

Eastern Zone Annual Meeting 2014

Jacksonville, FL September 18, 2014

- Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM

In attendance were the following:

- ADIRONDACK SWIMMING: JoAnn Faucett, Sean Caron, Jenn Dixon, Jerry Adams, Allison Caron, Julia Sampson
- ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN SWIMMING: Scott Wilshire, Lynne Shine, Charles Lersch, Matt Tucker, Mike Kristufek, Luke Modrak, Laura Hartman, Jamy Pfister, Franny Dean (athlete), Sebastian Yocca (athlete), Patrick Lersch (athlete)
- CONNECTICUT SWIMMING: Rick Lewis, David Heller, Nancy Wargo, Todd Gordon, Garrett Mazziotti, Massie Snow
- MAINE SWIMMING: Matt Montgomery, Jay Morissette, Fritz Homans
- MARYLAND SWIMMING: Grace Huckenpoepler, Matt Brady, Coii Chester, Allison Hu, Troy Kroll, Bill Kirkner, Jamie Cahn, Jeff Scrivener, Raymond Brown, Anna Summerfield
- METROPOLITAN SWIMMING: Mary Fleckenstein, John McIlhargy, Monique Grayson, Denise Byrne, John Yearwood, John Collins, Amine Boubsis, Frances Warren (athlete), Michael Zuppone (athlete)
- MIDDLE ATLANTIC SWIMMING: George Breen, Paul Coleman, Cherita Centilucci, Cecil Gordon, Debra McCarthy, Patric Mills, James Platt, Kathryn Scheuer, Michael P.Seip, Richard Shoulberg, Matthew Sprang, Paul Stockett (athlete)
- NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING: Carol Healey, Laura Matuszak, Jamie Bloom, Mariella Allard, Joan Beisel, Mary Ellen Tynan, Gloria Johnson-Jesioneck, Priscilla Davis, Christine Close, Alison Lie (athlete), Mollie Westrick (athlete), Kathryn O'Shea (athlete), Elise Atkinson (athlete)
- NEW JERSEY SWIMMING: Bud Rimbault, Stephanie Crofton, Ed Miller, Gabby Werner (athlete), Brendan Koziol (athlete), Jim O'Neill, Tristan Formon, Pat Collins, Mohamed Abdelaal, Jim Sheehan, Ed Dellert, Judy Sharkey, Greg Eggert, Jim Wood, Nick Smagula (athlete)
- NIAGARA SWIMMING: Jim Bowen, Adam Zaczkowski, Christine Regelsberger, Nick Olson, Marcia Callan, Nick Burdo, Jim Stromski
- POTOMAC VALLEY SWIMMING: Arvydas Barzdukas, Merari Chollette, Manga Dalizu, J. Riley Eaton, John Ertter, George (Ward) Foley, Murphy Freal (athlete), Marie-Beth Hall, Tim Husson, Paris Jacobs, Linda Klopfenstein, Miriam Lynch, Teresa Marlin, William Marlin, William Stephens, Thomas Ugast, Bob Vincent, Greg York
- VIRGINIA SWIMMING: Steve Hennessey, Terry Randolph, TJ Liston, Scott Baldwin, Ted Sallade, Peter Maloney, George Homewood, Kevin McHaney, Kara McHaney (athlete), Emily Erard (athlete), Bob Rustin, Gordon Hair, David Hillery, Mary Turner

Steve Boyd, Eric Community College Chairman of the Board, was introduced to explain that \$6.5 million was being spent to improve air quality at the pools used for Zone meets. A new Aquatics Manager was temporarily appointed to oversee and is expected to be named the new Manager.

The USA Swimming candidates for National Office were introduced.

- **Minutes** from the May 2014 Spring Meeting were approved with the correction that the numbers of registered athletes for each LSC as of August 31 of the preceding year was to be used to set the dues for the upcoming year.
- **Financial Report: Boots Hall Secretary/Treasurer.** A copy of the financial report is available for each LSC. Currently, there is \$8507.75 in the Eastern Zone account at USA Swimming as of August 31, 2018. However, this includes \$4836.25, the dues from two LSCs for the upcoming year. A motion was made and passed to approve the report.

Budget Report Update- Rick Lewis. The budget was set at \$0.25 per athlete. The budget included \$8000 for Board of Review; \$5000 for Safe Sport; \$2500 for Diversity; \$2500 for Miscellaneous which includes Directors' travel.

- A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion made and passed.

- **Report of Officers**

Zone Directors Report – Paris Jacobs and Ed Dellert

- Update regarding meet schedule (Legends, Senior Zones, Etc.)
- Zone BOR Update and training reminder
- Formation of task force working with Cherita to create a complete policy manual.
 - Task force will make recommendations of missing articles/ policies that are not currently listed in the manual but are standard operating procedures.
- Open Water Information- Posted for review/ print
- Communication- Each LSC – LSC's establish an email of ez@lsc.com
- LSC payments- cover the billing cycle of September 1 – August 31.

- **Technical Planning Committee Report – Tristan Formon**

1. **2014 EZ Summer Championship Meets**

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- 9. Jamie Pfister indicated that following the outcome of the USAS HOD on Saturday, the Legends Series will need to be added to the EZ Policies and Procedures. This should be prepared for consideration by the body at the 2015 Spring EZ Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA.
- 10. Each LSC is asked to provide contact details for each of their respective LSC EZ Technical Appointees to Tristan Formon tr1stan@juno.com at your earliest convenience.
- **Zone Championship Coordinator Report – Bud Rimbault**
The bids for the summer 2015 meets were approved:
 - 1. Zone Open Water Championship: Middle Atlantic Swimming, June 27, Atlantic City
 - 2. Speedo Super Sectionals: Syracuse Chargers, July 16-19, Ithaca College
 - 3. LC Senior Zone Championship: Star Swimming, August 6-9, Erie Community College
 - 4. LC Age Group Championship: PSDN Swimming, August 5-8, Collegiate School Aquatic Center
- **Athlete Representative Report – Nick Smagula**
 - 1. This year is an election year for the AEC we will choose new people for the following position: Athlete's Vice President (AEC Chair), AEC Vice Chair, AEC Vice Chair of Convention, AEC Vice Chair of Recruitment and Leadership
 - 2. We will also be holding Eastern Zone Athlete Rep. elections for a new Rep.
 - 3. USA Swimming Safe Sport Athlete Training is available for all athletes. Highly recommended for all.
 - 4. This morning the Athlete Reps. made 11,360 meals for the needy with the Hunger Fight group.
 - 5. As I am not seeking a second term, this is my last Eastern Zone report. I'd like to thank Ed,

Paris, Boots and the rest of the Eastern Zone for a great two years. I look forward to continuing to serve USA Swimming in the future.

- **Diversity Chair Report – Miriam Lynch**

The LSC diversity chairs meet quarterly by phone. The 2015 diversity camp will be held at the University of Maryland at the end of June. Each LSC may bring: 2 swimmers (1 male, 1 female), 1 coach, and 1 diversity chair. Information will be on the website. Many zone diversity swimmers wind up at the national diversity camp.

- **Official Chair Report – Bob Vincent**

The sectional meets were all well run and attended. The zone meets were also. The main problem with the long course zone meet is that the younger swimmers who make finals have little or no time to rest before swimming again in the evening. As this meet has gotten so popular the sessions are long. This year for the first time at a zone meet, chase starts were used in the morning which did speed things up somewhat. The swimmers seemed to adjust very well and as Virginia uses these starts at other meets, there were enough officials and timers to handle this. It was a learning experience for both swimmers and officials, but was successful.

- **Unfinished Business.**

- Motion was made to separate the by-laws and procedures manual. Seconded and approved.
- Motion was made to deal with Eastern Zone By-laws and Procedures concerning Open Water by separating the By-laws and the Procedure. Seconded and approved.
- Motion to approve By-laws concerning Open Water after wording is changed. Seconded and approved.
- Motion to approve Policy Manual concerning Open Water after wording is changed. Seconded and approved.

- **Board of Review**

Changes to Board of Review procedures to be added to By-law. New Board of Review is to be a Zone Board rather than individual LSC Board. Motion to create new Zone Board of Review as directed by Nationals. Seconded and approved. Motion to endorse procedures provided by National Board. Passed.

- **Elections**

Up for election were Coach Director; Secretary/Treasurer, and Athlete Representative. As the Coach Director and Secretary/Treasurer were unopposed, Ed Dellert was re-elected by acclimation; Mary Turner was elected by acclimation to serve as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Five nominees for Athlete Representatives were introduced and Ty Seymour was elected as the new zone Athlete Representative.

Boots Hall was given the zone service award.

- **Reports from National Committees**

- Greg York – Safe Sport legislation is coming out. Deck Changing is contentious. National is still figuring out the duties of safe sport coordination.
- Tim Husson – Times and Recognition. The on-line form has streamlined the process. Ten lists are already posted for review. We want to make sure they are correct before making final. There were 189 national age group records this year. Data and analytics on clubs will be available soon. All based on SWIMS
- Bill Kirkner – Diversity. This is still evolving. There is a meeting tomorrow.
- Bill Marlin – Age Group Development. Two projects. Progression of age group swimming is being redone. Adding experts on nutrition and other experts. On-line document to be broad guidelines for coaches. We sent out an age-group development survey, but only received about 50 percent response. Please send it in. We want 1 top club, 2 high size, 4 mid-size and 2 development clubs.
- Jim Wood – House of Delegates. There will be legislation for the Legends meet. Steering thinks swimmers not to have achieved senior cuts. Trials had to be moved to June 26 through July 3.
- Mary Turner – Registration. APT rolled forward for 2 years.
- Riley Eaton – Club development. Retention going up especially in the 13 and over group. Continue mentoring program. Most data comes from SWIMS. There was a club president seminar a month ago. Changes are coming to the club recognition program.
- Jeff Chu - Operational Risk Committee. Information and resources about Shallow Water Blackout are available on the USA Swimming website. The committee is also finalizing a checklist for the in-water skills required for Safety Training for Swim Coaches that can be completed by providers in addition to Red Cross certified instructors.

New Business

- Zone Board of Review need to set up financial matters for support
- Manuals cleanup
- Age Group Chair Pete Barry has resigned. Adam will fill out the completion of Pete's term
- Finance Committee to be formed to vote on dispersal of funds
- Adoption of USA Swimming Financial Repayment form.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

EZ 2014 FALL TECHNICAL MEETING Draft Minutes – September 17th 2014

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Motion to accept the agenda was made, seconded and passed.

Motion to accept the 2014 Spring Tech Meeting Minutes was made, seconded and passed.

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