Meeting was called to order at 9:34 by Jeff Smith

Roll Call: Delegates from the following: AAC, ATAC, BD, BERK, BRSC, BSAC, EAJ, EAST, FSLA, FSC, GCST, GSC, GTSA, HIGH, IRSC, RATS, JCLA, KSA, LAS, LEES, LOLL, MACG, NFS, NOLE, NTCA, OHHO, PA, PYP, SA, SC, SCAT, SPA, SPAC, SRQ, STAT, STAR, SWIM, SYS, SBAY, TCA, TPA, TST, TYS, UF, WFLA, WIN, WVKW, YCF

Additions to agenda: Discussion regarding the Grand Prix meet.

Reports of Officers:
General Chair/ Jeff Smith: Report is in the book

Administrative Vice Chair/ Scott Kimmelman: Report is in the book

Senior Vice Chair/ Charlie Rose: Charlie discussed that the time standards were ok as they are. He mentioned that we would be running A,B,C finals for any age at senior champs. He discussed that in the distance events, the top 8 would continue to swim at night. He also mentioned that he was looking at adding 50’s of stroke at the long course meet. Qualifying times would be the 100’s of stroke qualifying times. Charlie discussed the senior circuit that was brought up at convention. Current bids are A) January 8th at Nova (LC), B) April 15th IRSC (SC) between all star meet sessions C) May 3rd FGCU (LC), D) June 7th YCF (LC). We would recognize the top 10 point scorers with a shirt. The cost per swimmer per meet would be a flat $20. There would be a group practice for all teams prior to the meet. Senior circuit bids are brought to USAS convention each year. Scott Kimmelman suggested that in regards to the senior circuit meets, on Olympic years, we offer a 3 day prelim/final meet in April or May. The time standards for the senior circuit are spring sectionals time standards.

Age Group Chair/ Dale Porter: Dale announced that his age group committee is Lisa Bitting, Scott Caron, Sherwood Watts, Erin Crabtree, Will Tabor. Will needs to be replaced as he moves to Senior). The 2013 Harry Meisel Champs (West is December 7-8th hosted by PYP, SPA, and TBAY), (East is December 14-15th hosted by EAJ).
2014 Spring FLAGS is March 13-16 in Sarasota. The 120 day rule applies to athletes joining the team after Nov. 13, 2013. Petitions are due by Wed., 2/19, 2014.
2014 Summer FLAGS are July 17-20. The 120 day rule applies to athletes joining team after March, 19th, 2014. Petitions due Wed. 6/25/14
2014 Zone Meet is in San Antonio, TX. The team Manager is Erin Crabtree.
2014 SYC and LC Meters cuts will be a 3 year average of 40th places.
FLAGS Proposals:

1) 1650 Free, 200 back, 200 breast, 200 fly, 400 IM to 11-12 age group (National age group events)
2) Move finals to 1 heat of single age final 11,12,13,14. A) prelim and times finals 10 and u, 11-12,13-14 B) Scoring adjusts to top 8 or 10 (host dependant) C) Relays score as 10 and u, 11-12, 13-14

Justin Correia asked about cuts for separate ages 11,12,13,14. Doug Schuster commented, and Steve Brown questioned 11 year old males or females. Ira commented that there is a trend in USA swimming that we lose 11 and 13 year olds. Steve Lochte had a question/comment. Jaime Lewis commented on this as well. Bob Ruth commented about expanding cuts for 11 and 13 year olds. Discussion followed.

Dale moved on to the topic of a cut off time for relay entries. A) Proposal is individual cut (+.5 sec. per 50) of that relay leg. B) 200 Medley Relay would enter with 400 cut—Ira commented on the proposal to have 2 relay only swimmers on a relay.

Steve returned to proposal 1 and suggested moving 13-14 to sr. champs and add 8 and under timed finals.

Vote for proposal #1 26 for/33 against: Proposal Fails

Vote on proposal #2 (single age group final) Passed

Safety Chair/ Cori Welbes: Cori was part of the operational risk committee at the National level. She talked about concussion training, and its necessity. She discussed racing start certification. She discussed the blended learning now offered by the Red Cross. She is going to publish quarterly offerings (Justin Correia is going to help). There are no longer first aid requirements. They are now blended into safety training for swim coaches. Lifeguards must do the online part but lifeguard certificate counts for skills portion.

Adapted Swimming Chair/ Mitzi Tighe: Report is in the book

Diversity Chair/ Rhetta Barber: Report in the book

Technical Planning/ Doug Schuster: Discussed the importance of getting the meet letter and event file in at the same time to FL Swimming to make posting to the website easier. The only meets exempt from the 4 hour rule are LSC Championship meets. The new interpretation states that the last 12 and under event is the end of the 4 hours (for the rule).
Fred Lewis proposed to allow Free Market meet fees. Surcharge and facility fees stay the same. Motion seconded. Discussion followed. There was a friendly amendment : fees to FL swimming 20% if charge $3 or $4. If charge less, percent is still 20%. If meet fees are in excess of current fees, surcharge is $1.00. Vote on this was tables until after area caucus meetings.
Summer Championship Meets: 2014 FLAGS July 17-20 GSC, Sr. Champs July 24-27th IRCs,
Spring Championship Meets 2015: FLAGS March 12-15 SYS, Sr. Champs 2/26-3/1 YCF

Motion/ Vote/ Passed

Zone Team Awards are on table outside the meeting room.

**Coaches Rep/ Jeff Wise:** Report is in the book. Joe Auer to discuss Hall of Fame

**Safe Sport/ Sue Talwar:** Not present. Jeff Smith made report on her behalf: in the book


**Nominating Committee:** Kevin Meisel presented the Slate of Officers. Vote/ Passed

**Area Caucus Meetings:**

Area 1: Dale Porter reported that Martin Zubero was elected to a 2 year term, and Leonard Kraus elected to a 1 year term. Techical Planning will be Mark Corley.

Area 2: Justin Corriea elected to a 1 year term, and Diane Sheffy elected to a 2 year term. Area meets: Spring 3/8-9 at Patriot, and summer August 2-3 at Blue Dolphins (Oviedo) Area discussions: in favor of open market, no restrictions on multiple meets on a date, Bid should include entry fees, order of events and format. Coordinate with area reps prior to turing in meet bids to FL Swimming. Discussed need for more developmental meets (area reps). A relay meet was suggested.

Area 3: Reps are Mike Blum and Brent Ewald. Spring Area Meet will be March 28-30, Summer will be August 1-3rd. There will be a check in for relays due before the start of the meet. All relays will be seeded together. There will be chase starts and a two course meet.

Area 4: Andy Robins was elected to a 2 year term, and Bob Ruth to a 1 year term. Technical Planning is Terry Maul. The Spring ¼ meet will be March 22-23 with BSS hosting at Cecil Field. The summer ¼ meet will be August 5-6 with ATAC hosting.

Area 5: Rep is Don Henshaw. Jeanne Epps still has a year in her term. Discussed free market and suggested in start summer of 2014. Suggested that we eliminate permission to run meet same weekend. Area 3/5 Meet 3/28-30 with single age format. Summer Meet is August 1-3 with single age group format. GCST is hosting Southern Zone Sr. Champ July 29 – August 2nd.

Area 6: Reps are Pat Toner to 1 year term, and Adam Epstein to a 2 year term. Technical planning will be Steve Lochte. Area 6 Championships will be June 27-28 at FIT hosted by Brevard Swim Club, and March 21-22nd host TBA.
Melissa Bing presented some rule changes in regards to the Grand Prix meet. Grand Prix updates and 100K forward. Awarded for 2014. USA swimming goals include running the meet technically flawless, profitability for FINA, USAS, FL Swimming. Entries can only be sc yard and lc meter. No sc meters times for entries. Mitzi Tighe had questions for meet: autograph area defined/ YCF facility rep on committee.

Ira Klein had questions regarding BID presentations. Selection should be HOD decision, as opposed to BOD decision. There was a vote taken. Failed

Age Group Coaches of the Year: Sherwood Watts and Randy Reese
Senior Coach of the Year: Sergio Lopez
Kruciger Award: Ellen Johnson
Soltis Award: Melvin Barber

Revisit tabled issue of free market: Vote taken 14 for/ 21 opposed FAILED

Motion to Adjourn/ Meeting to Adjourn