FLORIDA SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LAKE HIGHLAND PREP
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
MAY 11, 2002

Minutes

Chairman Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:20pm. Those in attendance were as follows: Helen Kelly, Scott Caron, Gay Wright, Mac Kennedy, Martin Zubero, Stuart Michelson, Bill Vargo, Daniel Jimar, Grant Nelson, Lindsey Largo, Randy Johnson, Steve Fenning, Greta Cruts, Fred Lewis, and Steve Lochte.

Guests and Visitors in attendance were; Helen Ryan, Mike Norton, Steve Altheimer, Todd Mann, Audrey Forbes and Amy Raub of Total Teamwares.

A motion was made by Fred Lewis, seconded by Steve Lochte and was passed by vote to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with the addition of Tom Kerr to the attendance list.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Jim Kelly made the following statements;

Proof of times for sectionals & JO's deadline is Wednesday May 15th, 2002.

ESPN Magazine offers Coaches Fundraiser Program on website.

Info forthcoming regarding USA Board of Directors Mtg held last weekend. Everyone is encouraged to review this info on the website, no action to be taken until 2003 on Governance Study and will be discussed at the convention.

Some points of the USA BOD Mtg were;

a. Dues increase to $45 from $25 to USA Swimming to be voted Sept. 2002
b. Announced Signature Event "Dual in the Pool" vs. Australia 4/16/03 at Indy w/TV coverage.
c. Splash TV – 6 to 8 new episodes on NICKELODEON! To run snip its during commercials.
d. New Clubs desiring a charter will need to go through a lot of paperwork, courses & contracts, hopefully this will help with the stability of clubs, effective September 2002.

Technical Planning Chairman: Steve Lochte provides the following report.

Advised the Board of the Brainstorming regarding the Sr. Circuit.

a. Recommends 4 meets (2 long course and 2 short course)
b. Request LSC promote and suggested meets being held use the Sr. Circuit format when possible.

Announced subcommittee Chairperson Mike Norton, this subcommittee will look at A, B & C meets and how they can work with the schedule.

CAT requested changing their Jingle Bell Meet from 11/29-12/1(Thanksgiving Weekend) to 12/13-

12/15. They would make "A" qualifying standards to avoid conflict with West "B" Championship.
YTO requested to change from 12/6-12/8 to 12/13-12/15 to have East "B" Championship (hosted by Daytona) to be held during the afternoon between prelims and finals.
Spoke of encouraging Clearwater and Fort Myers to do the same thing for the West – Mac Kennedy to ask Tom.
Announced Fort Myers was awarded the 10K/25K Open Water for 2003.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Bill Vargo
Asked why we were not having the meeting in Clermont? Helen Kelly explained earlier decision to have BOD Mtg in Orlando, as it is more centrally located.

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy
SR Champ. Surveys are back & indicate distance events need to be check-in to avoid open lanes.
Consensus is to have awards at Sr. Champs.
Discussed having consoles before or after championships.
Meet needs to be "Puffed Up"!
Fred Lewis mentioned event schedule changes for Senior Nationals.

Age Group Vice-Chairman: Randy Johnson
Announced results of the 2002 All-Star Meet.
Reported that it had been necessary to cancel the LSC Camps.
Zone Team expenses discussed, provided the facts gathered to date; Air Travel $360 per.
Discussion regarding problems at 2001 Zones (costs, eating times, the need for better preparation and planning etc…) This topic was tabled until a conference call meeting is held pending all data being compiled, including last years costs.
Mac Kennedy suggested there be a residency requirement for Zones. Non-resident swimmers should not be allowed to knock someone else from going. This also was tabled for the upcoming conference call meeting.
Bill Vargo recommended the selection procedure for Zones be "spelled out" in greater detail.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly
Announced the office move went smoothly and things were going great.
Reported there are some office furniture items for sale.

Officials: Jack Goltz
No Report

Registration Chairman: Helen Kelly
Going good, about the same as last year

Safety: Linda Cassidy
No Report

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson
No Report

Coaches: Scott Caron announced he will be working on getting things going, needs to get info from Todd Mann.

Jim Kelly introduced Lindsey Largo from Swim Florida as Athlete's Rep. (previously introduced on conference call) on her first regular board meeting.

Athletes:
Grant Nelson passed out Florida Swimming Athlete Newsletter. He will be compiling notes, highlighting swims and

achievements and posting on the website. Requested feedback and questions via email.
Lindsey Largo suggested we have a "Swimmer's Survey" posted on the web with email list and encourage swimmers to chat.

OLD BUSINESS:

Records:

Daniel Jimar asked the following questions
"Can a non-US citizen hold a Florida Record?"
"Do they have to swim with a club?"
Stated that a clarification was needed on world and college times
Fred Lewis said, "If they represent a US team they should get the record.
Jim Kelly asked, "Why aren't the Florida Swimming and USA Swimming the same.
After some discussion, Fred Lewis made a motion, if you're a registered Florida Swimmer you get the record, Helen Ryan seconded, the motion passed.

2002 Florida Swimming Convention-Swimposium and Awards: Helen Kelly

Information distributed on tentative program for recognition ceremony at Wet & Wild and Swimposium.
Helen Kelly suggested moving the officials and TA meeting to Saturday.
Everyone loved the idea to have LSC Day at Wet & Wild.
Helen Ryan suggested putting info in heat sheet at JO's.

NEW BUSINESS:

Age Group Parent Advisory Board – This proposal did not pass Technical Planning Committee approval

FS Licensed Merchandise: Helen Kelly
Introduced Amy Raub of Total Teamwares.
Pricing info and merchandise list was passed out.
Fred Lewis motioned we accept Total Teamwares as exclusive distributor of FL Swim Apparel; the motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson
Distributed financial recap and explained the breakdown.

OTHER:

Jim Kelly announced that a CAT swimmer needs reimbursement for athlete expenses, Martin Zubero made a motion to reimburse, Stuart Michelson seconded and motion was carried.

Steve Altheimer stated that rule changes need to be submitted by May 15, 2002 to be considered by the National Rules Committee. He further stated that changes had been sent out earlier regarding clarification of the rules assumed such as, "what is a DQ?
Fred Lewis made a motion to send the proposed changes for consideration, motion seconded & passed.

Gator's Coach, Buddy Baarrcke requested in writing to reinstate the Junior Nationals with the following criteria, the meet would be for all registered USA Swimmers 16 years old & younger who meet the qualifying times and to make it truly developmental by not allowing past competitors of Sr. Nat'ls, NCAA, Pan Am, Pan-Pac, Olympic Trials or Olympic Games to enter.
Fred Lewis recommends we table Buddy's suggestion, Grant seconded, motion passed.

Todd Mann reported on the Irene Hackett Scholarship development, the criteria proposed includes that the athlete by a current member for at least two years, attending a competitive college, have a minimum of a 3.25 GPA unweighted and to have been an active participant in community service.

Bill Vargo asked to Todd Mann to call Greg on how to word, not to be "Scholarship" totals.
Jim Kelly asked for the candidate's school transcripts to be requested.
This to be a one-time award
Helen Kelly suggested that Bud Hackett present the award, Bill Vargo made that a motion, Randy Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Jim Kelly announced that a conference call meeting is scheduled for Monday. May 20, 2002 at 8:00pm and the next BOD Meeting would be July 20th, 2002 10 minutes after the prelims at JO's and the TA meeting would be Friday July 19th, 2002 10 minutes after prelims.

Fred Lewis made the motion to adjourn, Mac Kennedy seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary