**Border Swimming – Minutes of 2/7/18 meeting of Board of Directors**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Steve Wilson, Bob Sellers, Joe Olson, John Bernhard, Hadley Bernhard, Michele Key, Pete Dunavant, Cindy Crane, Tom Cieslik, Gus Viveros, Manny Gardea, Juan Corral, Manny Rodriguez, Craig Wallen, Wright Stanton, Jim Holcomb, Rene Hernandez, Ceci Morales, Adrian Slater, Issac Valles, and Larry Pallan.

Steve Wilson stated that Border Swimming LSC’s website has been updated, including updated forms, with fillable pdfs. Each team can add information.

Cindy Crane gave the Treasurer’s report. Each team needs to send in signed registration forms.

The new 50-meter pool on the Westside will have its grand opening on April 7, 2018. Dave Thomas of USA Swimming will be present.

A motion passed that the Border Champs B/C meet will allow time trials for non-A time swimmers. This will be posted on the Border Swimming website, and Cindy Crane will email the teams about this. There are 235 swimmers entered in the B/C meet.

Jim Holcomb reported that a proposal is forthcoming about the Athlete Representative election, suggesting that the athletes form a committee to choose their representatives to attend Board meetings.

Jim Holcomb reported that LeAnn Carr resigned her position of Co-Senior Chair of Border Swimming LSC. As General Chair, Jim Holcomb will appoint a Co-Senior Chair to fill out the remaining time for that position until the next election. The Coaches will meet and select their own representative.

Gus Viveros is working on the criteria for selection to the Zones Team. Coaches Larry Pallan and Luis Vidan are drafting the letter to be sent to qualifying swimmers. The Zones meet is July 31 to August 4, 2018. One criterion for selection is the swimmer must swim Long Course rather than summer league. Discussion was had that Zones is the same weekend as TAGS. It was suggested that a swimmer must choose to attend either Zones or TAGS. Border Swimming LSC wants to send a large team to Zones as the meet is in Midland, TX this summer. Right now, Zones is having difficultly finding a Meet Referee. Up to 8 boys and girls per age group (11-12, 13-14, 15-18) can be sent to Zones.

John Bernhard reported on the 2 written reports he received from coaches about the 2017 Texas Select Camp. Coach Larry Pallan gave information about how to improve the planning. John Bernhard reported that DQ slips were used at the BAT meet, with some mixed success. We need to promote Sign-Up Genius for officials to use for meets.

Michele Key gave the SafeSport report. She reported the good news that 100 percent of Border Swimming LSC teams are in compliance with training and background checks. She presented facts about safety: the number one cause of poor air quality at pools is swimmers not showering before entering the pool. The CDC has mandated showering at the TAGS meet.

Discussion was had on the Long Course meet schedule:

 LCAT - May 4-6, 2018

 BAT – May 19-20, 2018

 DSSC – June 15-17, 2018

 RAST&SWAT – June 29- July 1, 2018

 EPAP – July 20-22, 2018

 Border Champs – July 28-29, 2018.

The City summer league private pools championship meet is July 29, 2018, so we need to determine which pool to use for Border Champs. Jim Holcomb stated that by 2020, El Paso will have 32 pools, but only 1 one is competition quality. Question was raised if we need a Technical Committee for swim meet scheduling and liaison to the City of El Paso regarding use of pools.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.