House of Delegates

April 2, 2016

Call to Order: 12:05 PM

Roll Call: CM, FAST, HYCAT, Tri-C, PKB, C-Lions, HEAT, MYAC, RIO, YSWV

Consent Agenda Approval:

* Motion to amend the consent agenda to allow Tom Phillips to speak first by Greg Olson. Seconded by Tom Plemmons. All ayes.
* Tom Phillips reported on the findings of his survey and explained how the review committee used the data to make suggested changes.

Officer Reports:

* General Chair: Tal Sutton
  + Marietta YMCA has joined the LSC, Charleston Family Y is looking to join, Shepherd University, and Hampshire Wellness in Romney, Wv.
* Vice Chair – Aministration: Derek Weaver
  + Made changes to be discussed for the short course, long course, and Southern Zones meets.
  + Southern Zones will only be taking long course best times for the meet.
  + Meet Mobile has been added to the policy manual due to issues arising from results being questioned from meet mobile. Since they are not official results only the posted meet results will be discussed.
  + A host team will use the best equipment available.
  + An Administrative Official will be at the timing table for hosted meets.
* Vice Chair – Senior: Greg Olson
  + No news
* Secretary/Age Group Chair: Sarah Nisewarner
  + No news
* Treasurer: Scott Wilson
  + Presented current financial information. Financial information to be uploaded to the LSC website.
* Board of Review: Jim Sheatsley
  + Not Present
* Camp Coordinator: Pat Snively
  + Not Present
* Club Development Liaison: Tom Phillips
  + Presentation made first see above.
* Coach Representative: Chris Rogers
  + No news
* Disability Swimming: Vic Riggs
  + No News
* Diversity: Renee Riggs
  + Brought information back to check and see if we have a line item in our budget for disability. We do not.
* Membership: Clarissa Sutton
  + Presented information on the athlete numbers, coaching numbers, and officials.
* National Times: Greg Olson
  + No News
* Officials: Derek Weaver
  + Officials meeting held at the short course state championships this year.
  + Officials reimbursement forms online. Explained how the process works.
* Records: Katie Squires
  + Not Present
* Registration: Clarissa Sutton
  + No News
* Safe Sport/Safety: Aaron Settle
  + Not Present
* Sanctions: Derek Weaver
  + Will be making updates
* Top Times Tabulator: Terra Tompkins
  + Times will be posted twice per year.
* Webmaster: Dallas McNabb
  + Not Present

Old Business

* Officials Registration Reimbursement Policy: Derek Weaver
  + Already discussed above.
* Short Course Championship Meet Review
  + Meet Format – No changes
  + Attendance – 336 ballpark
  + Update Deck Marshall Format Needs to be reviewed. Need to assign more specific roles for the Deck Marshalls and supply clearly visible identification for the Deck Marshalls. Have a list of Deck Marshalls who are supposed to be there each day. Greg Olson motioned to add language to the state meet policies to add Deck Marshalls to the state meet requirements. Tom Plemmons seconded. All ayes.
* Long Course Championship Meet Review
  + Meet Format – No changes
  + Date: July 7-10, 2016
  + Venue: Christiansburg, VA
* Elections
  + Senior Athlete Representative: Athletes elected Courtney Deem
  + Junior Athlete Representative: Athletes elected Caleb Dankle

New Business

* Consent Agenda
  + Item 1: Passed
  + Item 2: Passed
  + Item 3: Passed
  + Item 4: Passed
  + Item 5: Passed
  + Motion to approve the first 5 items on the consent agenda by Clarissa Sutton. Seconded by Scott Ellis. All ayes.
* Motion by Greg Olson to accept Tom Phillips proposals to Strengthen Swimming in West Virginia.
  + Open for discussion.
  + Scott Wilson is concerned that holding a 13 and Over meet in December would cause problems with schedules conflicting with high school swim meets. The issue would be that high school swimmers would not be able to attend due to high school requirements. Also that many LSC officials are also high school officials so they would be split as well.
  + Renee Riggs suggested maybe applying time standards to shorten the meet.
  + Rio Grande would not be able to participate in any USA meet for high school until after the high school season. The same concern with Shepherd and Romney.
  + Ashley Peters is concerned with the number of sponsored meets that will be required in that it will hurt clubs and families by limiting the number of meets that they can/will attend.
  + Scott Ellis is concerned that too many meet requirements will again be too much for new/beginner families.
  + Derek addressed the issue that the meet requirement for the first year would be adapted for the 13 and over swimmers if it is held in December. By calendar year not seasonal.
  + Terry Nisewarner discussed high school swimming in Maryland and Virginia.
  + Tom Plemmons clarified that a swimmer could go and swim in three events at a sanctioned meet and that would count as one of their four required meet.
  + Greg Olson suggested breaking up the discussion. Moved to place the Senior Short Course Championships at the regularly scheduled time in March and then move the 12 and Under State Short Championships to April.
  + Bryce Weaver brought up maybe holding the 12 and Under Championship in March and the 13 and Over Championship in April.
  + Greg Olson discussed why the proposal was made by the review committee.
  + Tal Sutton clarified where we are in the discussion.
  + Vic Riggs questioned which meets teams would not be allowed to host a meet against a YMCA meet or a designated LSC meet.
  + Greg Olson proposed that swimmers have to attend 6 LSC meets instead of 4 designated meets. Greg is opposed to time standards due to the fact that he feels we would have to then hold a qualifying meet for the state meet.
  + Tal Sutton is suggesting to table this issue and include more teams from Ohio and athletes for further discussion.
  + Greg Olson moves to table the discussion. Vig Riggs seconds. Derek Weaver amends that we make Tom Phillips the chairman and ideally to have one representative from each club on the committee. Motioned by Greg Olson. Seconded by Scott Ellis. All ayes.
* Renee Riggs
  + On the disability and diversity do we want to include a budget line for that.
  + The money would be used for educational programs for clubs, coaches, and camps. Further research would be needed to determine how much these events would cost. Clubs can include these programs without the LSC, but this is something the LSC needs to be doing.
  + Ryan Zundell questioned if there was a line item in the budget for advertising.
  + Vic Riggs moves that Renee Riggs investigate interest from each club on what their interest is in Diversity/Disability and return with that information at the fall meeting. Seconded by Bryce Weaver. All ayes.
  + Clarissa Sutton reminded everyone about the USA Outreach Program.
* Derek Weaver
  + Motioned to approve a $2,500 line item for marketing to promote the LSC this summer since it is an Olympic year. This would be a permanent line item for every year. A marketing committee will be formed to come up with a marketing plan. Seconded by Greg Olson. All ayes.
  + Ryan Zundell suggested forming a committee for marketing.
* Records
  + Clarissa Sutton would like to separate the Open ages from the 15-18 age group.
  + Terra Tompkins motioned to go back and review the last 5 years on records.
  + The motion is to separate the Open ages from the 15-18 age groups and review and revise the last five years of records for the LSC Short and Long Course State Championships. At the LSC State Championships the Open age group will not receive any meet awards and not score points. Greg Olson moved. Terra Tompkins seconded. All ayes.
* Southern ones
  + Items #3 and #5 for acceptance motioned by Terra Tompkins. Seconded by Clarissa Sutton.
  + #5 Greg Olson suggested as did Scott Ellis phones should be collected at curfew and given back at breakfast.
  + Greg Olson also suggested stipulating a specific time for curfew as well.
  + Terra Tompkins would like to amend #3 to state a parent may be in a room with a chaperone.
  + All ayes.
  + Greg Olson motioned to accept item #10. Tom Plemmons seconded.
  + Sarah Nisewarner suggested amending #10 to state:
* If a swimmer fails to comply with the Code of Conduct as set forth the following disciplinary action may include, but not be limited to the following:
  + Dismissal from the Southern Zone Team and Competition with immediate return home as soon as a parent is available at the athlete’s expense.
  + Disqualification from one or more events of competition.
  + Disqualification from travel to future Team Travel events.
  + Financial penalties.
  + Proceedings for a USA Zone or USA National Board of Review.
  + Family shall be responsible for any cost resulting from the dismissal of the athlete from the Southern Zone swim meet. Scott Ellis.
  + Family will be responsible for any damages incurred by the athlete.
  + Greg Olson motioned that for this Southern Zones meet we take 4 coaches and up to 6 chaperones. Seconded by Tom Plemmons. All ayes.
  + Greg Olson makes a motion to extend the invitation to the fourth 13-14 male who did not qualify with 1,000 points to attend the meet and only compete in relays. Seconded by Bryce Weaver. All ayes.
* Meet Schedule for 2016-2017
  + Greg Olson motioned to accept the meet schedule as discussed. Seconded by Clarissa Sutton seconded. All ayes.
  + The state meet is to be hosted by Marshall University based on yearly rotation if available.
* Southern Zone
  + Research a plan for future zone meets on documenting behaviors throughout the year to review during selection
* Policy Change for Sanctioning Meets
  + Motioned by Ryan Zundell that a meet manager back-up and meet result files must be e-mailed within 48 hours after the completion of a meet.
* Athlete Rep: Bryce Weaver
  + Strongly encouraged coaches to get athletes to the LSC Athlete meetings.

Motion to Adjourn:

* Motioned by Clarissa Sutton. Seconded by John Lamb. All ayes.