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FLORIDA SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
RADISSON BARCELO HOTEL
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
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Minutes

General Chairman Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:20AM.

Bob Griffiths moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved.

Jim Kelly made the following announcements;

1. Sunshine State Games would be 6/12-6/15, 14 & under @ Largo Pool and Seniors at St. Pete Pool (this would be considered a Sr. Circuit Meet).
2. Board has approved Swim Florida to host the 2003 10k Open Water Nat'l Championship slated for 5/31.
3. Ron Van Pool is the new President of USA Swimming and that he and Dave Thomas of Southern Zone update their respective websites periodically with informative things.

Roll call was taken by Gay Wright to include all member teams.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS:

General Chairman: Jim Kelly's report is in the book with his comments above.

Admn. Vice Chairman: Bill Vargo – No Report

Senior Vice Chairman: Mac Kennedy announced that FS in conjunction with FL Gold Coast will conduct Sr. Circuit meets, 15-16 yr olds with "A" times may enter. Meets included are; Long Course 1/18-1/19 @ Naples YMCA, Long Course 2/15-2/17 @ Plantation (President's Day Weekend), Short Course 3/13-3/16 Sectionals in Orlando, Short Course 5/17-5/18 @ Largo, Sunshine State in St. Pete 6/12-6/15 and Sectionals in Fort Lauderdale 7/9-7/13.

Age Group Vice-Chairman: Randy Johnson stated a correction from his report in the book, there will be no elimination of age group however 6 athletes (instead of 7) from each age/gender would be selected. He announced elimination of all 200 & 400 IM for 11/12 at JO's.

Randy thanked everyone for their support as he ends his 4 year term as Age Group Chairman.

Treasurer: Stuart Michelson's report is in the book, however he reviewed and provided comparison on YTD figures, highlighting specific areas; largest expense is membership at $136,000 and reported a correction to the age group figure of $44,840 as published in the book to $49,000. Year to date figures are stable in

comparison to last year.

OTHER REPORTS:

Executive Director: Helen Kelly reported that the office move was successful, more communication. PR has improved and keep the questions coming.

Officials: Jack Goltz's report is in the book. Options for meet letters have been posted on the website

Registration: Helen Kelly reported for 2001 we had 9,521 athletes, 714 Non-athletes and 103 clubs. To date for 2002 1,842 athletes, 169 Non-athletes and 31 clubs. A $5.00 increase in membership for 2003 and information on increase is forthcoming, Helen incouraged the teams to incorporate the increase into club fees. Helen asked Dave Thomas to explain changes in club membership for next year. Jim Kelly introduced Dave Thomas, Sport Coordinator for USA-S for Southern Zone. Dave Stated that teams applying for new club membership will be required to take management course and meet qualifications. Add'l info will be posted on the website.

Safety: Linda Cassidy remains at the Aquatic Center conducting a meeting. Linda's request was to have a sub-committee set up to enforce Meet Marshals at meets. Sub-committee members are Steve Altheimer, Chairman, Bill Vargo, Eva Gronke, Grant Nelson, and Linda Cassidy.

Adapted Swimming: Apryle Nickson's report is in the book.

Coaches Rep.: Scott Caron's report is in the book. The officers elected the night before are; Scott Caron, President, Martin Zubero, VP, Stacey Vandecamp, Secretary, and Rob Mirande, Treasurer.

Athletes Rep(s): Lindsey Largo's and Grant Nelson's reports`are in the book. They encouraged communication to be more frequent and better and to set up contact with the teams via email.

Technical Planning: Steve Lochte announced there were several date conflicts to be resolved in the caucuses. Dates to be added are as follows; Trinity Meet 2/15-2/16, Senior Champs 2/28-3/2, Daytona Long Course (Prelim/Finals) 6/6 – 6/8, Trinity 6/21 – 6/22 & 7/4 – 7/6, Sectionals LC 7/9 – 7/13, Senior Champs LC 7/25 – 7/29 and Daytona SC (Prelim/Final) 9/12 – 9/14. Championships are as follows; Sr. Champs 2/28-3/2 CAT, JOSC 3/6-3/9 GSC, SC Sectionals 3/13-3/16 YTO, LC Sectionals FT Lauderdale and JOLC 7/17-7/20 YTO. "B" Championships – East to Daytona Bch and West to Dunedin 12/6/03 and Sr. Champs to be hosted by River Rats @ IRCC in FT Pierce.

JO format proposed changes;

1. <10 timed finals in prelims.
2. Elimination of 200 and 400 IM events for 11/12's
3. Move 800's to Thursday.
4. Eliminate 1500m/1650yd and add consols for 11/12's.
5. Do split mile in finals.
6. Do chase starts at JOLC.
7. Time standards to use down to 48th place.
8. Announce top 8 at night.
9. Top 8 time qualfiers will need verified (Jim Grazier).

Sherwood Watts requested explanation of 10 & U being taken out of prelim/final format, Randy Johnson provided explanation, a lengthy discussion on this matter followed. Comments: getting them in and out and keeping them interested. Mac Kennedy stated that 10 & U would be upset, and are looking for the spotlight, 400 relays at night add excitement. A suggestion was made to put 10 & U prelims/finals in finals session at night.
Steve Lochte made a motion that the proposals be sent to age Group Committee and to make 10 & U as exciting as possible and to make them think "progression" and motivation. Bill Vargo seconded, motion carried. Jack Goltz mentioned chase starts and that it be considered to interspace 50's and 100's with 200's & 400's. Jim directed any suggestions that add excitement be forwarded to the committee. Committee members are Chris Oliver and Mike Yearwood.
Sr. Circuit discussed briefly, a decision to go long course? Will Seniors attend? Development of swimmers? To be reviewed and evaluate at the end of the year.

BREAK FOR AREA CAUCUSES

RECONVENE

Reports from Areas

Area 1 – Scott Caron – No report given
Area 2 – Rick Benner (2yr), Bob Anderson (1yr) & Apryle Nickson Alternate

1 Trinity Meet 2/8-2/9 (not 2/15-16) 25yd
2 Highlander 3/21-22 Area 2 25yd
3 Mt. Dora 4/5 25yd
4 Trinity 6/21-22 50m
5 Trinity 7/5-6 50m
6 Patriot (Longwood) 7/12 25yd
7 Patriot (Longwood) 8/1-3 Area II 25yd
8 Mt. Dora 8/16 25yd
9 Patriot (Longwood) 9/20-21 25yd Scratch 10/11-12

Notes: 4/12 PA Longwood, 5/10 PA Longwood, 6/7 PA Longwood, 5/16-18 PA Lake Brantley and 11/15-16 PA Lake Brantley.
Jim Kelly stated that meets mentioned , not on the calendar will not be added until the form is submitted with payment.
Area 3 – Bob Griffiths reported;
Mike Yearwood (2yr), Michelle Cashel Mack (1yr), Fred Lewis, Technical and Randy Johnson, Alternate?
Area 4 – Jack Goltz reported – Jack Goltz (2yr)
Area 5 – Sherwood Watts remains area rep, Steve Altheimer, Don Henshaw, Alternate and Mike Norton, Tech Planning
Area 6 – Helen Ryan (2yr), Scott Kimmelman (1yr), Shaun Zitani, Alternate and Steve Fenning, Tech Planning. Daytona Meet Addition 1/31-2/2 @ Daytona Bch College (indoor). <12 morning and 13> afternoon.

Nominating Committee Report – Randy Johnson reported only one term had expired, the Age Group Chair. Nancy Hennessey was nominated, seconded

and confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Scott Kimmelman stated he was caught off-guard by the expense of the awards for Sr. Champs, this is shared with YTO after receiving bill for JO"s. Helen Kelly mentioned she is checking prices to bring costs down.

Fred Lewis encouraged members to go to www.goducks.com and vote to keep swimming at University of Oregon. Dave Thomas commented that notice had been sent out to the coaches. Jim Kelly added that swimming had passed water polo.

A reminder was given for teams to send out hard copies of results after meets.

Stuart Michelson encouraged all teams to send out copies of meet letter and results to be posted by Florida Swimming.

Discrepancies in Sectional Fines & Proofs were discussed. Helen Kelly said corrections were being made. Jim Kelly said our LSC would send a letter questioning fines to sectional committee.

Clay Parnell asked about the Swimposium, was it well attended? And worth the effort? Jim reported that younger athletes attendance was good and that the officials had a room full. Suggestion to change activity for athletes to Saturday to allow time for traveling home.

Elect Review Committee should be non-board member. Randy Johnson, Clay Parnell, Mike Heath, Mike Curley and Eva Gronke were nominated and confirmed.

Next Annual meeting dates were set for the Board of Directors and House of Delegates on October 25-26, 2003.

The next meeting date for the Board of Directors: Will be January 25th at 2:00pm following a 12:00 Technical Planning Meeting, location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gay Wright, Secretary