Call to order: 6:06pm

Attended: Ira Klien, Charlie Rose, Peter Banks, Scott Caron, Mark McCaw, Helen Kelly, Roger Deary, Cori Welbes, Erin Crabtree, Mike Brady, Justin Correia, Don Henshaw, Mike Rochelle, Dale Porter, Fred Lewis, Sean Brinn, Manny Noguchi, Ryan Gober and Jeanne Epps

Athlete Representatives: Maria Zambito, Elizabeth Richardson, Ryan Gibbons, Antonio Medina, Jill Rochelle

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes. 2nd and passed.

Reports:
General Chair - Ira Klein - none
Admin Vice Chair - Charlie Rose -none
Sr Vice Chair - Peter Banks - none
Age Group Chair -Scott Caron - none
Secretary- Jeanne Epps - none

Vice Chair Finance- Mark McCaw: Over all we are up due to the changes made last year at HOD. Investments have improved greatly this past year.

Executive Director - Helen Kelly: Introducing Flex to our registrations. Flex registrations are allowed 2 sanctions meets before upgrading.

Officials Chair- Roger Deary: This is the year to recertify officials we are well on our way of getting that done by the end of the year. Have added 46 new officials which brings us to 423 officials in the LSC. It is a work in progress to get more officials.

Safe Sport Chair- Cori Welbes: Had great work shop today. Would like to show clubs how to become a SafeSport member. Video displayed on consent at HOD meeting.

Diversity Chair- Erin Crabtree: Next year has a Zone Diversity and Inclusion Select Camp that happens every 2 yrs. There is a form on the website for the athlete to sign-up. We are choosing 3 athletes this year to the Zone Diversity and Inclusion Select Camp. We hosted a Diversity and Inclusion Clinic last April in Cocoa/ Palm Bay Area. We are hosting another on December 15, 2018 in the Tampa Bay Area. This the path that USAS wants athletes to progress and to go from an LSC camp, then a Zone Select Camp and then on to a National Camp. Also met with Florida Gold Diversity Inclusion Chair and discussed that we should do things more things together as a State. It was discussed to do something at the All Star meet. Some suggestions included educational material, a social for Coaches and swimmers, an LSC practice day so swimmers get to know each other. We are also going to work together on the selecting Zone D&I Select Camp.

Technical Planning – Mike Brady: Tech Panning met and dealt with 5 items. One is the discussion of the North/South Flags proposal by Don Henshaw and it passed. Athlete Championship meet proposal had a good idea but needs some work. They will be working on it and revising it.

Tech suit proposal was voted down and was decided to go with USA guidelines.

Bids and closed meet proposal was discussed and that was voted to approve.
Event surcharges changes decided not be voted on and I would bring forward the potential concerns to the board meeting.

Last item discussed was for 2019 FLAGS. Moving 10 & under to their own session spring and summer and adjust times so more swimmers could qualify. Adding 50’s for 13-14 and 200’s to 11-12, allowing bonus events for 2019 only. 1 event- 2 bonus, 2 events- 1 bonus and 3 events no bonus. Discussed relays must have 2 qualifying swimmers for A relay and must have 6 qualified swimmers for an A&B relay.

Division of North /South Flags goes to HOD and structure of the FLAG meet goes to Age Group Planning.

**Coaches Representative**- Justin Correia: We have 3 Florida coaches chosen for National Team and 6 Florida coaches for the Jr National Team.

**Open Water Representative**- Don Henshaw: 2018 Florida OW Champs were held at Miromar Lakes. Team Champion was Gulf Coast Swim Team

2018 Southern Zone OW Champs At Chattanooga, TN - Florida OW Zone Team won our first team title since the beginning of the event in 2015. Individual Event Winners: 11-12 Girls Brynn Stoneburg, 13-14 Girls Kelsey Swartout, 13-14 Boys Spencer Howery, 15-16 Girls Meghan Bolin, Open Girls Taylor Ward, Open Boys Cale Russell. A great job by our athletes, coaches, and swimmers as more and more teams get into OW swimming and the results are showing.

2019 Events:
Florida Open Water Champs and Zone Team Selection Event at FGCU Waterfront on Sunday March 24th. This will be a one day event only. No LSC Challenge this year.

Southern Zone Open Water Championships at FGCU Waterfront or possibly at Miromar Lakes on April 13-14, 2019. This event will use FINA age groups per USA Swimming to match changes that will be made for JR Nats and the National JR OW Team.

Open Water National Championships, and Junior National OW Championships at Miami Marine Stadium in Biscayne Bay on May 3-5, 2019.

**Athlete Representative**: Ryan Gibbons was elected end of February as Jr Athlete Rep. We have 15 athlete committee and only 4 position to fill. Have had 2 conference calls and 13 athletes at the committee meeting. Attended a leadership summit in April in Houston. Would like to see more coaches and athlete go. Attended Convention and it went well.

**Business**:  
**Budget**: Budget was presented. Decrease in revenue and expenses. Staff has taken more of a role in working on the budget.  
**Meet Schedule**: No discussion. If you want to added a meet it cannot be on the same day or it must be a different format.  
**Championship meet bids**: This will be done at HOD meeting.  
**2020 North/South FLAGS Proposal**: The goal of this is to get more swimmers to come to these meets. Study has done with the numbers of swimmer in each age group that attended FLAGS. A line between North of Clearwater to Sebastian. North Area is 1,2,4 and split 6; South Area is 3,5 and split 6. This was passed by Technical Planning.  
**Account Receivable: Article 441.5**: Proposal: Asking for support on late collection of fees for registrations.  
**Motions to Approve 2nd**: Passed.
Athlete Instagram: Proposal to create a Florida Swimming Instagram account. Committee formed by Don Henshaw, Vanessa Brewer, Cori Welbes, Elizabeth Richardson, Ryan Gibbons. To be run by Athlete Rep., Florida Swimming Office and Twitter/website manager. This will help with Athlete communications and create a better informed athlete base. **Motion to Approve** 2nd : Passed.

**Awards:** Proposal to change the wording in Article 30 Awards. **Motion to Approve 2nd Passed.**

**Bids and Closed Meets:** Article 21 Schedule of Swimming Competition. **Motion to Accept** Policy of Procedure on Chapter 7 with the passing of Amendment that are part of Rules and Regs at the House. 2nd Passed

**Event Surcharge:** Proposal to change Event Surcharge Schedule, Article 25, 225.2 **Motion to move to the House 2nd Passed**

**Awards Banquet:** Proposal for athletes to attend swim clinic with Olympian/National Members, lunch, classroom activities, and end the banquet in the evening. **Motion to start process on the awards banquet for 2019 2nd Passed.**

**FL Swimming BYLAWS:** USA swimming has a new template to incorporate new bylaws. To be presented to the BOD and then HOD.

**Jr Athlete Rep.:** Proposal to change how to vote for athlete rep. Must be a sophomore in high school, have A&B’s, a Sr. Champ cut and will have a vote by the athlete. This is a way to get a more qualified person. **National Support:** Proposal 4.1c. Form a committee and that consist of Sr Chair, Executive Director, Finance Vice Chair and staff. They will recommend an amount for support payments made to individual athlete, coaches and officials who attend National meets. Starting with Olympic Trials, Sr Nationals, (summer & winter), US Open, Jr National (summer & winter), Open Water (Nationals and Jr.s.) and Futures. Limited support 2 meets attended. Propose an amendment to the motion b. to add pay for hotel plus 1 day. 2nd Passed with 1 opposed.

**Non-Athlete Membership card:** You can print your own card or office will charge $5.00. **All in favor. Passed**

**Winter Championship Meet Proposal:** Athlete Reps. pulled this and going to work on it.

**Tech Suit Ban:** Proposal to technical planning and was turned down.

**FLAG Time Standard:** Would like to approve the new time standards. Good for 2 yrs. **Motions to accept. 2nd Passed**

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm