

**Minutes of the ESSZ Swim Committee Meeting – Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, March 6, 2004
Submitted by ESSZ Secretary/Treasurer, Jonathan Watson**

Present were representatives from the following ESSZ member clubs:

Harvey Humphries [ABSC-GA]; Jim Young, [LA-GA]; Ian Goss, [Stingrays-GA]; Ben Davis, [BSL-SE]; Mark Walker, [XCEL-SE]; TJ Liston, [I'ON-SC]; Kurt Klausner [TC-SC]; Dan Flack [RSA-NC]; Rick Boucher [SUSS-KY]; Michael Essig [TS-KY]; John Brucato [WA-KY] and Jonathan Watson [WAVE-NC].

I. Minutes.

The minutes of the ESSZ Swim Committee meeting from the summer meeting in Athens, GA (July, 2003) were approved as presented.

II. Membership Report.

It was reported that the ESSZ has 123 paid members out of 263 existing clubs. Members present were encouraged to go back to home LSC's and try to convince other local clubs to join the Section.

III. Financial Report.

The 2004 ESSZ Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$23,197.13 in the bank as of 03-04-04. Spring ('03) Travel paid was \$3,300 and Summer ('03) Travel paid was \$9,500. Funds received from 2003 meet hosts included \$3,047 from the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club (Spring, 2003); \$1,150.61 from the Savannah Swim Team, (AG Sectionals 2003); and \$2,436 from the Athens Bulldog Swim Team, (Summer, 2003). Membership income for 2004 received to date was \$3,600 with a few additional clubs anticipated to renew their memberships at the \$40 rate for 2004.

IV. Fine Report.

It was reported that \$11,875 in fines owed to the ESSZ had been collected. Fines are being collected by Aaron Reeves with the High Point Swim Club. Aaron can be reached at (336) 887-4772. Checks are payable to "North Carolina Swimming-Region Account". Please send fines or proofs to:

High Point Swim Club
c/o Aaron Reeves
PO Box 5815
High Point NC 27262

V. Travel Fund Report.

It is anticipated that requests for funding to Summer nationals and Olympic Trials will increase but with adequate funding the ESSZ hopes to reimburse at or near the former level of \$200 for Olympic Trial qualifiers who also attend the Long Course Sectional meet and \$100 for National qualifiers who attend the Long Course Sectional meet. ESSZ Chairman TJ Liston has travel fund request forms on his team website which is www.swimion.com.

VI. Time Standards.

Chairman TJ Liston reported that the feeling last summer of the committee was that

the time standards for the long course ESSZ Championships were ok for this summer (2004). There was some discussion about whether the time standards for the current Spring meet (2004) had been tightened enough. Ian Goss commented that some of the events with 15 heats had several non-qualifying swims in them. TJ said he would ask Alex Braunfeld (DYNA-GA) to look at the Spring meet and determine whether meet hosts should be able to run the meet in two courses simultaneously. It was discussed that if all of the events in this meet had been run in two courses, the meet would have run too quickly.

VII. Meet Format Issues

Ben Davis (BSL-SE) mentioned that the nighttime breaks for awards were too long. Harvey Humphries [ABSC-GA] asked that the meet hosts ask the coaches presenting the awards to appear at the awards podium ahead of time to reduce the time taken. It was reported that 574 swimmers attended this 2004 Spring ESSZ Championships.

There was some discussion, but no motion, concerning swimmers being required to attain distance event cuts "in season" such that the swimmer would have to prove the cut from the current season. Discussion ended without a motion.

VIII. New Business.

A. Dates for 2005 Sectional Championships

The following meet dates were approved for 2005:

1. March 10-13, 2005 – Spring ESSZ Championships
2. July 14-17, 2005 – Summer ESSZ Championships
3. March 17-20, 2005 – 14&U ESSZ Age Group Championships

- B. The motion was made and approved to reimburse swimmers who attend the Spring 2004 Nationals only if they attended the 2004 Spring ESSZ Championships after the Nationals **and** qualified with 2003 Summer (yards) qualifying standards.

C. Bid presentations for the 2005 Sectional Championship meets will occur at the Summer 2004 Meeting of the ESSZ Swim Committee on Saturday, July 24 in Auburn, AL. The bids are due to Chairman Liston by Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03pm.