Board of Directors Meeting

August 17, 2013

Held at Lakeland Presbyterian Church

Flowood, MS

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Barbara Aguirre. In attendance was Barbara Aguirre (General Chair), Doug Welch (Admin. Chair), Todd Patterson (Treasurer), Matthew Mixon (Age Group Chair), Eddie Ware (Senior Chair), Rachel Dees (Senior Athlete Rep. ), Cris Roberts (Athlete), Wade Heggie (Safety Chair), Kevin Cox (Finance Chair), Candace Lopper (Registration Chair), Misty Little (Secretary). Missing in attendance was Warren Holladay, Jamie Lee, and Kerry Stewart.

Barbara Aguirre mentioned we need two people to attend the Mighty 2500 LSC workshop in Colorado Springs on November 2, 2013. This is a workshop focused on demographics and what your LSC needs. Doug Welch volunteered to attend the meeting. No other volunteers were available at this time.

The upcoming convention has a safety poster contest and Wade Heggie’s daughter’s poster was selected as one of the top ten posters to be voted on for the convention.

Recommendation from the finance committee and Todd Patterson went over our current CD investments that total $62,700.00 which are in seven different CD’s that range from one to two year terms. He suggested two different types of CDS’s: 1) is a seven year CD with a rate of 3.7%. He is not sure on the withdrawal options on this CD. 2) Or a five year CD with a 2.25% rate and we can take a $10,000.00 withdrawal without penalty. The recommendation was made to move all the current CD’s to the seven year term with the contention that we can make a no penalty withdrawal from it. If no withdrawal can be made penalty free then move the current CD’s to the five year term option. All were in favor of the recommendations and moved to present it to the House of Delegates.

 Doug Welch announced the short course meet invitation is about 90% done. Doug Welch also reported on a safe sport standpoint that all teams are required to have a travel policy and a communications policy and they must be approved by the team board. If a team does not have an individual policy then the team will operate under the national policy. A safe sport contact from every team is needed so teams can be aware of these changes. Safe sport flyers need to be included in heat sheets and posted on bulletin boards. Doug Welch will put this on the website of Mississippi swimming. Each team will need to make a decision to go with the default or have their own policy.

Barbara Aguirre mentioned for Kerry Stewart that administrative officials have a grandfathering opportunity now through the end of the year then grandfathering will end.

Mathew Mixon reported for the banquet this year. There are about 250 participants on the list. Registration was on line for the first year and there were some kinks but that it was a tight turn around after zones.

Mathew Mixon reported for zones. Mathew said the meet was good all around. Several mentioned the emails updates going out was a good thing and parents really appreciated it. Kevin Cox mentioned to start now for finding a coach and managers for next year zone. Mathew Mixon asks for the zone chair to be responsible for promoting the meet. The process for looking at swimmers should start now.

Eddie Ware spoke on the behalf of the Southern Senior state meet. Eddie mentioned it was the largest and the fastest meet so far. This meet brings back an A, B, C, and D final to give many more swimmers a second chance to swim.

Wade Heggie reported on the safety conference he attended in June. Wade reviewed the insurance changes where we must take the back seat out of a 15 passenger van. He also suggested taking out the extra insurance on van rentals. Wade reviewed the new rules on diving and first aid regulations he will include on line references. The safety conference mentioned the coaches will need to be aware of what is going on with the water chemicals and water temperature. Wade mentioned that the conference made reference to athletic trainers needing to be on deck possibly in the next 5 -10 years. The topic of life guards on deck during a swim meet will go for a vote today in the House of Delegates meeting.

Barbara Aguirre brought up the old business of teams that never attend the LSC meetings. A recommendation to raise the team registration fee to $300.00 starting the 2014 – 2015 season. If you have a representative from the team that attends one House of Delegates meeting during the year then you get a $150.00 credit to the team registration fee. All attending were in favor to bring it to the House of Delegates for a vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 am.