



House of Delegates Meeting
Howie in the Hills
10/7/2012

Meeting was called to order by Jon Sakovich at 9:32 a.m.

Delegates in Attendance: Michael Curley, Charlie Rose, Kevin Meisel, Lisa Bitting, Jim Grazier, Brandy Crawford, Pat Toner, Ryan Mallam, Alphonzo Forbes, Dale Porter, Perrin Foerster, Doug Schuster, Sherwood Watts, Steve Brown, Jeanne Epps, Don Henshaw, Jeff Cain, Frank Hollerna, Patrick Love, Ira Klein, Rocco Aceto, Bob Ruth, Bill Vargo, Terry Maul, Steve Lochte, Clay Parnell, Deanna Piana, Mark Corley, Alec Rulosityev, Martyn Wilby, Jaime Lewis, Susan Curnutte, Ian O'Neil, Judi Wojcik, Ellen Earley, Kenny Stone, Joseph Sheppard, Justin Correia, Ryan Gober, Todd Hoffmeier, Connie ThomasHeinrich, Randy Reese, Brett Ewald, Bill Shaffer, Scott Parlett, Randy Johnson, Fred Lewis, Angela Froehlich

Others in Attendance: Rich Rogers, Ellen Johnson, Julia Lamb, Mitzi Tighe, Jeff Wise, Jim Lindberg, Amanda Lee, George Lee, Joy McGinity, Emma Volz, Maria Zambito, Jackie Kenny, Emma Donahue, Corey Stein, Caleb Hudak, Matt Wilson, Mark McCaw, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Laurie Smith, Audrey Forbes, Chris Oliver, Erik Bing, Emma Donahue

Report of Officers:

Jon Sakovich (General Chair): Not much to report... report is in the book. Jon stated he was only in his position for a year. He encouraged coaches to become involved with the Florida Swimming Board of Directors. He mentioned that this past year we started using some online meeting opportunities, and although they still need to be tweaked a bit, it was helpful to be able to meet without travel.

Scott Kimmelman(Vice Chair): Scott talked about his attendance at the USAS convention in Greensboro. He talked about the importance of FL Swimming coming into compliance with USA Swimming . He stressed to the membership to remember that we are all here to first and foremost, serve the swimmers.

Charlie Rose (Senior Chair): Charlie stated that his report is in the book. He handed out the newly proposed time standards for senior champs. He made adjustments to make them all .5/50 faster. He also added bonus standards, and eliminated the distance events as bonus events. (Ira asked if he would consider adding time standards for the distance bonus events and allowing distance swimmers to do them). Charlie agreed, and stated the new qualifying times would be posted on the website soon.

Lisa Bitting (Age Group Chair): Lisa congratulated our FL Swimming Age Group swimmers of the year. Their names are in the book. She also asked for a motion to approve the new FLAGS time standards

which are available as a handout. Motion was seconded and **APPROVED**. Lisa thanked the HOD for the opportunity to serve Florida Swimming and asked for support for her successor.

Stuart Michelson (Treasurer): Not is attendance. Report available as a handout. Jon appointed Mark Macaw to finish Stuart's term as Treasurer. Mark will look over financials and report back to the membership at a later time.

Helen Kelly (Executive Director): Stated that her report is in the book. It has been a good year. Registrations are up. USA Swimming provided the Club Portal and Deck Pass. She encouraged coaches to look into both, if they have not done so already. They give athletes incentives. She thanked Don Henshaw for all he does with the LSC website. He is very quick to post news etc. Helen stated that we are very fortunate to have been granted a Grand Prix meet (4 years) which will be held in Orlando in February. She credited Melissa Hellervik-Bing in doing a lot of the work on this.

Matt Wilson(Officials Rep): Matt stated that his report is in the book. He congratulated Amy Moring, JCLA and Judi Wojcik, TCSC for being selected by their peers to receive the AL Sotis and Fred Crucier awards respectively. Congratulations to Melissa Hellervik-Bing and Bob Griffiths for receiving the Maxwell Excellence Awards fro USA Swimming and Grady Steele from Bolles. Matt also stated that there are a number of clubs who are short on officials to host meets.

Helen Kelly (Registrations Chair): Stated that her report is in the book. She did say that currently, we have 1734 athletes registered. Our highest number at this point in any previous years, was 400 athletes. Everyone's numbers are way up, which is exciting.

Cori Welbes (Safety Chair): There were 25 participants in the recertification classes. All certifications are now 2 year certs. They are talking about combining Safety Training and First Aid into one course in the future. Cori encouraged all of us to foster an attitude of safety amongst our parents, coaches, volunteers and athletes.

Mitzi Tighe (Adapted Swimming): Mitzi thanked Lisa for including Adapted Swimming into the Zone meet. She mentioned that Autism is now a big part of her program. The medical community has expressed the value of sports such as swimming for Autistic children.

Rhetta Barber (Diversity Swimming): Rhetta was not present, but her report is in the book. Her committee reminded the membership that USA Swimming has scholarships available for Diversity athletes. The committee is always looking for new members.

Chris Oliver (technical planning): Chris stated that his report is in the book. He does have a lot to discuss, but it falls under new business.

Jeff Wise (Coaches Rep): Jeff would like to see more coaches join the group. They met last night and enjoyed sharing ideas. There were no Hall of Fame nominations this year.

Jacki Kenney (Athletes Rep): Her report is in the book. She wanted to make a correction.... Michale Phelps received the Athletes Appreciation award, and Missy Franklin was Swimmer of the Year. Jackie went to convention and had a great experience and a great time. The newsletter with her experiences will be out soon (it is experiencing technical difficulties). Jackie is resigning early, as she is moving to Colorado. She thanked the HOD for their support and patience during her time in office. She would like to remain involved once she moves by working with USA swimming.

Emma Donahue(Jr. Athletes Rep): She is in her first year as a rep, and really enjoyed convention. She feels she has been exposed to a new and different side of her sport. She met a lot of new connections at conventions and was thankful for the opportunity.

Area Reports:

Area 1: Area 1 elected Erin Crabtree for a 1 year term, Leonard Kraus for a 2 year term, and Mark Corley has 1 more year as technical planning rep. The Area ¼ Meet will be 3/16-17 with Bolles as host. The summer Area meet will be August 3-4 with ATAC as host.

Area 2: Area 2 elected Clay Parnell for a 1 year term, Perrin Foerster for a 2 year term, and Mitzi Tighe for technical planning 2 year term. Area meets will be 3/16-17 at BDO and 8/3-4 at YCF. There were some meet changes for the area: June 28-30, YCF adding a P/F LC meet. The BD meet listed on June 30 should be 29th. In July add SW Stars on the 13-14. August 3-4 YCF Area meet. There is an October date correction CFM 18-20 (listed as 19-21). Also, add Kissimmee meet on the 12th of October. November, add YCF 11/29-12/1. The area also discussed that the entry fees for B champs were too high.

Area 3: Area elected Susan Curnutte to a 1 year term, Ryan Gober to a 1 year term, and Fred Lewis has 1 year remaining as technical planning rep. The group voted to keep the Area 3/5 meet combined with both areas. The dates are 3/22-24 at SYS and 8/2-4 at SPA. There is a committee to revise the meet info/set up to be more swimmer friendly. The committee will be Sherwood Watts, Fred Lewis, Todd Hoffmeier, Randy Johnson, and Jeanne Epps. Area 3 recommends that Florida Swimming change the fee structure for meets to a free market and that the host club determines entry fee and surcharge to allow for more creative competitive environments for swimmers.

Area 4: Area elected Terry Maul to technical planning and Bob Ruth for a 2 year term and Gerry Norris to a 1 year term. The Spring Area ¼ meet will be 3/16-17 at Bolles. The summer meet is Aug. 3-4 at ATAC.

Area 5: Elected Sherwood Watts to technical planning. Don Henshaw elected as a 1 year rep, and Jeanne Epps as a 2 year rep. The area voted to keep the Area meet combined with area 3. They formed a committee to change the format of the meet to be more swimmer friendly. On the committee will be Sherwood and Jeanne Epps.

Area 6: Elected Ryan Mallam to 1 year term, Pat Toner to 2 year term, and Steve Lochte to technical planning. The Area meet will be March 12 at TCA. The summer meet will be June 28-29 at IRST.

Nominating Committee Report:

Kevin Meisel gave the report. The committee, led by Curt Lee had some confusion, and trouble finding people willing to serve on the Board. Kevin explained the procedure, and how they came up with the suggested names presented today.

Jeff Smith was presented as candidate for General Chair

Motion to Accept, Seconded, **Approved**

Dale Ported was presented as candidate for Age Group Vice Chair

Motion to Accept, Seconded, **Approved**

Doug Schuster was presented as candidate for Technical Planning Chair

Motion to Accept, Seconded, **Approved**

Cashel Mack was presented as candidate for Secretary

Motion to Accept, Seconded, **Approved**

Don Henshaw, Grant Nelson and Roger Deary were presented as candidates for the Board or Review

Motion to Accept, Seconded, **Approved**

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Summer Sectionals awarded to YCF (only team to bid) on July 18-21, 2013

Chris Oliver came forward with several proposals from technical planning:

Since USA Swimming moved the US Open and World Trials, one week earlier, technical planning felt that we should move our calendar for the summer one week earlier. The proposal is to put FLAGS the same weekend as Sectionals July 18-21, Senior champs the 25-29. We would talk to FG to see if they would be willing to move Sectionals one week earlier. This would allow Zone Selection to stay as it is.

Motion, Seconded, **Approved**

Technical Planning proposed a change in the championship meet bid process to allow for better planning/awarding of championship meets. Starting at the 2013 Florida Swimming Convention in October, the HOD would vote on the summer championship meets for the following year, and the Spring meets following that. So, for 2013 Convention, we would vote for 2014 summer and 2015 Spring meets.

Motion, Seconded, **Approved**

Technical Planning, in order to solve the problem that now exists with awarding the 2014 Spring championship meets, proposed the following: On January 31, 2013, BIDS for these meets would be due to the Florida Swimming office. Florida Swimming will send out official HOD ballots to vote on these meets. Ballots are due back by the Fridayp.m. session of FLAGS in Sarasota. They can be hand

delivered, or postmarked by Feb. 22nd. Ballots must be signed by the Delegate designated on the team charter paperwork. BOD ballots will vote in the same manner, as well as athlete reps appointed to HOD. There will be a HOD meeting on Saturday, March 9th to resolve any discrepancies in the votes.

Motion, Seconded, **Approved**

Chris stated that BID Forms for FLAGS meets must include that this meet must be run with chase starts.

Technical Planning proposed (in order to allow championship entries to be more athlete friendly), that late entries be allowed up to 1 hour prior to the start of the first session of the meet. Athletes would be entered at the entry time standard, in first lane available, or heat created. This will be determined on a first come, first serve basis. The athlete must fulfill all eligibility requirements for the meet. The team will be charged a one time \$100 processing fee, plus events at 2x the regular rate.

Motion---Discussion followed---Seconded, **Approved**

Fred mentioned a concern over the zone selection process eliminating distance events.

Charlie Rose presented a proposal for a senior circuit trial qualifier. He asked for Florida Swimming support of \$2500 to the team chosen to host this meet. He would like to design this meet to be in early June and either be a 5 session meet starting Friday p.m., or a 3 session meet going sat. a.m., sat. p.m. and sun. a.m.

Motion, Seconded, **Approved**

Helen proposed from the office that we do away with birth certificates in the registration process. This would be retroactive to Sept. 1, 2012

Motion, Seconded, **Approved**

Award Presentation: Lisa awarded Sherwood Watts with Age Group Coach of the Year, and Charlie Rose awarded Duncan Sherrard with Senior Coach of the Year. Congratulations Sherwood and Duncan.

The Nominating Committee for this coming year will consist of:

Fred Lewis, Kevin Meisel, Sue Curnutte, Martin Zubero, and Emma (athlete rep)

Next Meeting will be set for March 9th at the FLAGS Meet in Sarasota.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.