Florida Swimming House of Delegates
Orlando, Fl
10/9/2016


BOD Present: Jeff Smith, Bill Vargo, Charlie Rose, Scott Caron, Cashel Mack, Mike Brady, James Daugherty, Grace Easterling, Justin Correia

Athletes Present: Elizabeth Richardson, Ethan Kennedy, Maria Zambito, Delaney Carey, Ben Souza, Erik Bing, Katie Schorr, James Daugherty, Grace Easterling

Florida Swimming Office Staff in Attendance: Helen Kelly, Kiki Cook, Ellen Earley and Vanessa Brewer

Jeff Smith called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Report of Officers:
**Jeff Smith:** Jeff thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the BOD of Florida Swimming. He encouraged members to serve on committees. He mentioned that Diversity needs more attention than what they are receiving and encouraged people to become involved.

**Bill Vargo:** No Report

**Charlie Rose:** Charlie mentioned that he will look into raising reimbursement amounts for championship meets. He discussed the Sectional Committee’s conversation on limiting the meet to 650 swimmers. He asked that everyone submit their expected numbers by December. He read the swimmers of the year:

- 15-16 Short Course: Morgan Tankersly
- 15-16 Short Course: Austin Katz
- 17-18 Short Course: Kahra Williams
- 17-18 Short Course: True Sweetser
- 15-16 Long Course: Isabel Ivey
- 15-16 Long Course: Robert Finke
- 17-18 Long Course: Morgan Tankersly
- 17-18 Long Course: True Sweetser
- Senior Long Course: Melanie Margalas
- Senior Long Course: Caeleb Dressel

The Senior committee is made up of: Martin Zubero, Mike Curley, Ira Klein, Justin Correia, and Peter Banks.

**Scott Caron:** FLAGS at Sarasota ran well, and SYS won the meet. The long course meet was very hot. There were meet info. problems, that the Age Group committee is working to address. The Age group committee is looking at doing a 3rd B Champs. Cory Kephart did a great job with our All Star and Zone teams. We won the All Star meet and were 3rd at Zones. The biggest issue was getting 15-18 year olds to the meet. They are looking at revamping the selection process again.
The time standards changed for FLAGS and will be posted to the Florida Swimming site.
Scott discussed that the National Convention once again discussed banning tech suits for 12 and under at age group meets.
Swimmers of the year:
10 and under short course: Addison Reese
10 and under short course: Raymond Prosinski
11-12 Short Course: Olivia McMurray
11-12 Short Course: Hayden Kwan
13-14 Short Course: Isabel Ivey
13-14 Short Course: Ryland Sun
10 and Under long course: Gracie Weyant
10 and under long course: Aiden Clements
11-12 Long Course: Sara Stotler
11-12 Long Course: Logan Ingerick
13-14 Long Course: Ella Marlow, Olivia McMurray, Emma Weyant*
13-14 Long Course: Arik Katz
*updated 10/24/14

**Treasurer Report:** Mark McCaw not present, but report is in packet. We are expected to have a loss this year due to it being an Olympic year. Budget was presented. Motion to approve budget, seconded, **PASSED.**

**Helen Kelly:** It was a busy year with trials etc. Helen thanked USA Swimming for the extension on certifications. We are offering courses the 29th in Ocala for coaches needing certifications. Helen encouraged everyone to check on their expiration dates etc.
In regards to registrations, things change on January 1st for seasonal memberships. Costs for 2017 change to $17-$20 for seasonal memberships. In Sept. annual memberships went up $2.00.

Helen asked that we look at increasing the Sanction fee and add a fee for transfers.
There were some questions that followed regarding fees for transfers. The 120 rule will still apply, and if the club is no longer, there will be no transfer fee for its athletes.
Fred made a motion to accept, seconded, **PASSED.**

**Mike Brewer:** Mike discussed the investment committee. They met to review the portfolio. They started on 3/31/2014. There has been some turbulence in the market, but overall the committee is pleased with the growth. He recommended to the BOD to change from a passive management to an active/passive management (non volatile type).

**Officials Committee:** no report
**Safety Chair:** no report
**Adapted Swimming:** no report
**Diversity Swimming:** no report

**Gregg Cross:** We held the Open Water Club Champs at Miromar Lakes April 8-10. It was also part of the National Champs. It was a great event.

Zone champs were June 3-5 in Ft. Myers on the beach. This was also a great event.

April 28-30, 2017 we will have the LSC Challenge, FL Swimming Champs, Crippen Mile, and an Open 5K event at lake Miromar.
There has been discussion on the selection procedure for our open water team, and we are looking at making a percentage of the selection from our distance events at our season championships, and a percentage from a selected open water race. We have not determined what race or location, but are discussing.

**Mike Brady:** Technical Planning had a great meeting, and accomplished a lot. They discussed enhancing the All Star meet. They went over dates for the B Champs, and made a change to the West meet. There was discussion over FLAGS Cuts and the format of the FLAGS meet. There was discussion in regards to
reworking the BID form-----add more info about facilities. There were proposals for FLAGS meets. Technical Planning made a committee in reference to FLAGS to work to come up with a proposal for the BOD. Technical Planning encouraged BOD and HOD to set LC schedule for 2017 next year and set spring and summer 2018. Zone selection process was discussed to include YMCA nationals. It was discussed to add an award to 14 and under swimmer of the year awards. Currently we use ranking system by USA Swimming. It would be nice to award using IMX points as well. It was also discussed to award by single age groups.

**Justin Correia:** This past year, we implemented the coaches mentorship program. We only had 2 coaches that took advantage of it. Justin would like to revisit the concept. The HOF inductees are on hold. He is going to pull our previous nominations, and put people in by January.

Our National Team Coach of the Year: Gregg Troy
Junior Team Coaches were Fred Lewis, Susan Curnutte, Ryan Gober, Robert Pinter and Brent Arckey
Our Senior Coach of the year is Brent Arckey
Our Age Group Coach of the year is Sean Delifus

**Safe Sport:** no report

**James Dougherty:** It has been an eventful year. The LSC made a splash in Rio. From the legislative side, the officers have been working hard. The committee has goals to continue to build a base of sport, and promote swimming.

**Grace Easterling:** Grace mentioned that they are actively seeking out athletes to become involved. They have discussed mentorship and marketing.

**AREA CAUCUSES:**
**Area 1:** 2 year Rep Erin Crabtree, 1 year Rep Dale Porter, Technical Planning Mark Corley,
Spring meet will be March 3-5 with location TBA
Summer Meet will be July 29-30 at ATAC
Area 2: 2 year Rep/Technical Planning will be Mike Brady, and 1 year rep will be Cory Kephart.
Spring meet will be March 4-5 at Blue Dolphins
Summer meet will be July 29-30 at Patriot Aquatics

Area 3: 2 year rep and technical planning is Fred Lewis, 1 year reps are Megan Garland, and Ryan Gober.
The Spring Meet will serve as a last chance meet and will be March 3-5 at SPA.
There will be no SPA meet on the 25-26 of Feb since change in area meet.
4/29/2017 will be the Blue Wave Classic
NASA March 21-25 Junior Meet
April 5-8 14 and under single age champs at Clearwater

Area 4: 2 year rep is Bob Ruth, 1 year rep is Gerry Norris, and technical planning is Terry Maul.

Area 5: Area reps are Martyn Wilby and Don Henshaw and Sherwood Watts for Technical Planning.
The area meet will be timed finals March 4-5. It will be Sat. and Sun below FLAGS cuts with relays 12 and under 200’s and 10 and under 100’s.
The summer meet will be July 29-30 with the same format as previous year.
The SYS meet is Nov. 17-19, 2017. There was discussion to do area B meet.

Area 6: 1 year rep is Pat Toner, 2 year rep is Mike Rochelle and Technical Planning is Steve Lochte.
The Spring meet will be March 17-18 at Daytona Beach.
The summer meet will be June 23-24 hosted by Cocoa Beach.
Both meets will be 3 session meets.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee selected nominations for Ira Klein for Chair, Sherwood Watts and Susan Nesper for Technical Planning. Jeanne Epps for
Secretary, Scott Caron for Age Group Chair, and Roger Deary, Jonathan Jordan and Michael Blum for review committee.

Mike Brady was nominated for Technical Planning from the floor.

There were not additional nominations and HOD approved selections of Ira Klein—Chair
Scott Caron---Age Group Chair
Jeanne Epps---Secretary

Votes were taken for Technical Planning.....Mike Brady voted in for Technical Planning chair

Votes were counted to Review Committee. Committee will welcome Mike Blum and Roger Deary.

Mark McCaw has one year left on term. The BOD made a recommendation to move position to non voting position and create a new position of VC of finance. This would have a 2 year term with a max of 4 years consecutive.

New Business:

Larry Shofe funds: It was requested that we revisit the Larry Shofe funds and Cashel and Sherwood would meet to decide how the LSC can best use these funds. They will get back with the BOD in January.

20% athlete rule: There was discussion in regards to the language used in the 20% athlete rule. Erik Bing led discussion. It was asked that HOD vote for rule to read at least 20% or re-word as up to or equal to 20%.

HOD voted, and is was PASSED that rule would read “up to 20%”
It was stated after this was passed that this has to go to USA Swimming.
Officials gave grace period to teams in regards to numbers of officials and hosting meets.

Justin Correia: Mentioned the proposal that we reintroduce the athlete/membership awards banquet. He will present proposals in January in regards to this.

Championship Meet BIDS:
There was a recommendation to postpone Spring 2018 Meet BID to allow discussion to restructure championship meets.
Motion, seconded, PASSED

4 teams bid for 2017 LC Sr. Champs:
RATS, SPA, SYS, YCF
SPA withdrew BID
Awarded to RATS

FLAGS (July 13-16, 2017) bid on by
SYS and YCF
Awarded to SYS

YCF Awarded 2017 Summer Sectionals

Vote to Approve 2017 Nominating Committee:
Jeff Smith
Kay Caldwell
John Hulvey
Jeanne Epps
Grace Easterling
Erin Crabtree

Motion, Seconded, APPROVED
Parameters for Closed invitational meet (BOD discussed and decided to leave them alone).
Item was dropped

There were 2 motions for HOF to separate groups solicited FL Swimming. Bruce Weigo with International Swim HOF was moving to Santa Clara. The discussion included using the HOF in Ft. Lauderdale as a physical place to run State of FL HOF.
BOD voted to leave our HOF alone.

It was requested that we set the date for the next HOD meeting. The date will be 1st weekend in October, 2017.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, Adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cashel Mack
Secretary