

Colorado Swimming, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
East Boulder Community Center  
July 2, 2010

Attendance: Linda Seckinger, Jim Richey, Alice Coffman, Janet Kralik, Voni Oerman, Mike Novell, Brett Stoyell and Terry Martinez.

The general chair, Jim Richey, was in the chair and the secretary was present.

Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM.

**M/S/P** the minutes were approved with the deletion of the information from Zone 3 referencing LaJunta.

General Chair Report: Thanks to Janet and Linda for all of their help and to all of those that have helped since becoming General Chair. It has freed up time for the general chair to do other things as needed. Took part in a conference call for the general chairs of the Western Zone and we are getting things in place for the Zone meet. Mike Saltzstein commented on child protection and how we need to act on child protection issues. Discussion on during a Zone trip at no time should there be one on one time between an athlete or an adult and no massages should be given by any one on licensed.

A sectional task force was started that never convened and Jim Richey and Shawn Smith are now on a second sectional task force. Monday is a sectional conference call to discuss new sectional alignments.

Admin vice Chair: We have been approved for the Level 1 status in the LEAP Evaluation program but USA Swimming has still not changed our status on the web site so at this time we cannot proceed to Level 2 until that has been changed. The LSC Portal was checked at the time of this report and we are still showing as waiting for the approval.

Action Item:

Have a couple of items in the By-Laws to bring up for discussion to see if we would like to change to be in compliance with the template that USA Swimming requires of the LSC's.

Senior vice Chair: Smaller clubs would be in favor of a new section, possible four corners. Suggestion was made to wait until the Senior Zone meet to see how it goes. Talk to our coaches ASAP about sectional realignment.

Age Group vice Chair: In the middle of working on the zone information and compiling team lists and should have a good team this year. Have only had about 2 15 and over swimmers interested in Zones, but other age groups are shaping up well. The IMX Championship meet needs to get the meet information out earlier and have been on the powers to be to get it out sooner. The meet last year was canceled and it was stated that the meet format for the IMX meets was a gigantic flaw.

Coaches Representative: Tim Howard has stepped down and Jim Richey has appointed Anthony Boettcher to replace Tim for the remainder of his term. Todd is working on a regional clinic for coaches rather than just one for Colorado.

Officials Chair:

Officials have been invited to the State Meet and assigned positions have been notified by Mike Urbanowicz (Lincoln Park) and Mike Dilli (Mesa State), who are the Assistant Meet Referees. John Lorimer (Mesa State) and Kathleen Morris (Lincoln Park) are the Assistant Admin Referees. This is an OQM Meet and the *Application for Evaluation* is on the CSI website. Please encourage your team's Officials to volunteer their time to work this meet.

We are winding down a successful year of recruiting new and promoting existing Officials. After this month we will not be scheduling any clinics until the Swimposium. The Trainers in this LSC will meet in late September to review the organization of the clinics we offer, in an on-going attempt to officiate with consistency across the state.

Coaches are welcome to email your Zone Officials Rep, or the Chair, with concerns, critiques, and compliments about this matter. We want to provide the best environment for our swimmers.

Congratulations to the several Officials who have recently represented, or will be representing, CSI on the National Level! Alice Coffman and Wayne Sherman (Can-Am Paralympic Games) and Larry Greene (Open-water). John Lorimer has been asked to be the Admin Referee at Zones. Recognition goes to Mike Urbanowicz for the up-coming LC -National Championships in Irvine, and to Linda Eaton and Kathleen Morris who have been invited to officiate at Pan-Pacifcics. In addition to his list of accomplishments, Wayne has been invited to China to be at the 2010 Asian Paralympic Games!!

Executive Secretary/Treasurer:

**Registration** (as of 6-28-10)

	Year Round	Season 1	Outreach	Organizations	Totals
Athletes	5662	1505	163		7330
Non-Athletes	669				669
Clubs	62	24		7	93

**Athlete Reimbursement**

Checks have been sent out to athletes for Springs Reimbursement. We had 67 athletes request funds, 6 were denied for not meeting the requirements. Each share was worth \$157.18, total payout was \$19,097.59 Last Spring we had 84 reimbursement requests with 10 denials and each share was \$114.92 payout \$15,801.50.

**Treasurer Workshop – Minneapolis**

The workshop was pretty informative; we are doing some of the things they talked about, Code of Ethics, Whistleblower Policy, Conflicts of Interest. In order for USA Swimming to keep their 501 status all the LSC under them must send in their financial statements and 990 forms. They really stressed that one person should not be doing all the financial stuff. The more eyes that look at things the better, I think we could improve there. Also we need receipts for everything that we are reimbursing funds for others wise we should be sending out 1099 for anything over \$600.00 per year.

**2010 Swimposium**

I have booked the Crown Plaza in Colorado Springs for the 2010 Swimposium. We have also received confirmation that USA Swimming will have a Club Leadership & Business Management School on Saturday.

**Geographic Zone Representatives:**

Zone 1 – the league championship meet will be held on July 10-11.

Zone 2 – will have 2 meets for the season finale, one for the older swimmers and one for the younger swimmers.

Zone 3 – Kathy Howard has resigned and needs to find a replacement.

Zone 4 – None

Zone 5 – The split is going well and there are now two leagues in our zone.

**Reports of committees and coordinators:**

Records/Top 10/ NTV:

**TIMES COORDINATOR**

Meets processed to the CSI Proof Times Database	106
Out of LSC meets processed to POT	11
High School meets processed to POT	32

**RECORDS**

New SCY LSC Individual Records	75
New LCM LSC Individual Records	7
New SCY LSC Relay Records	19
New LCM LSC Relay Records	2
National Age Group Records	4

**NTV**

We observed 32 High School Meets this past season. One meet is still outstanding as the results and paperwork have not been received after several attempts. One meet that did request observation did not get observed during the League Championships due to no officials available for observation. All in all we had a great High School season and we observed 6 more meets this year compared to last year.

**Open Water:**

Colorado Open Water State Championships are being planned for August 14<sup>th</sup> in Lake Water Valley in Windsor, Colorado. The Windsor site is a wonderful venue. Athletes will swim around an island and under a bridge. Spectators can walk around the island and watch the entire race. On Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open water swim held at Horsetooth Reservoir and interested swimmers can participate in both events, spending one night in a hotel or camping. I have contacted the Horsetooth organizer and asked if he had a problem with our event being held the day before his, and since we are not sharing resources, he said OK. I am hoping that CSI will promote this as an “open water weekend” and encourage their athletes to participate.

**ACTION ITEM:** Requesting \$500 from CSI to help support this open water championship. The past 3 years, the numbers of swimmers participating in this event has been 57, 32 and 27. The Horsetooth swim had 49 USAS participants last year. I just hosted a meet at Lake Water Valley with the following cost. Port-o-lets, \$420, 2 changing tents and a referee tent without side was \$511. My lifeguard and boat expense were \$400. This adds up to \$1331.00. Greenwood Tiger Sharks are going to host this event, and I am concerned that they will need to charge at least \$50 a person rather than the usual \$20-\$30 to cover their expenses. We were considering not ordering changing tents, but with all of the recent media reports for USAS in regards to sexual harassment issues felt this might be unwise. Therefore I am requesting \$500 from CSI to help pay for the changing tents for this event which will also help Greenwood keep their entry fee costs lower.

Communications Chair: E-Newsletter feedback (after first 2 publications) has been positive. Please continue to send reports and key information from your BoD positions to be included.

2010 CSI E-Newsletter deadline and publication dates for 2010 (quarterly publication schedule)

Deadline	Publication
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	November 1st

Disability Chair: The Jimi Flowers Invitational was held and the Zone meet does allow for disability swimmers. Mike will ask our disability swimmers if they would like to attend the Zone meet this year.

Unfinished (old) business:

Warm up procedures concerning the three point entry system.

**M/S/P** to adopt the new warm up procedures as follows:

**SAFETY ISSUES:**

With the exception of those lanes specifically identified as dive lanes, all swimmers must enter warm-up lanes using a feet-first entry. Marshals/Officials/Meet Personnel/Staff who observe swimmers to be in non-compliance will make every effort to contact/warn said swimmer and/or their coach of the improper action. Consequences for non-compliance, if deemed to be repetitive, willful, or deliberately defiant by the observer, may include removal of the swimmer for the remainder of the session.

- ❑ All coaches, officials, parents and swimmers should act in a manner to reduce the risk of any accidents.
- ❑ Swimmers are required to enter the water *feet first*.
- ❑ Coaches are to monitor their swimmers during warm-up/meet and are responsible for their safety.
- ❑ No forward dives or backstroke starts into the water during warm-up unless there is one-way swimming & starts with coach supervision.
- ❑ All athletes, visiting coaches and officials are reminded that the swimming venue may have areas where additional care needs to be observed. This includes and is not limited to slippery deck, bleachers and hallways. Proper footwear and caution "may" help reduce these risks.
- ❑ No running or horseplay is allowed and it is the responsibility of the swimmer, coach, officials and parents to monitor these activities.
- ❑ Care should be given not to park in either handicapped or fire lanes as vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

New Business:

**M/S/P** funding from CSI to sponsor Kathleen Morris to convention this year.

**M/S/P** fund the amount to Open Water that was requested.

**M/S/P** present the By-law changes requested to the House of Delegates.

**M/S/P** meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Linda Seckinger  
Secretary