WSI House of Delegates Meeting

November 13, 2016

Parkway Plaza Hotel, Casper, WY

Board Member Attendees: Phil Rehard, Holly Campbell, Cindy O’Dwyer, Clint Beaver, Kiesa Geyer, Ian Galindo, Taylor Baldacci, Mark Miller and Danette Baldacci.

Meeting was called to order by Phil Rehard.

The minutes from the July HOD meeting were read. Jennifer moved to adopt the July 2016 HOD minutes and Mark seconded. Vote was held and Motion **PASSED.**

Roll was called and the following club representatives were in attendance:

Buffalo Swim Club

Casper Swim Club

Cheyenne Swim Club

Cody Kountry Aquatic Team

Converse County Waves

Gillette Swim Team

Kemmerer Swim Club

Lander Swim Club

Newcastle Stingray

Powell Swim Club

Riverton Swim Club

Rock Springs Swim Club

Scottsbluff Swim Club

Sheridan Swim Team

United Southwest Aquatics

Wyoming Waves

Worland Waterjets

Reports of Board of Directors:

Admin Vice Chair (Cindy O’Dwyer): Cindy stressed the importance of all clubs having bylaws and codes of conduct to protect themselves and their athletes and encouraged teams to get those items in place if they don’t already have them.

Age Group Vice Chair (Kiesa Geyer): Kiesa reported that 33 athletes went to senior zones and 5 went to age group zones. In 2017 senior zones is in Clovis, CA again and age groups are in Roseville (Sacramento), CA. Age group zone times have been released and will be converted and posted on the website.

Secretary (Danette Baldacci): Danette added a travel policy to the list of documents that Cindy mentioned that each team needs to have.

Treasurer (Teri Oursler): The Treasurer’s report was presented including WSI financials. The Report and Financials are attached and incorporated by this reference. Overall revenue is slightly down mostly due to meet a participation fee revenue decrease. The same number of meets were held but participation in the meets was down about 1000 swimmers.

Teri again asked everyone to consider separating the treasurer from the bookkeeping position. Teri is going to track her hours for each job during the next year so that the board can better assess the return on investment of separating the position.

Athlete’s Report (Ian Galindo): Ian reported that he and Taylor had a great time at convention and learned a lot. He stressed to each club the importance and the requirement of having 20% athlete participation on the board.

Coach’s Rep (Holly Campbell): Holly indicated if anyone needs training and to take the water safety skills test in their club that she can administer the test. Discussion was had regarding posting the checklist on the WSI website.

Membership Registration (Jennifer Page): Jennifer reminded the clubs that we only have 3 seasons so if their registrars see forms with anything other than those seasons checked to please correct it.

Officials Co-Chairs (Clint Beaver):

General Chair (Phil Rehard): Phil spoke briefly about the Fitter Faster Clinic and Top 5 banquet. He indicated that next year is a swimposium so the format will be a little different and if anyone has suggestions on classes or topics or locations for next year to please get in touch with him ASAP.

No other reports were given.

Report from USA Swimming Convention: Danette reported that the convention in Atlanta was a huge success and that everyone learned a lot. She echoed Ian’s report that each club should have 20% athlete participation. Also USA Swimming developing a new website that they will launch in December. Also, according to USA swimming the sport is experiencing a decrease in membership overall so they are looking at ways to increase participation and expand the intent of the sport to include those who want swimming to be an activity instead of a competitive sport. She also encouraged clubs to utilize Wyoming Swimming and USA Swimming resources at the club level and to consider sending people to convention in Dallas next year.

Approval of Budget: Teri presented a budget based on last years actual expenditures and the changes made by the board of directors. She asked for questions and discussion regarding the budget. Mark Miller made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Brent Moore seconded it. No further discussion was held. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Unfinished (old) business:

Phil indicated that we needed to do one piece of budget housekeeping because the Futures meet was listed as a reimbursable meet on the reimbursement for but was not listed in the bylaws as a reimbursable meet. He made a motion to amend the bylaws to include the Futures meet as a reimbursable meet in the bylaws to be reimbursed at the same level as jr. nationals which is $250. Holly seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion carried.

Elections:

Discussion was held regarding the following positions that were open on the board of directors this year. Prior nominations were announced and nominations from the floor were requested. The only nominations from the floor were Wendell Robison for official’s co-chair and Sarah Aksamit for Safe Sport Coordinator. All positions were approved unanimously and are as follows:

Treasurer – Teri Oursler

Membership/Registration – Mark Miller and Jennifer Page

Officials Co-Chairs: Clint Beaver and Wendall Robison

Age Group Vice Chair: Kiesa Geyer

Safe Sport Coordinator: Sarah Aksamit

New Business:

**Legislation:** Each of the proposed legislative items were presented by the respective clubs. The delegation then discussed each of the items and voted on each item individually. Results to be incorporated into WSI Bylaws, templates, and policies and procedures as indicated in the attached legislative packet.

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| **Legislation changes required by USA Swimming (#1-3) PASSED. Also, Cindy O’Dwyer also indicated that she would be**  **going through the newly recommended USA Swimming Bylaws and incorporating all other required changes**  **into the bylaws as well:** | | | | |
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| 604.8.1 | adds "with a sufficient number of athletes so as to constitute at least  twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee."  immediately following Individual Members. Teri motioned, Kiesa seconded. Motion **PASSED** | | |
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| 605.01.13 | adds position of Safe Sport Coordinator to Board Members  (if it is to be an elected position it needs to be added 606.1 as well) Teri motioned, Kiesa seconded.  Motion **PASSED** | | |
| 607.3 | Adds "and a sufficient number of athletes appointed so as  to constitute at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership  of the Committee." to various member and committee descriptions  Teri motioned, Kiesa seconded. Motion **PASSED** | | |
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| #4 | Athlete’s recommendation to change may to will. Mark motioned, Cindy seconded. Motion **PASSED**  **Coaches rep to work with the athletes to establish a timeframe for submission of**  **Athlete nominations and forms.** | | |
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| #5 | Change the reference in the current version of the meet information  template for the WSI Ste Championship Meets under scratch procedures  to USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6(D) and (E)(2) Mark motioned, Cindy seconded**,** Motion **PASSED** | | |
| #6 | Change 1) clarify the time period in which these requirements apply,  and 2) clarify that the USA Swimming test to be taken is the one applicable  to the official’s certification level. Cindy motioned, Holly seconded. Motion **PASSED** | | |
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| #7 | Changes manner in which WSI official of the year is determined. Cindy motioned, Jennifer seconded.  Motion **PASSED** | | |
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| #8 | Adds requirement for teams to bring officials to meets Cindy Motioned, Cathy seconded.  Motion **PASSED** | | |
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| #9 | Proposes medals for 13 and over instead of plaques Motion **FAILED** | | |
| #10 | Changes conversion of state times to seeding of meet with times swam Motion **FAILED** | | |
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Other Business:

Jennifer ask for a point of clarification on the Reportable Times Chair position. Phil reported that Rick Robinson would continue to hold that position.

Wyoming Waves asked for clarification on when we can expect that winter state Q times would be posted each year. Phil indicated that there is no exact timeframe. It depends on when the motivational times are published. After those are posted then Rick can establish the State times and they can be checked and released.

Meeting was adjourned.