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Florida Swimming Board of Directors Committee Meeting
October 11, 2008
Crowne Plaza, Orlando, FL

Attending: Terry Maul (chair), Dale Porter (SPAC), Bob Ruth (DOLF), Dave Thomas (USA Swimming HQ), Gina Mayer (CVST athlete), Randy Johnson (CVST), Mark Wilson (DBS), Don Henshaw (GCST), Peter Banks (BSAC), Charlie Rose (BD), Bill Vargo (CFM), Troy Littlejohn (DBS), Steve Lochte (DBS), John Stearns (DBS), Melissa Hellervik-Bing (SOY), Stuart Michelson, Helen Kelly (Ex. Director).

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Terry Maul.
- II. Motion for approval of previous meeting's minutes by Lochte/Vargo (motion/second). Approved unanimously.
- III. Chair Maul discussing working on Mission and Vision Statements. He will schedule a conference call, if necessary, to discuss before our January Board meeting. Then we will set up strategies to accomplish the goals.
- IV. Bill Vargo, Administrative Vice Chairman, no report
- V. Peter Banks, SR Chairman. Time standards will not change. He will work with our Treasurer on how much we spent this past year on reimbursements and budget for this year and the next four years. He would like to increase the amount of travel support provided in future years. Will review travel budget for Trials/Nationals/US Open/SC Nationals.
- VI. Sherwood Watts, Age Group Chairman. Sent in his report. A task force will be formed to make suggestions for changes to the meet format to keep JOs to a reasonable time frame. Chair Terry will appoint this committee which will report back in January.
- VII. Stuart Michelson, Treasurer. Report is in the book, The market has been unkind to us in the last month. We anticipate about a 20-30% decrease in the equity funds. Stuart advised us that we need to set a Finance/Audit committee to review the financial statements at least twice a year. Explained that USA Swimming has changed

investment advisors and investment funds and they allow LSCs to invest in their funds which mirror the USA Swimming Portfolio. Florida Swimming may want to consider investing in this portfolio. Stuart met with the USA Swimming auditor and CFO at the USA Swimming Meeting to discuss the structure of the Larry Shofe fund. He was advised that our current structure is acceptable.

- VIII. Helen Kelly, Executive Director. Report is in the book. At the Zone meeting there was a little controversy. Texas asked us to move the Zone meet one week later. They would guarantee several Texas teams would attend if the date were changed. Technical Planning agreed that this date couldn't be changed. Additionally the Zone Committee would need to approve any changes.
- IX. Melissa Bing, Officials Chair. Materials from the Officials Committee are in the handouts (Term Limit Proposal and ByLaws Revision for reimbursement). These were both passed unanimously. Term Limit Proposal has the stipulation that meet referees must be Florida Swimming certified. Melissa presented the Athlete Count per Team Report to explain which teams need to register more officials to be able to host meets. The count is as of August 1, 2008. These counts will stay the same for the rest of the year and won't be adjusted upward throughout the year. Melissa advised that she will work with teams, since we have seen such a dramatic increase in swimmers since the Olympics and the Trials. More meets will be going to OME. USA Swimming advised that we can set up meets in OME at no charge and not charge credit card fees.
- X. Helen Kelly, Registration. Report is in the book.
- XI. Cori Welbes, Safety. Not present, no report.
- XII. Mitzie Tighe, Adapted Swimming. Not present, no report.
- XIII. Steve Lochte, Technical Planning.

Report from the USA Swimming meeting in Atlanta: There is a new rule concerning suits for 12U events. The suit may not cover the neck or extend beyond the shoulder, nor past the knees. Bob stressed the common-sense element of this rule (there may be religious reasons for exceptions or a short swimmer may have a suit that extends slightly past the knee). Suits with legs will not be allowed. The swimmer will not be allowed to swim and will be requested to change their suit to swim, but the meet will not be held up. This rule goes into effect on May 15, 2009.

- XIV. Charlie Rose, Coaches' Representative. Charlie is filling in as the coaches' representative. There are about 14 members. Charlie will work on giving coaches something of value for their membership.

- XV. Athlete's Representatives. Gina Mayer reported that at convention they discussed how to get athletes more involved. They are working on getting the athlete slogan contest going again.

Old Business:

- XVI. FS Nominating Committee Report. Melissa Bing provided the report of committee: FS Board of Directors: Terry Maul, General Chairman (2 year term), Lisa Bitting, Age Group Vice Chairman (2 year term), FS Standing Committee Chairs: Gay Wright, Secretary (2 year term), Steve Lochte, Technical Planning Chair (2 year term), Cori Welbes, Safety Chairman (2 year term).
- XVII. TCSC request for reinstatement of meet sanction. Florida Swimming Board can't reinstate the meet sanction. TCSC must reimburse the meet fees to the teams.

New Business:

- XVIII. FS By-Law and FS Rules and Regulations Proposals. Previously discussed under the Official's Chair report. Motion to approve the Draft Term Limit Proposal for the Florida Swimming Officials Committee, Vargo/Rose (motion/second). Approved unanimously.
- XIX. Motion to adjourn (Charlie Rose/Randy Johnson, motion/second). Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.