

Eastern Zone Swimming
2012 Annual Meeting
Greensboro, NC

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Marcee Smith and Paris Jacobs – Zone Directors

In attendance were:

Adirondack: JoAnn Faucett, Carolyn Manor, Jerry Adams, Sean Carson, Robert Rowledge, Niko Brosnihan

Allegheny Mountain: Pete Barry, Todd Clark, Jamy Pfister, Jacinta Batidsky, Laura Hartman, Zack Berger, Jarol Kocis

Connecticut: Ty Seymour, Rick Lewis, Coral McNary, Dave Reilly, Ellen Johnston

Maine: No attendees

Maryland: Jamie Cahn, Pat Kaplan, Bill Kirkner, Jeff Scrivener, Justin Craig, Molly Giallant, Tim Pierie, Katie Pompfrey, Ray Brown, Wade Atkins

Metro: Jeff Chu, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, John McIlhargy, John Yearwood, Don Wagner, Denise Byrne, Julian Mackrel, Amine Bousbis, Nicole Papsco

MidAtlantic: George Breen, Cecil Gordon, Cherita Gentilucci, Jon Larson, Patric Mills, Mike Seip, Amy Steeves, Matt Sprang, Mike Scip

New Jersey: Mohammed Abdelaal,, Greg Eggert, Bud Rimbault, Jim Wood, Stephanie Crofton, Tristan Forman, Jim Sheehan, Jim O'Neal, Nick Smagula, Ed Dellert, Ed Miller, Pat Collins, Katie Paris, Lou Petto, Henry Fryczyskni

New England; Jamie Bloom, Laura Matuzak, Pricilla Davis, Tim Murphy, Bob Mench, Carol Healy, Mariella Allard, Ray Grant, Joseph Berl

Niagara: Jim Bowen, Rick Aronberg, Marci Callan, Adam Zaczkowski, Greg Danner, James Bowen, John Kingston, Richard Boneher

Potomac Valley: Arvydas Barzdukas, Manga Dalizu, J. Riley Eaton, Boots Hall, Tim Husson, Bill Marlin, Bill Stephens, Greg York, John Ertter, Bob Vincent, Miriam Lynch, Paris Jacobs, Ward Foley, Linda Klopfenstein, Kurt Thiel, Terri Marlin, C.J. Fiala, Carrie Tupper

Virginia: Pat Donohue, Austin Moyer, Peter Maloney, Terry Randolph, Stephanie Suhling, David Strider, Mary Turner, Katherine Webb, Maureen Tolliver, Jessica Simons, Steve Phillips, Pat Donohue.

Independent: Peter Clark, Bea Hartigan

Approval of the Minutes from the May Meeting: Move to Approve--Approved

Report of Finances: Boots Hall EZ Sec/Tres. Eastern Zone has \$6150.79 in its Treasury account at USA Swimming. Still owed is refund to Virginia Swimming for Summer Zone meet of \$434 which will be paid when the zone receives the financial report. Also included in the amount are two early payments of dues of \$125 each. The new fiscal year is here and the bills for zone dues have been presented to LSCs attending. A bill will be sent to Maine which had no members in attendance. Motion to approve the financial statement. Seconded and passed.

Motion to Approve the Agenda: Made and passed.

Report of Directors: Paris Jacobs and Marci Callan. The directors gave a synopsis of the Board of Directors meeting and news. Highlights include the following:

USA Swimming Foundation Report--Currently, 1.5 million kids have received swimming lessons through Make A Splash. We have 553 Make a Splash partners. Make A Splash has also partnered with Team Unify for online donation collection services. As a result the program has seen a 20% growth in donations with an average donation of \$62.00.

If you are interested in learning more information on how to become a Make A Splash partner please go to the foundation website for additional information. The USA Swimming Foundation is distributing shirts this convention for our annual Sea of Blue, detailing the medal count of the USAS 2012 Olympic Team.

All delegates are asked to wear it to the Saturday House of Delegates meeting. The Swim A Thon program has been officially transferred to the USA Swimming Foundation. Summer Sanders and Brendan Hansen have been named to the Board of the Foundation

The donations for the Silent Auction of the Golden Goggles have had great support. Anyone wishing to donate something to the auction should contact the Foundation.

USAS Foundation employee, Kim O'Shea, will be departing the foundation soon for a job with Colorado Swimming. We wish Kim the best of luck.

Records: USAS had 58 new records achieved in the summer months. We have 5 World Records, 11 American Records and 8 Olympic Records. 16 programs in USAS produced medalists in the Olympic games with 9 different coaches being represented. USA Swimming was 30% of all the medals that were won by the United States in the Games.

Olympic Trials: At the 2012 Olympic trials we had 1820 swimmers represented. The trials was an overwhelming success. NBC had highest rating of any aquatic event ever. We would like to congratulate the Omaha commission & USA Swimming fantastic event for our athletes.

Currently, 14 cities have indicated that they are interest in hosting the 2016 Olympic trials. 12 of these cities attended the 2012 Olympic Trials event to see how the event works, etc. An RFP will be sent out in the next weeks to all the cities.

Mike Unger, indicated that they hope to nail down the exact dates of the 2016 trials soon. These dates are needed for cities to accurately be able to bid for the event. It appears the 2016 Trials will be the first to second week in July (4th-11th)

2016 Quad Business Plan: Every Delegate at the convention should have received a summary of the 2016 Business Quad Business plan. This plan covers USAS cultural values, business plan background and the process the USAS BOD & Staff went through to establish the plan.

Our core objectives for the 2016 Quad are: Build the Base; Promote the Sport; ACHIEVE Sustained Competitive Success

Proposed Change to USA Swimming Coach Education Requirement--September 11, 2012

Requested Action: That the Board of Directors approves the following change to the Coach Member Requirements in the policy manual:

Coach Education Requirement – Prior to becoming a USA Swimming member coach for the first time, a coach is required to successfully complete the online course, Foundations of Coaching 101. Before registering to be a coach member the 2nd year, the coach must successfully complete the two-part Foundations of Coaching 201 course. (Effective January 1, 2013).

Board of Review Problems: Review our current Board of Review process at the LSC level to determine if there is an alternative process that would address the above issues. The most obvious suggestion would be to move the LSC process to a Zone or other regional system and get the individual LSCs out of the BOR business. However, there are significant issues that would have to be resolved.

The Complete Report from the Directors is attached

Report of Zone Championship Coordinator: Bud Rimbault. Bids for the LC Super Sectional awarded to Star Swimming, the lone bidder. Bids were received from three LSCs for the summer LC Zone Meet: Richmond from Virginia Swimming; Niagara for Ithaca College; and Penn State from Middle Atlantic. Awarded to Niagara for the dates of August 9-11 after presentation by the three bidders.

Athlete Representative Report: C.J. Fiala. Big transition. Not only will a new zone athlete representative be elected for the eastern zone, but also a new national athlete council will be elected.

Unfinished Business:

1. Open Water Proposal. Continuation of draft submitted at May 2012 meeting. Tabled as not ready. A task force will be nominated with Cecil Gordan as the FINA representative.

2. Eastern Zone Policies and Procedures Task Force: Cherita Gentilucci. Last rewrite was in 2005. Divide the manual into a. Policies and Procedures and b. historical information. Manual called for awarding of zone meets two (2) years out. Motion to remove the two (2) years out and replace it with one (1) year out. Approved. Bids no longer have to be submitted in writing or electronically. Old Manual called for required 8-lane competition; “required” changed to “desired”. Passed.

Elections:

Zone Director: Nominated Pete Barry and Laura Matuszak; nominated from the floor Ed Dellert and Rick Aronberg. With no one nominee receiving a majority, a run-off election was held with Ed Dellert elected as the New Coach Director.

Athlete Representative: Four nominees. With no one nominee receiving a majority, a run-off election was held with Nick Smagula elected as the Zone Athlete Representative.

Secretary/Treasurer: Nominations submitted Marie Beth Hall (Boots) - reelected.

Diversity Chair: Nomination submitted Cecil Gordon, Miriam Lynch was nominated from the floor. Miriam Lynch was elected.

Age Group Development Committee Member: Non-coach. No nominations received. Tim Husson was nominated from the floor and elected.

New Business: Review of Eastern Zone Bylaws. To be continued.

A motion from the floor was made to have the Spring Zone meeting held within the area of the Eastern Zone two out of every four years. The Motion passed.

After this, bids were taken for the May 2013 meeting. The bidders were New Jersey for the Newark Airport, Connecticut for Hartford, and Metropolitan for Fort Lauderdale. A vote was taken and the winning bid was that of Metropolitan. Therefore the Spring 2013 meeting is to be held at Ft. Lauderdale.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Saturday Meeting Called

Call to Order: 3: pm by Marcee Smith and Paris Jacobs – Zone Directors

Extra Meeting called to address problems discovered with the awarding of the summer zone meet. A NASCAR race is being held on the same weekend in Up-State New York affecting the availability of housing for the athletes, staff and attendees. Open water would be on the same date as the race. Some LSCs had called to try to make hotel reservations that would be convenient to the pool. Prices were high and rooms were scarce. The team submitting the bid said that dormitories would be available and food right at the college. Several objections were made to the plan and the consensus of the meeting was that Pete Barry would phone the LSCs when more information was available as to the other two sites as an alternative. A phone vote would decide which of the three sites would host the summer zones.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm