

September 28, 2019
OSCA General Meeting
George Fox University
Newberg, Oregon

Call to Order: 6 PM

Check-in/Roll call

Review of 2018 Minutes: minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Guenther

- See attached report. \$19000+. Spent more money to get facilities this year. Seeing if Arena will pay for some of Kevin's trip. We should have over \$20,000 in account.
- Mark Burnett asked is we could increase the OSCA scholarships given we have so much money in the bank. Motion to raise scholarships to \$400 (from \$350) by Mark Burnett. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept report: approved.

Coaches Convention Reports:

- Shelly Rawding: convention will be smaller in future, and mostly business-oriented. New by-laws to go to new format dictated by USA Swimming. Changes looked at by lawyer. We need to pass the by-laws by the end of the year. Mark Maxwell complained about USA Swimming asking for changes and then not responding to us. He asked if we really need to be comply. He asked if we no longer have an LSC, are we still part of USA Swimming. Franz sorted out the dilemma. Mark M said, "it's one more pile of BS from USA Swimming." Lissa wondered if there were any significant changes asked for. Shelly answered.
- Shane Bennett has stepped down as age-group chair.
- Mark Burnett (ASCA report): 475 attended. Mark wrote a summary of the speakers he heard (see attached).

OSCA Educational Scholarships for 2020:

- 2019 list: submit by November 1 to get reimbursed.
- 2020 list: SCAT, AAA, Bend, HRVST, MSC, MST, RYST, TEAM
- Mark Maxwell talked about round table discussions. Teams can bring in speakers to talk between sessions at meets. Lissa spoke about her positive experience hosting a round table discussion with Alex last season.

Mentorship Reports:

- Lauren Thies: went to Bellevue Club. Wonderful to meet with 9 coaches on staff and head coach, Andrew. Saw the annual inter-squad meet. Watched some amazing

backstroke. They are going through each stroke and spending time to thoroughly learn each stroke. She had a great time. Witnessed their "buddy" system consisting of 3 levels of swimmers: elementary, middle, and high school age swimmers. They put team first. One of their swimmers committed suicide in April and she learned about how they had endured this tragedy and how it made them stronger.

- Jenna Whittier: spent 2 days with Bend Swim Club. She appreciated her opportunity.

Awards Voting: see ballot (Jody thanked Emily for her hard work on this). Turn in ballots when leaving.

Old Business:

- Shelly Rawding/Mark Burnett (HOF update): we will acknowledge these inductees at the top-5 banquet.
- Heather Thomas: Currently, 12 & unders may not wear tech suits. Officials are not happy about enforcing this. Problems came up at Zones with incoming teams having different versions of our rule. Do we want to keep the current rule or drop it for now and take it up in 2020 when USA Swimming adopts rule? Voted to keep the rule. Heather will bring the caveat version to the floor at HOD meeting tomorrow.

New Business: New awards

- Female and male swim of the year based on FINA power points (based on one swim and not based on emotions and coaches voting). This is a way to take an objective stance. This is a way to put value into the awards. These are in addition to the coach-voted awards.
- We want to make the top-5 awards banquet athlete-centered and not officials-centered.
- Top 5 IMX score in each age-group and IMR for 12U
- Top relay performance (male and female)
- Most improved VCC score for small, medium, and large clubs: Oregon City coach didn't think we should take time for these awards. Clubs have down years and up years. Rex asked, what determines small, medium, and large? Each year we will divide the Oregon teams into thirds.
- Proposal to accept all new awards: passed.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 PM