**Border Swimming LSC – Minutes of Meeting of May 23, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present were John Bernhard, Steve Wilson, Gus Viveros, Thomas Cieslik, Adrian Slater, Jan Hirshi, Michele Key, Manny Gardea, Ruben Pallares, Todd Roberts, Monica Benjamin, Alfonso Ruiz, Jim Vanatta, Bob Sellers, Hadley Huchton-Bernhard, Jim Holcomb, Joe Olson. There was no representative of JCAT present.

Jim Holcomb announced the Governance Workshop given by USA Swimming will be Sept 7-8, 2018 at the Westside Natatorium. All the Board members of Border Swimming LSC should attend, and up 25 people can attend the training. Please email Jim with suggestions for items for that training.

After motion, the vote passed unanimously for Border LSC to have FLEX membership.

Discussion was had about the recent code of conduct violation concerning recruiting. (See April minutes for particulars). Jim Holcomb spoke about the recruiting issue with the Rules Chairman of USA Swimming. Jim stated that the recruiting activity at issue must cease; he spoke with the coach and referee involved with the recruiting incident at Coronado High School. He informed tonight’s meeting attendees that Border LSC has no enforcement power for this issue; it is the Zones level of USA Swimming for enforcement power. USA Swimming Rule 304.3.13 about recruiting will be posted on the Border LSC website. Motion was made to send a Petition to the Zones Board of Review about the recruiting violation incident; the motion passed with only 3 nays.

Discussion was had about the recent BAT swim meet at the new Westside Natatorium, and issues that must be addressed in future meets about parents on deck, moving bleachers away from the start area, no food on deck. At this time, for swim meets, Border swim teams are required to use the City’s laptop computers for $500 fee, as well as paying about $7200 pool rental. Border LSC needs to report to City Council that the pool rental fees must be dropped from $1500 per day, or no team will be able to rent the pools for meets. If Border is forced to use the City’s equipment, then do we need our own equipment? Do we need a small locker to keep the equipment near the Westside Natatorium?

Coach Manny Gardea reported there are 35 confirmed swimmers going from Border LSC to the Zones meet in Midland from July 31 to August 4. Four to six coaches are needed.

John Bernhard reported that it is not acceptable for coaches to get in officials’ faces at a swim meet. Coaches must talk to the Referee only. Congratulations to Ricci Valdon, who is now a certified Deck Referee!

Michele Key gave the SafeSport presentation, with materials from the conference she attended in Denver, CO in April. It is about “Prevention Education.” “Safe Sport in a box” is online at usaswimming.org under safe sport; it has information for meet marshals, meet directors, officials, timers. Suggestion has been made to have a Safe Sport position on the board of each swim club. Recommended board size is 9-11 members, with 3-4 being “suspicious.”

Border Swimming LSC now has about 900 swim members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be on June 20, 2018.