

Snake River Swimming
House of Delegates Meeting - Minutes
05/19/2018

Opening: Meeting opened by Mike Lewellyn at 5:30pm

Attendees: Terri Adams, NST; Jeffrey Adams, NST; Gabbie Adams, NST; John Apgar, NST; Sam Burgi, NST; Jennifer Cluff, MVM; Patty Fisk, EST; Brian Gallagher, SV5b; Natalie Geffros, BSC; Deb Hill, BSC; Betsy Hunsicker, CSC; Peggy Kaiser, PVST; Mike Lewellyn, BY; Vicki Marsh, BY; Todd Marsh, BY; Nolan Morrell, PVST; Phoebe Pahis, Volt; Andrea Perttula, Volt; Melanie Rhodes, PVST; Hong Shao, SA; Patty Stratton, BY; Ryan Stratton, BY; Melissa Thompson, EST; Parker Twiss, MVM; Caroline Wight, PVST; Joan Wong, BY; Timothy Wong, BY

1) Approval of Minutes

- a) Moved and seconded to approve. Passed.

2) New Business

a) 2018/2019 Meet Schedule

- i) Vicki went through dates and added a couple Corrections. One change for Magic Valley Marlin in June; also Nampa swim team moving their swim meet to January of 2020 and Idaho Falls adding June 1st for mashed potato Dash short course; Pocatello adding March 9th age group invite as Kraken Invite.

(1) Moved and seconded to accept the 2019 schedule with the two tentative dates to be added as soon as they are approved. Passed.

b) Birth Certificates

- i) Much discussion regarding birth certificates. Sam from Nampa swim team expressed concerned that USA swimming does not require a birth certificate in order to be a registered swimmer. Currently, swimmers are being denied membership. There was much discussion regarding the proof of age and what would be acceptable documentation. Patty Stratton proposed new language for the standing rules that would allow a swimmer to join without a birth certificate but would need to present proof of age before competing in a swim meet.

(1) Moved and seconded to adopt the new language proposed by Patty Stratton. Patty will write up the new language and send it for posting and adding to the standing rules. Passed.

c) Flex Membership Option

- i) Discussion regarding the new flex program offered by USA swimming. It will allow a swimmer to join USA swimming for \$20 but may only compete in two (2) swim meets. If the swimmer wants to continue competing then they can upgrade to the premium membership and continue competing.

(1) Moved and seconded that the LSC will accept this new flex membership. Passed.

d) Sr. Zones

- i) Phoebe Pahis has volunteered to go as Sr. Zone Coach this year. She requested that each team enter their own swimmers through the online entry system and then send her a list so that of swimmers so she can work with the Zone Administration to have all of our swimmers together as a Snake River team. This way teams can pay for their own entry fees.

e) Standard Format for Winter Champs

- i) Discussion regarding winter Championship standards and format for a meet file. Much discussion regarding whether standards are needed or not. LSC wants to build up number of swimmers and get an idea of numbers. Also discussion with having a swimmer who makes one qualifying time will be eligible for 2 bonus events the same day. Mike requested a new standard and format from technical planning to be presented at the October meeting with an estimated number of swimmers.

f) Standing Rules for Annual Awards

- i) Deb Maria requested to have the award process streamlined by having all nominations and awards sent to her instead of the chairpersons. She also would like to change the date so that the Volunteer of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Daniel Dewey Award have the same date. It was motioned that all award nominations are due by June 15th with voting on June 30th. June 30th would be when all academic award names should be turned in.

(1) Moved and seconded to accept the new changes for annual awards. Passed.

3) Other Business

- a) Vicki requested to form a nominating committee and ask to have people volunteer at this meeting. She received three adult volunteers and one swimmer. Vicki Marsh, BY; Natalie Geffros, BSC; Aiden Geffros (athlete), BSC; Caroline Wright, PVST; Betsy Hunsicker, CSC. Vicki will give those details of their duties.
- b) Mike stated that the USA swimming has new bylaws that will be sent out to all the LSC's and we will need to comply by 2020.
- c) A new rule that will be under discussion this Fall is outlawing Tech suits for 12 and unders. It is likely that this will pass.
- d) Discussion regarding the timing system. A couple of teams may want to purchase it. Mike asked that they put together a proposal and present it to the LSC for vote. If purchased, the surcharge will be removed from LSC Financial Report and purchasing team may charge as part of their meet entry.

- e) Mike asked about researching to get a debit card for the LSC. This would allow the team to make purchases instead of individuals making purchases on their own personal credit card. Mike will research and bring back to the board at the October meeting.

- f) Ryan Stratton mentioned to the group that all the information for age group zones is posted on the LSC website. He will have caps and t-shirts and will also have registration paperwork within the next two weeks. Ryan also encouraged coaches to make sure their kids know if they qualify for this meet.

- g) Ryan also emphasized the need to make a big deal out of Summer Championship awards as well. Teams need to make the awards a special occasion.

Adjournment: Moved and Seconded to Adjourn. Passed. 7:09pm

Minutes submitted by: Terri Adams

Approved by: Mike Lewellyn