

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 9:30 am on October 3, 2010. John Woods was in the chair and the secretary was present. The secretary called the roll. The following clubs were present: ACAC, AUB, BASA, BAY, BLAS, BSC, BSL, BWB, CMSA, CSA, CTA, DDST, DOVA, ECS, GPAC, HSA, MCAL, MSA, MTAC, MTS, NAC, PACK, PCST, PNY, PSL, SAC, SSA, SCAC, SWAT, TENN, TNT, VOLS, WAC and XCEL.

Memorials: A memorial and moment of silence was observed for the passing of Chip George, official committee member and Ray Bussard, long time and successful coach at the University of Tennessee.

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

Report of Officers:

General Chair: John Woods. The chair expressed his appreciation and thanks to everyone on the board and those who worked on a committee or task force. He also thanked Jon and TNT Swimming for hosting the meetings. He lastly thanked all those who went to convention and represented SES.

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

Administrative Vice-Chair: John Morse – John informed the HOD about the LSC Leadership meeting for General Chair or Administrative Vice-Chair to be held at Colorado Springs.

Registration/Membership: Tom Healey. Tom Healey report is on file with these minutes. He reminded everyone that (1) all coaches' certifications and background check information was extended through the end of 2010; (2) if a coach is using lifesaving to fulfill their safety requirement, they must take the online test; (3) swimmers must be registered before being entered onto any meets; otherwise, it is a \$100 fine; (3) the SD3 entry file must be sent to Tom one week prior to the hosting of any meet; (4) he discussed the uniform transfer form; (5) he asked that everyone make sure that their correct email address is in the database; and (6) he stated that he included information in the handouts on various insurance programs and options.

Treasurers Report: Jackie Bussard-Bertucci. The report is on file with these minutes. Clark presented the 2011 budget and the financial report for the period 10/1/09 to 8/31 10.

Age Group Vice Chair: Matt Weber. The report is on file with the minutes. Matt gave a summary report on the internet crime information presented at convention and encouraged everyone to become acquainted with the Athlete Protection program passed at convention, which

was included in a handout. He also gave a summary report on Zone meet and changes to the meet as to the number of swimmers and the addition of B relays. Zones will be held in Cary, NC on July 26-30, 2011 and in Rockwell, TX on July 31-August 5, 2012. He also mentioned IMX meet set for October 30-31, 2010 has been cancelled.

Senior Vice Chair: John Boxmeyer: The report is on file with these minutes. John mentioned that Sean Ryan and Curtis Loveless participated on the 2010-2011 National Team and that Maclin Davis and Evan Pinon participated on Youth National Team. He also mentioned Sean Ryan's accomplishments at Pan Pacs. He reminded everyone that the Short Course Nationals will be held in Columbus, Ohio and that Short Course Juniors will be at Georgia Tech. He also said that Spring Sectionals will be held in Cary, NC and senior zones will be held in Orlando, FL.

Technical Chair: Mark Walker. Kate Chronic presented the technical committee report in the absence of Mark Walker. Kate reported on the realignment of the district to move Riverdale, Middle Tennessee and Providence to the western district meet.

Time standards as amended were approved. The SES LC Championships will be held July 14-17, 2011.

Stan Corcoran was chosen as coach of the year. Sean Ryan was chosen as swimmer of the year. Mark Walker was elected as chair of the Technical Committee for 2011.

The Technical Committee also made the following recommendations or action on the pending new legislation:

- R-1 – Recommend adoption
- R-3 – Withdrawn; a task force was formed to investigate and report on the issue.
- R-4 - Withdrawn; a task force was formed to investigate and report on the issue.
- R-5 – Recommend adoption as amended for LC and SC meets
- R-6 - Recommend Adopt as amended for LC meet only.
- R-7 - Recommend adoption
- R-8 – Withdrawn

President: Chris Coraggio - No report.

Committee Reports:

Athletes: Aimee Middleton – Ammie reported on her activities at convention and her service on the Times and Recognition Committee. She also reminded everyone of the opportunity to submit applications for swimmers to be chosen as All-Americans.

Officials: Stephanie Nadeau - The report is on file with these minutes. Dave Smith presented the report in light of Stephanie having to return home early. He indicated the concern about the impact of the new legislation on new and old officials and that there will be another

financial burden to becoming an official. Currently there are 400 registered officials of which 70 are referees.

Laws and Regulations: Brian Wrighton – Report under new business.

Safety: Dave Smith - The report is on file with these minutes.

Adaptive Swimming: Walter Smalley – The report is on file with these minutes. New information form is on website. He included his telephone and email address on his report so coaches or meet personnel can contact him should there be any questions regarding how to address an adaptive swimmer during a meet.

NTV/Top 16: Trish Mitchell. The report is on file with these minutes.

TOP 5/Records: Tom Healey - The report is on file with these minutes.

Open Water: Kate Chronic – The report and handouts are on file with these minutes. Kate advised the HOD that there is greater emphasis from national office to include open water events. She included a template of the SES Open Water Championship meet information with her report.

Finance: Robbie Dellinger - No report.

Swim-A-Thon. Scott Robinson – No report

Outreach: Vicki Balog. The report is on file with these minutes. Vicki reminded everyone of the meet fee assistance program. She also said that our numbers of outreach swimmers has remained flat over the past couple of years. Vicki asked everyone to let her know what they are doing in this area so she can share with others. She mentioned the efforts of MTS and others to include outreach swimmers a part of their program and competitive team.

Camps: Jeff Dellinger. No report.

Club Development: John Morse. No report.

The Chair informed the HOD about the new changes at convention that beginning in 2011 all coach members must be 18 years old or older and that 17 & under will no longer be able to be registered as a Coach member. A question was asked if 17 & under swimmers can still assist under a member coaches supervision. The general understanding of the legislation is that it prevents a 17 & under from being a coach member but does not prohibit them from assisting on deck under a member coaches supervision.

Old Business:

The Chair announced as old business the legislation postponed from last spring's HOD. Brian Wrighton led the discussion of the legislation. Brian reported that Blocks B, C and D were

withdrawn. Blocks E and F were acted on at the spring meeting and Blocks A and G needed to be voted on by the HOD. Brian also stated that Blocks A and G were recommended for approval by technical planning and the board of directors.

Brian Wrighton presented R-1 for discussion and approval by the HOD. The chair advised the HOD that they could pull any aspect of R-1 for discussion or modification. Kate Chronic asked to that the section at line 1664 be pulled for discussion. Hearing no other sections to be pulled for consideration, R-1, except for the section between lines 1656 to 1664. The chair presented R-1 to the HOD for approval. A motion made and seconded to approve R-1, except for the section at lines 1656 to 1664, was approved.

Kate Chronic offered an amendment to lines 1656 to 1664 to add a sentence at the end of line 1664 that provides: "No Appointed Chairmen or Coordinator who has been appointed or elected and served four (4) consecutive years shall be eligible for re-appointment to the same position until a lapse of two (2) years. A portion of any term served to fill a vacancy in the position shall not be considered in the computation of this successive terms limitation."

A motion made and seconded to add the above suggested language to the end of line 1664 was approved.

New Business:

The Chair announced as new business certain new proposed legislation.

R-1 – A motion made and seconded to approve the proposal to eliminate the spring HOD meeting was approved.

R-2 – A motion made and seconded to approve the proposal to set the sanction fee for observed swims at \$50 was approved.

The other legislation under R-3 – R-8 was acted on by Technical Planning and do not require action by the HOD.

The chair announced as new business the need to of nominating committee to present the slate for various LSC officer positions. Philip Kraus reported on the work of the nominating committee and the names of the persons being presented for election as follows:

Administrative Vice-Chair: Katie Chronic
Senior Vice-Chair: John Boxmeyer
Age Group Vice-Chair: Steven Fair
President: Chris Coraggio
Treasurer: Jackie Bussard-Bertucci
Secretary: Clark Hammond

Board of Review:

Central Representative: Brian Wrighton
At Large Representative: Jeff Dellinger

The Chair asked if there were any nomination from the floor. Tyler Kern was nominated as a candidate for Age Group Vice-Chair. The Chair asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were deemed closed. A motion made and seconded to elect the unopposed officer was approved. The HOD took a vote for the position of Vice-Chair and Tyler Kern was elected by ballot.

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

The Chair announced as new business the need to form a nominating committee for the elections of officer's positions to be held next fall. The following individuals were nominated and approved as the nominating committee:

John Morse
Robbie Dellinger
Matt Webber
Phil Kraus
Clark Hammond
Ammie Middleton

The HOD took a short break.

The HOD next addressed the meet bids.

The Chair announced as new business the selection of the site for the long course championships. Three teams submitted their names as possible sites: GPAC, NAC and Pilot. Prior to the vote, GPAC withdrew its name from consideration. After a presentation by NAC and Pilot, a vote by ballot resulted in Pilot being awarded the bid to host the LC Championship meet in 2011.

The Chair announced as new business the selection of the site for the Fall 2011 HOD meeting. The following teams and cities submitted a proposal to host the meeting: Pensacola, Brentwood and Birmingham. A vote by ballot was made and Pensacola was awarded as the site for the next Fall HOD 2011 meeting.

A discussion occurred regarding the bidding of meets in light of the elimination of the spring meeting and how the HOD contemplates submitting, approving and handling any conflicts related to geographical location. A motion was made and seconded to (1) allow electronic submit bids for meets based on the current dates used for deadlines for submitting bids, (2) post the calendar on the website, (3) provide a 30 day window after posting for objection to the schedule based on a conflict, and (4) the Chair will resolve any conflicts between teams. During discussion it was pointed out that we have always had the district vote to resolve an conflict. It was also pointed out that we are seeking to over legislate and should allow the board of directors to review and resolve.

