**Border Swimming LSC – Minutes of Meeting of January 6, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by General Chair, John Bernhard, at 6:58 p.m.

Present were Jim Holcomb, Rene Hernandez, COlson (athlete rep), John Bernhard, Gus Viveros, Hadley Huchton-Bernhard, Joe Olson, Bob Sellers, Michele Key, Faye Phelps, Pete Dunavant, Todd Roberts, Adrian Slater, Alfonso Ruiz Del Hoyo, Adrian Aguirre, Suzie Aguirre, and Jim Van Atta. Nick Ferriola and Andrea Schiechl of the City of El Paso also attended. There were no attendees of DSSC or JCAT.

Congratulations to Faye Phelps, who was appointed as Officials Chair, to fill the term vacated by John Bernhard. Problems about officials should be directed to Faye.

Discussion was had about confusion about next week’s high school meets. Andrea Schiechl said she would appreciate Border officials to attend if possible, to help provide training/shadowing by City personnel.

Discussion was had about UIL officials to be paid for the meets they have worked to date.

Michele Key reported the sad news about funeral services for Kevin Bohls.

Jim Holcomb, John Bernhard, Michele Key, and Suzie Aguirre will work the high school district meets the week of January 15-17, 2020.

The WeTT Del Norte meet will be on 1/11/20. BLAST is looking at Feb 8 or 9 for its SC meet.

Michele Key provided a form “Model Team Code of Conduct: Athletes” for discussion. Inquiry was made if every purported violation of code of conduct must go to the US Center for SafeSport or USA Swimming. USA Swimming has sanction authority. Michele will follow up with USA Swimming SafeSport to find out about the requirements and sanctioning authority. (Per her email dated 1/10/20, per USA Swimming, Border is not required to have a Safe Sport Code of Conduct; Border is the support system for the teams of the LSC, who are required to have a code of conduct. The teams have the power to remove a swimmer and let the swimmer swim “unattached” if the team is not comfortable leaving the swimmer on the team during an investigation of the U.S. Center for Safe Sport, in order to protect the rest of the team. Border does not have that power; it is up to the individual LSC teams and their policies to make that decision.)

No financial information was provided by the Treasurer. This issue will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Motion was defeated to provide a SC stipend to Kirsten Valdez, for lack of splashes in Border swim meets. Motion carried for BAT to be provided the full requested reimbursement amount for hospitality expenses at the LC BAT meet. There is only one athlete stipend available from Border Swimming for each swim season.

LC Zones will be in Tupelo, MS in August 2020. Jim Van Atta will publish the criteria to make the Border Zones Team by the end of January 2020. Gus Viveros has done the meet invite for 2020 SC Border Champs Meet.

John Bernhard reported we have 12 new radios. He and Faye Phelps will work on getting new headsets.

John Bernhard asked the meeting attendees about changes for his new tenure as General Chair of Border Swimming LSC. Suggestions were: having standing and modified meeting agendas; calendaring deadlines for upcoming events; restructuring meets (changing events and discussion with the Technical Committee 90 days before start of a swim season); meet schedule posted 120 days before swim season starts; draft action items in the minutes; more officials training. Suggestion was made to have Board meetings every other month, with committee meetings the month the Board does not meet.

Michele Key asked the City representative to post signs behind the blocks at the Westside Natatorium about no cameras being allowed there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

**The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7 p.m.**