at BSS, and Aug 1-2 at ATAC.

Area 5:

Technical Planning rep is Sherwood Watts, Other reps are Jeanne Eps, and Don Henshaw. The Area 3/5 meet in the Spring will be March 27-29 at SYS, and the Area 5 meet in the summer will be July 29-Aug 2 at GCST.

Area 6:

Area reps are Adam Epstein, and Pat Toner. Technical Planning is Steve Lochte. The Area meets are March 7-8 and July 3-4. No hosts yet decided. This area requests a waiver of the \$100 late entry fee for FLAGS.

Election Process:

Motion for selected slate of officers without double candidates/ seconded, **APPROVED**

Election for General Chair between Jeff Smith and Duncan Sherrard....

Vote goes to Jeff Smith

Motion made to accept Policies and Procedures accepted by the BOD last p.m. seconded/ **PASSED**

Jeff stated that we need to place some individuals on the Southern Zone Board of Review. They have asked for one athlete, one coach, and one official... the BOD recommends, Justin Correia, Erik Bing, and Chris Wojcik, and Roger Deary. Anyone else interested, please see Jeff Smith.

The office would like to groom someone as a possible long term member of the staff. Recommended that the BOD look into someone down the road.

Coaches Awards:

Our LSC awards Bob Griffiths and Melissa Hellervik-Bing with lifetime membership to USA Swimming. Officials awards for the year went to Pam Breault from Jacksonville, and Melissa Hellervik-Bing.

Three new members of the Hall of Fame:

Martin Zubero

Gregg Troy

Rowdy Gaines

Athlete Awards went to:

Short Course:

10 and under s, Grace Khunduang, and Sage Sungar

11 and 12: Christina Cianciolo, and Tyler Watson

13-14: Marcello Rupart-Gomez, and Austin Katz

Long Course:

10 and Unders: Sara Spotler, and Sage Sungar

11-12: Christina Cianciolo and Arik Katz

13-14: Christina Rockway and Vance Sanders

Discussion over next HOD meeting. The USA Swimming convention was moved to the first weekend in October, 2015. We will need to move the FL Swimming Convention to 1 weekend later. Motion made to move FL Swim Convention, seconded, **PASSED**

Gregg Cross spoke on Open Water Swimming. We need 2 athletes and one more coach for a committee for the Open Water Zone meet to work on the meet and funding options from FL Swimming. Email Don Henshaw if interested. Ft. Myers has been awarded trial and nat. selection meet April 24,25,26, 2016.

Nominating Committee to be headed by Jeff Wise. Motion, seconded, **APPROVED**

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:19 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,
Cashel Mack, Secretary**