

MINUTES  
HOUSE OF DELAGATES  
SOUTHEASTERN SWIMMING, INC.

A regular meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD) of Southeastern Swimming, Inc. was called to order at 9:00 am on October 2, 2011. John Woods was in the chair and the secretary was present. The secretary called the roll. The following clubs were present: ACAC, AUB, BAY, BSC, BSL, BWB, BXST, CMSA, CTA, DDST, DOVA, ECS, GPAC, GST, HBT, HSA, MCAL, MSA, MTAC, MTS, MYB, NAC, PACK, PCST, PNY, PSL, SAC, SAST, SCAC, SWAT, TENN, TNT, VOLS, and XCEL.

General Chair: John Woods. The chair expressed his appreciation and thanks to everyone on the Board of Directors (BOD) and those who worked on a committee or task force this past year. He lastly thanked all those who went to convention and represented SES.

The chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda as published was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting of the HOD were approved as written.

### **Report of Officers**

Administrative Vice Chairman: Katie Chronic. In the absence of Ms. Chronic due to an injury, John Woods gave a summary of the report which can be downloaded from the SES website.

Registration/Membership: Tom Healey. The report is on webpage. Tom indicated that registration was going well this fall. Tom mentioned the new hiring policy and the LEAP program. Tom also reminded everyone that they must fill out a transfer form if they move teams. He must have the form on file. A question regarding the BGC requirements was raised and answered.

Treasurer: Jackie Bussard-Bertucci. Jacki presented the profit and loss statement. It was a good year for surcharges, including non-SES surcharges for swimmers competing in SES from other LSCs. Jacki requested that everyone send in their reimbursements. Budget will be posted on the webpage after approval by the Board of Directors.

Age Group Chairman: Tyler Kerns. The report is on the website. Tyler mentioned his availability to discuss any items from convention or his report.

Senior Vice Chairman - John Boxmeyer. The report is on the website. John reported on upcoming national meets in December and next summer's Olympic trials and other meets and their dates. He mentioned time standards would be faster next summer for both the Open and Juniors.

President: Chris Coraggio. Chris expressed his appreciation for the participation this year

by LSC members at the national Convention.

Technical Chairman: Mark Walker (John Morse gave the report in Mark's absence). John reported on the actions taken at Technical Planning Committee (TPC). Those actions are reflected on the attached document. He also reported the changes made to the time standards for the LC Championships meet. He stated the TPC established a committee to review and report on the current reimbursement program. John reported that the Swimmer of the Year is Evan Pinion, the Age Group Coach of the year is Tyler Kerns and Senior Coach of the Year is Paul Mielke.

The secretary reported on some of the actions taken by the Board at its meeting yesterday afternoon and on the proposals submitted by the Administrative Vice Chair.

1. Proposal to approve a budget item for equipment for the Permanent Office as needed for 2012 not to exceed \$1500. ACTION TAKEN: Board voted to approve the recommendation.
2. Approve budget item (Insurance) to purchase D&O Insurance through USA Swimming for the SES Board; investigate and/or purchase LSC Crime Coverage and Property Insurance for Equipment at the permanent office. ACTION TAKEN: Board voted to approve the recommendation.
3. Approve budget item (Personnel) to hire part-time either a Bookkeeper or CPA for 2012 for depository needs as determined by the Finance Committee and Board. ACTION TAKEN: Board voted to approve the recommendation.
4. Approve budget item (Publications) to print and mail new SES Rules & Regulations books to each registered club and Board member. ACTION TAKEN: The Board rejected the proposal of mailing hard copies of the documents in favor of emailing the information and posting on the LSC website.
5. Housekeeping of Bylaws to eliminate references to Special Events, Public Relations, NTV, and Policies & Procedures, Legislation, and Bylaws Committees. ACTION TAKEN: The Board referred the matter to the rules and regulations task force.
6. Approve renaming of committees (NTV to SWIMS, Bylaws/Legislation/Policies & Procedures to Rules & Regulations) to reflect updates in governance. ACTION TAKEN: The Board referred the matter to the rules and regulations task force.
7. Adopt the USA Swimming LSC Finance Policy recommendations for Investment & Reserves Policies and allow the Board & Finance Committee to present policies at 2012 House of Delegates. ACTION TAKEN: The Board adopted and referred the matter to the rules and regulations task force.

## **Committee Reports**

Athletes: Ammie Middleton/ Lisa Berger – No report.

Officials: Stephanie Nadeau. The report is on the website. Dave Smith gave the report in Stephanie's absence. He gave a summary of the report regarding number of officials currently enrolled, the findings of the women in swimming task force, the officials attending the national officials clinic, new open water rules and the new sanctioning process for open water.

Laws and Legislation: Brian Wrighton. Report will be given under new business.

Safety: Dave Smith. The report is on the website. There were 3 incidents, which were fairly minor and in the 13-14 age group. Dave mentioned that all of us are safety marshals when on deck and need to assist when necessary to make the deck as safe as possible. He also mentioned about the discussion regarding water and air temperature which is under further discussion at the national level. He further mentioned the issue concerning athletes hitting the bottom at the start. Dave reminded everyone that they need to certify swimmers for diving and have that certification on file.

Adapted Swimming: Walter Smalley. The report is on the website. He suggested that the meet information contain contact information, including telephone numbers and email addresses for the meet director and meet referee.

SWIMS: Robbie Dellinger. He mentioned that he now has a dedicated email for SWIMS information. He reminded everyone to fill out the form correctly or it will be kicked out. Also, please get the meet file to him as soon as possible. He informed the members about Deck Pass and its possible uses. Tom Healey mentioned that the host teams should not be posting the results until the meet has been reviewed and cleared registration. Also questions regarding the time an athlete swam should be directed to the host meet. If the time is corrected, then the host team should resend corrected file to Robbie. Robbie cannot change any times.

Top5 and Records: Tom Healey. The top 5 and all records are posted on website.

Open Water: Kate Chronic. No report.

Swim-a-thon: Scott Robinson. No report.

Diversity: Vicki Balog. No report.

Camps: Jeff Dellinger. No report.

Club Development: John Morse. No report.

## **Old Business**

Standing Committees: No active committees.

Hall of Fame Committee: John Woods stated that the committee submitted a report, but the Board returned the report to get more complete biographical information so a meaningful vote can occur. We will vote via email once the information is submitted.

Spring Meeting Committee. The Board will schedule a face to face meeting in the spring to be held somewhere in the central portion of our LSC. It will not be a blocked weekend.

Rules and Regulations review: The task force is finalizing the bylaws and aquatics guide.

## **New Business**

Proposals and Legislation. See attached Proposed Rules & Regulations. John Woods presented each proposal and the action taken by the HOD is reflected in the attached document.

Election of officers: The chair announced as new business the work of the nominating committee. Philip Kraus presented the slate of proposed officers to the House for consideration. John Woods called for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he entertained a motion to close nominations which was made and seconded. Thereafter, the HOD voted to elect the following slate:

General Chair	Matt Webber (HSA)
Senior Vice Chair	Greg Davis (CMSA)
Secretary	Clark Hammond (BSL)
Finance Vice Chair	John Boxmeyer (CTA)

### **Board of Review:**

East Representative (Position to be re-elected in 2013)	Mike Bowman (ACAC)
West Representative (Position to be re-elected in 2013)	John Morse (NAC)
South Representative (Position to be re-elected in 2013)	Brad Kale (BWB)
Alternate (Position to be re-elected in 2013)	Woody VanNostrand (BASA)
*Alternate (Position to be re-elected in 2012)	Philip Kraus (GPAC)
*Alternate (Position to be re-elected in 2012)	

The Chair announced as new business the Philips Volunteer Award: Walter Smalley was nominated and voted by accumulation as the recipient of the award for 2011.

The house took a short break prior to reviewing the meet bids.

## **Meet Bids**

The chair announced as the next business the selection of the site for the LC Championship meet to be held July 19-22, 2011. Nashville Aquatics and Pilot Aquatics both submitted bids for the meet and made presentations to the delegates. After a ballot vote, the chair announced that the LC Championship meet would be hosted by Pilot Aquatics and held in Knoxville, TN.

The Chair asked for permission to destroy the ballots which was approved.

The HOD reviewed the schedule of meet bids for the long course season to confirm that teams still intended to conduct the meets on the dates and with the fee structure originally submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Dated: 10/2/11

/S/ Clark R. Hammond  
Clark R. Hammond, Secretary

**SOUTHEASTERN SWIMMING, INC.**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**2011 FALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

**POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL; BYLAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS**

R- 1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires TPC Action  
By Chris Coraggio**

For the Long Course Southeastern Championship only, move the 10 & under and 11-12 200 medley relays from Saturday night's finals to the end of Sunday's preliminary session. The relays would be swum fastest to slowest in relay event number order.

**Rationale:**

There is no easy way to accommodate all the events we are putting into finals on any night, but especially on Friday and Saturday. This will (1) cut about 30 minutes from the Saturday evening time line (there were 11 heats of 200 medley relays in total), (2) get the younger swimmers out of the pool earlier on Saturday night, (3) give breaststroke-only qualifiers potentially 2 events to swim on Sunday (individual and relay leg), and (4) even out the timeline between the older and younger pools. I know that it's not a perfect solution, but it has advantages which merit discussion.

**ACTION TAKEN:** TPC adopted. No further action required

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**Requires TPC Action  
Proposed by?**

(Put wording into the meet template): The host club shall design sessions to take into account the capacity of the facility and the historical representation of athletes in the District.

**Rationale:** Give flexibility that allows the host club to modify the meet to fit their facility's structure and to better accommodate the swimmers in their district. For example, if a facility has two 25-yard pools, let them run one session instead of two. If the district numbers make more sense to combine or separate age groups/genders between sessions, allow the host to do so - as long as it is spelled out in the original meet information.

**ACTION TAKEN:** TPC adopted. No further action required

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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)  
Proposed by?**

Note: I think we already have this flexibility, but I don't know if it is spelled out anywhere.

2. (In the meet template under time trials): A swimmer may participate in time trials as long as he/she does not swim more than five individual events in one day.

Rationale: Clarification of the USAS maximum events per day rule as it relates to our District competition.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and BOD recommended adoption. HOD Adopted with language clarification to make it clear that if the Meet information only allowed for 4 events per day in a timed final meet (i.e. District Championships) that a swimmer could swim up to five so long as the other swim was a time trial.

R- 4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires BOD Action  
By Chris Coraggio**

Under cost for time trials: The fee for time trials shall be \$10 per event. If the swimmer is not already entered in the District Meet, the Southeastern fee and any facility surcharge associated with the District Meet must also be paid.

Rationale: I see no reason to deprive a swimmer of an opportunity to time trial an event if a meet is being held at a convenient location, even if he is not in the meet. Just have him pay the fees as if he is in the meet and let him swim.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC recommended adoption by HOD. BOD adopted fee structure and recommended adoption of other aspects by HOD. HOD adopted. The proposal was clarified to include that if an athlete wish to participate in time trials, they could so long as they paid the associated fees and charges, e.g. time trial fee, facility charge and any SES surcharge.

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**Requires BOD Action  
By Tom Healey**

LSC meeting's.. Bring back the spring meeting for BOD and/or HOD.

Rationale: Too many little things need to be done in the spring meeting.

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ACTION TAKEN: The movant modified his proposal to remove the HOD spring meeting so the only matter being considered was the Spring BOD meet. TPC recommended adoption by the BOD. The BOD adopted.

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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)  
By Katie Chronic**

Add to all swim announcements the following. Add to Aquatics Guide

**MEET WARM-UP GUIDELINES**

**GENERAL WARM UP FIRST 30 SCHEDULED MINUTES:**

- No diving allowed from blocks or edge of pool
- Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner
- No sprinting or pace work allowed during this general warm up
- All lanes will be used for general warm up

**SPECIFIC WARM UP LAST 15 SCHEDULED MINUTES:**

- PUSH / PACE LANES:
  - Push off one or two lengths from the starting end
  - Circle swim only
  - NO DIVING
- DIVING LANES
  - Sprint lanes for diving from the blocks or for backstroke starts in specified lanes at designated times. ONE WAY SWIMMING ONLY.
- GENERAL WARM UP LANES
  - CIRCLE SWIM ONLY
  - NO DIVING
- AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 15-MINUTE SPECIFIC WARM UP PERIOD, ALL SWIMMERS **MUST** CLEAR THE POOL.
- THE FIRST EVENT WILL START NO SOONER THAN 15 MINUTES FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPECIFIC WARM UP.
- LANE USE:
  - Lanes 1 and 8 Push / Pace
  - Lanes 2,3,6,7 Diving / Sprint
  - Lanes 4 and 5 General Warm Up

**Coaches Responsibilities**

- Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
- Coaches shall be on the deck during the warm ups and shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the entire warm up sessions at meets and at all practices.
- Any coaches' meetings at meets will be conducted at times other than the 30 minute general warm up and the 15 minute specific warm up.

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**Host Team Responsibilities**

▪ **MARSHALING**

- A minimum of four marshals, who report to and receive instructions from the Meet Referee, and or the Meet Director, shall be on deck during the entire warm up session.
- One Marshall, who is an ISI Official, shall act as Safety Coordinator.
- Marshals shall be current members of United States Swimming.
- Marshals shall remove from the pool deck for the remainder of the warm up session any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety requirements or warm up procedures.
- Flagrant violations of safety requirements of warm up procedures by a swimmer could result in the swimmer being barred from their next individual event.

- THE HOST TEAM SHALL PROVIDE SIGNS FOR EACH LANE AT BOTH ENDS OF THE POOL, WHICH INDICATE THE DESIGNATED USE DURING WARM UP.
- WARM UP TIMES AND LANE ASSIGNMENTS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MEET INFORMATION AND POSTED AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS AROUND THE POOL AREA.
- AN ANNOUNCER SHALL BE ON DUTY FOR THE ENTIRE WARM UP SESSION TO ANNOUNCE LANE AND TIME CHANGES AND TO ASSIST WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE WARM UP.
- HAZARDS IN THE LOCKER ROOM, ON THE POOL DECK AREA, OR IN AREAS USED BY COACHES, SWIMMER, SPECTATORS, OR OFFICIALS SHALL BE REMOVED OR CLEARLY MARKED.

**Miscellaneous**

- BACKSTROKERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT STARTING AT THE SAME TIME AS A SWIMMER ON THE BLOCKS.
- SWIMMERS SHALL NOT STEP UP ON THE BLOCKS IF THERE IS A BACKSTROKER WAITING TO START.
- SWIMMERS SHALL NOT JUMP OR DIVE INTO THE POOL TO STOP ANOTHER SWIMMER ON A RECALLED START.
- SWIMMERS ARE REQUIRED TO EXIT THE POOL UPON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR WARM UP TO ALLOW OTHER SWIMMERS ADEQUATE WARM UP TIME.
- THE POOL IS NOT FOR VISITING OR PLAYING DURING THE WARM UP.
- WARM UP PROCEDURES SHALL BE ENFORCED FOR ANY BREAKS SCHEDULED DURING THE COMPETITION

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and BOD recommended rejection. HOD rejected proposal.

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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)  
By Brian Haddad**

Proposal for Adjustment to SES Age Group All-Star Team  
In regards to the Southeastern Swimming Short Course Age Group All-Star Team Award, I propose the following:

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- 1) That we change the Short Course Yards Season consideration from the current April 1-March 31, to September 1-August 31 beginning September 2011.
- 2) That we award the Short Course Yards All-Star Team during the Fall Meetings weekend along with the Long Course All-Star Team beginning in Fall 2012.

Rationale: Without a spring meeting, it is extremely difficult to get the Short Course All-Star Team awards out any earlier than Southeasterns three months later. Also, the change in season consideration would fall in line with the season timelines used by USA Swimming for both National Age Group Top 10 as well as IMXtreme program rankings.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and BOD recommend adoption. HOD adopted.

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**Requires TPC Action  
By John Boxmeyer**

To eliminate the 10 & unders from both the Individual & Relay Finals of the Southeastern Championships. The rationale for this is in 2 parts: a) to finish the final session earlier in the evening, giving swimmers and families more time to go eat, and then rest for the next day's competition, b) will help with congestion of lanes during finals warm-up. The total time spent on announcing of the heat as well as the swim accounts for roughly 1.5 hours over the course of the meet.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC adopted. No further action required

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**Requires TPC Action  
By John Boxmeyer**

To limit teams to just 1 relay team for both the boys and girls relay events. The rationale for this is to finish the final session earlier in the evening, giving swimmers and families more time to go eat, and then rest for the next day's competition.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC adopted. No further action required

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**Requires TPC Action  
By John Boxmeyer**

At the Southeastern Championships, all finals shall begin at 5:00PM.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC rejected.

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**Requires TPC and BOD Action  
By John Boxmeyer**

The individual event fees should be set at \$5.00/individual event and \$12.00/relay. Rationale: The current fees were set up as they currently are back around 2005. Since then many of the event facilities have gone up in rental and other costs. This would also be in line with the current fees for the southeastern Championships.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC recommended adoption. BOD adopted.

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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)  
By Brian Wrighton**

Season schedule (2.3) mentions something about conflicts and to work them out before the meeting. However, what a "conflict" is not defined here. What we HAVE been using is all the way down under section 2.3 B 2, which deals with SUBSEQUENT bids, ones that come in not in a timely fashion.

Propose deleting the following from 2.3 A: Group members who notice conflicts in the schedule are encouraged to work them out with the other group member before the meeting. Any conflict that cannot be worked out in advance will be resolved by a vote of HOD delegates in the district/districts where the group members in conflict reside. "

In other words, there is no conflict unless a bid comes in after the posted deadline. Similar to our free market approach to entry fees, teams need the freedom to host and go to meets when they wish.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and BOD recommended adoption with the clarification that if bids are timely made under 2.3A, then the 120 mile rule of Section 2.3 B. 2. does not come into play and there is no conflict to resolve. HOD adopted.

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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action  
By Brian Wrighton.**

Proposed Aquatics Guide -- Sections 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 are unnecessary as it is all cover by 5.2 C, and the meet information for the championship meets. The meet info IS an extension of the aquatics guide, so all of the aforementioned sections are extraneous.

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ACTION TAKEN: No formal action taken. Matter referred to the committee working on the changes to the Aquatics Guide to incorporate.

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**Requires HOD Action  
By Tom Healey**

Increase the named Athlete represents to 4 to make sure we meet USA Rules and regulation.  
Elections to be held  
Each December.

Rational: To meet USA Swimming Rules and Regulation that states we must have 20% representation of athletes on our Board of Directors.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and HOD recommended adoption. HOD adopted. Under the By-laws, this was a mandatory change.

R- 13	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires TPC Action**

District meet:

Score only one 8 & under relay toward the team high point. No limit on the number of relays that participate.

This will bring the 8 & under in line with the other age groups at the championship meet.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC adopted. No further action required

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**Requires TPC Action**

Southeasterns:

To select the time standard use a two year average instead of the current three year average.

This will allow the time standards to change faster, and better reflect the changes within the LSC.

**TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (should be just a housekeeping item, or simply a clarification as our aquatics guide already states that the TPC sets the meet info for the championship meets)**

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The conduct of the meet will be dictated by the meet information, and USA Swimming rules.

Eliminate the use of the aquatics guide in the conduct of our championship meets.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC rejected.

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**Requires HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)**

**By John Morse**

Meets hosted within the LSC by member clubs:

Southeastern swimming members will be allowed to participate in time trials at meets hosted within the LSC, after paying the appropriate fees, even if they are not entered in the meet.

This allows us to take advantage of opportunities to make time standards at meets like the age group Sectionals.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC and BOD recommended adoption. HOD adopted.

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**Requires BOD Action**

**By Greg Davis**

Change current athlete reimbursement criteria to SC Junior National time standard.

Or, possibly exploring the option to add a three tier program (Gold, Silver, Bronze Level) for reimbursement.

Gold - \$400 Summer National Cut Standard

Silver - \$300 Summer Junior National Standard

Bronze - \$200 NCSA Junior National Standard

Athletes eligible for reimbursement twice per year (SC & LC season). Reimbursement amount and time standards open for discussion (Open Water Nationals?)

Rationale:

At what point do we reward our national level athletes? Swimmers who achieve ANY national time standard whether it be NCSA Juniors, Speedo Junior Nationals, Open Water Nationals, or Nationals ALL deserve some form of reimbursement from SES. We are trying to promote our LSC swimmers to achieve higher levels of competition at the national level, not just at the summer national meet. Why do we burden these athletes with more cost, when we should help them for competing at the national level. I believe reimbursement at all levels of national competitions would encourage athletes and teams to promote attaining higher levels of success and more participation from our LSC.

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ACTION TAKEN: Movant withdrew proposal in favor of subcommittee being formed to review and report its recommendation. TPC formed a subcommittee to review and submit a proposal to the TPC and BOD at the next meeting.

R- 17	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires BOD and HOD action**

**1. Submitted by John Woods. Develop a 14 and under All Star Team to compete against other states.**

Below is an email I sent last summer to your LSC (and several others); we had inquired about the possibility of Tennessee sending a team to participate. At the time, your LSC, understandably so, felt it was not possible to separate your LSC by state lines and only send athletes from Tennessee. Basically, we were trying to create a state-rivalry type of meet, and your friends in Kentucky were interested in the Tennessee rivalry.

Since that time, we have revisited that approach and would like to invite Southeastern Swimming to consider being a part of this event in the future. We are looking not only for local rivalries, but also for the best possible competition and an enjoyable experience for all participants. In 2012, the meet is scheduled for the weekend of January 7 & 8. Our participating teams are Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio/Lake Erie, and Indiana. Ozark is considering an invitation that we have extended to them. Although we will move forward with four or five teams, our desire it to build the meet to six teams. I am sending out this email to gauge your interest in being a participating LSC in 2012 or beyond.

We had a great meet in 2011 and look forward to the same in 2012. We would welcome participation by your LSC. I have attached the meet announcement from last year's meet for your reference. Obviously, this will be revised to reflect the 2012 participating teams. I have already reserved hotel blocks in downtown Indy and am in the process of finalizing the team social. Here is the link to our online reservation system should you want to check rates for budget purposes: [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=3817435](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=3817435)

We try to make this a downtown activity so that folks are close by not only the Nat, but also the team social. Luckily, we have been able to acquire very attractive downtown hotel rates for that weekend.

Please send your thoughts or questions on this. We would love to welcome your LSC to be a part of this event!

ACTION TAKEN: TPC referred to Age Group Vice President to form a committee to consider participation and to report the committee's recommendation to the TPC for possible recommendation to the BOD and HOD.

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**Requires TPC Action**

Proposal for Southeasterns

Proposal – Reconvene the meet committee to look at how best to accommodate the body of SES at our championships.

Rationale –

1. Look at who we are trying to accommodate at our championships, is it participation or competition. If we are trying to accommodate competition then finding a standard that gets each event to roughly 6-8 heats would be optimal and that will mean dramatic cuts in the senior age groups. As we have seen in the past raising the standard may not limit the numbers by itself.
2. If we want to have a competitive meet that benefits everyone we need to look at getting prelims finished with competition in no more than five hours and finals competition done in three hours. There are many ways to accomplish this goal. For example not announcing finalists before the race just during the race, moving all ten and under events to timed finals only, making the standards harder in longer events but any idea to move the meet along is a good one.
3. If we are trying to encourage more participants at championship meets then making the district meet in SC season more attractive by expanding to a 2 and a half day format with prelim/final could be an option. Looking at the district meet as a viable prelim/final meet then we should possibly look at allowing each individual district to host their meet when they want to race. If the weekend before Southeasterns is too soon to finish your short course season then why can we not allow a district to have their meet later possibly in March and open the standards to allow anyone in the district to participate. These are just ideas that allow flexibility to the individual district. If you want district to be that exciting last chance meet then great but at least let’s make the district meets the participation event and let’s make Southeasterns as elite as possible for our top end swimmers.
4. The other obvious problem is air quality. The air quality issue is not going away and is not just one or two facilities. The two major reasons for poor air quality is first too many people in the meets and in the warm down pools and second the facilities ability to handle 100% outside air through the AC. Most facilities do not run 100% outside air due to expense. The simple fact is the larger the meet the more warm down and ventilation you need. So the size of the total meet and where we want to host the championship events for our lsc needs to be addressed. It is not 100% on the facility to manage the air quality it is up to technical planning to make sure we keep the kids in a safe environment. If the

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meets need to get somewhat smaller then we need to address the fact that the best facilities cost more.

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ACTION TAKEN: TPC referred this matter to a subcommittee for review and recommendation.

R- 19	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action (Aquatics Guide Change)  
By Walter Smalley**

I propose to remove Relay scratch Rule found in Appendix of Aquatic Guide.

Rational:

Does not reflect current practice used in USA National Meet system, and also is so old nobody knows the origin of said rule.

ACTION TAKEN: No formal action taken. Matter referred to the committee working on the changes to the Aquatics Guide to incorporate.

R- 20	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires TPC, BOD and HOD Action  
By Stephanie Nadeau**

I propose that we take the Southeastern Scratch rule out of the Southeastern Appendix completely and insert that Southeastern Swimming follows the National Scratch Rules for both individual and relay events. Stephanie

ACTION TAKEN: No formal action taken. Matter referred to the committee working on the changes to the Aquatics Guide to incorporate.

R- 21	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**Requires TPC, BOD and BOD Action  
By Jackie Bussard-Bertucci and Tom Healey**

I want to propose that we re-adopt below from 2008. As it stands now we have to vote for special circumstances.

H-1 ACTION: Adopted

R-2: Clarification of Athlete Reimbursement during Olympic Years.

Athlete Reimbursement – There is a limit of \$1,500 per athlete/per year. Add except Olympic Trials year where the cap will be \$2500.

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The current rule:

3. Each club is limited to a maximum of \$1,500 per year per swimmer (excluding reimbursement for World Championships and Olympic Trial Competition), including reimbursement for National Open Water competitions.

ACTION TAKEN: TPC formed a subcommittee to review and submit a proposal to the BOD at the next meeting.

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