

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
General Membership
2016 House of Delegates Meeting
27 August 2016

In attendance:

Mike Falati, Chris Prator, Jimmy Jones, Paulette Butterfield, Sarah Landrneau, Joie Stanley, Bryce Connor, Cameron Brandao, Judy Ramirez, Sue Boudreaux, Shannon Prator, Jeannine Malbrough, Allan Andersen, Andrew Antonetz, Robby Fritscher, Davis Edwards, Jillian Barczyk, Owen Martin, Heidi Fritscher, Sara Sewell, Butch Jordan, Patrick Merrell, Ross Hedrick, Kier Braendel, Kaci McGuire, Colleen Barczyk, Rick Harrison, Wally Fall, Vic Moore, Debra Harper, Payton Carnahan, Rob Stewart, Travis Theriot, Jayme Cramer, Maureen Ratliff, Angie Carter and Joan Casseri.

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by Colleen Barczyk in Shreveport, Louisiana on Saturday 27 August 2016 at 10:15 am.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 2015.

*A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the minutes as posted.

III. Treasurer's Report

*Warren Lind was absent; however, he submitted a report for the Fiscal Year 9/1/2015 - 8/31/2016. The balance in the General Fund is \$95,236.95 and the balance in the Travel Fund is \$214,047.16. Income and expenses for August 2016 are not included. A \$20,000 - \$25,000 in additional expenses from the travel fund is expected. An updated accounting will be available at the next Board Meeting. Warren reported that the accounts are in good shape. Because of rising costs the Treasurer recommended some changes to State Host payments. *A MOTION was made, SECONDED, and TABLED for further study to increase pool rental and pay the host team according to the following schedule: Long Course State Meet, \$7,500.00, Short Course 13 and Over, \$5,500.00 and the Short Course 12 and Under, \$4,000.00. The final decision on the payment schedule will be addressed by the Executive Board through an email vote. *A MOTION was made, SECONDED, and ACCEPTED to increase the Post Championship Swimmer Reimbursement for Sectional to \$150.00 and event with a cap of \$600.00, Winter Junior Nat's, Senior Nat's and Trials to \$300.00 and event with a cap of \$1,500.00. *A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that in order for a swimmer to be eligible for the Louisiana Swimmer Reimbursement they must be or have been a Louisiana Registered Swimmer for at least one full calendar year at any time prior to the reimbursement.

IV. Report of Officers

General Chairman Report

*Colleen Barczyk asked for a temporary change in the by-law vote to allow another two years to her tenure in order to delegate and train new people to take over the jobs held by those terming out now that the LSC is on course. *A MOTION was made, SECONDED, and PASSED to allow Colleen to remain in office another two years. Anyone who would like to volunteer should let a Board member or Colleen know so she can make the assignments as soon as possible. Those attending Convention are to stay and register

prior to leaving the meeting.

Vice Chairman Report

Mike Falati reported that all remaining awards are in Shreveport. Please pick up prior to leaving today.

Officials Chairman

Jimmy Jones reported that we are in good shape with our officials. There are still a few teams that do not have any certified officials and all efforts to have someone from these teams to come forward and become certified. Any information on the process can be found on the Louisiana Swimming web page. There will only be training once a year in August, September and October. The entire process takes about four to five months to complete.

Registration Chairman

Judy Ramirez reported that registration opens on 1 September . Forms and fees can be found on the web page. All swimmers should be registered by the end of two weeks. Teams also need to register or fees go up monthly. Sanction forms are due 14 days prior to a meet. A meet name must be in the following order: year, state, club code, meet name.

Age Group Chairman

Robby Fritscher reported that the Zone Meet team was very cooperative and the whole experience was very positive. *The Zone swimmers 13 and over must stay with the team during the course of the meet. There will be no exceptions. These swimmers may leave to go with their families during the break after prelims and before finals. They may also travel to and from the host city via other than team transportation. Once the meet starts and to its end the swimmers 13 and over will stay in the swimmers hotel room. This new rule will not apply to the 12 and under swimmers.

Athlete Reps

The athlete reps introduced themselves. The senior rep Heidi Fritscher and the junior rep Owen Martin gave a brief description of their visions for better communication, representation, and concern over the low voter turnout for Sophomore Athlete Rep. Jillian Barczyk and Davis Edwards introduced themselves to the body.

V. Old Business

*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** that a late entry (any entry qualifying and wishing to enter after the deadline) or swimmer already entered in the meet who has not been entered in their maximum number of events can be entered in the State Meets provided there is an open lane in the event they wish to enter. Entries will be on a first come first serve basis and the cost for the late entry will be \$150.00 per event. No new heats or reseeding will be done. *Wally Fall reported that the Damon McCoy Fund has \$18,140.00 which can be used for a cause deemed worthwhile by the body.

VI. New Business

Proposals *A proposal was made to send out the sessions time line to the coaches prior to any championship meet. That will be done; however, these times are only for planning purposes and not to be distributed. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to consider running the 1500 for women and the 800 for men in the Long Course State Meet. This idea will go to committee (Mike Falati, Ross Hedrick, Jillian Barczyk, Jimmy Jones and appointees as necessary). The results of the committee and the feasibility of adding the events will be reported back to Colleen Barczyk by 1 February 2016, *A

MOTION was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** to offer the 400 Free and 400 I.M. as P/F events. *A proposal to take a 10 minute break if a back to back Senior event is moved from its prelims order. This will be included as part of the State Meet Invitation. *A **proposal** to consider using 10 & U, 12 & U, 14 & U ns 18 & U as relay age groups rather than restricting relay construction **DIED** for lack of **MOTION**. *A **MOTION** was made **SECONDED** and **FAILED** to run all relays slowest to fastest. *A **MOTION** was made and **DIED** of no **SECOND** to schedule our Long Course State Meet two weeks after Texas Sectionals and two weeks before Zones/Sr. Zones. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** to place 8 & Under Summer meet in between District and Long Course State. *A proposal to combine the 15-16 and Senior age groups into a 15 and over age group for our State Meets. Qualifying times can be based on a composite of the top 40 times over a three year period or National "A" times. This proposal will be discussed during the April meeting. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to allow all top 16 swimmers in deck seeded events to declare an AM or PM swim in the State Championship Meets. ***MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to allow one team to handle ordering, distributing and billing of State Meet awards in place of four work slots at the meets. COLA volunteered and was accepted for the new work assignment. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** to accept the proposal to always have the General Membership Meeting after the Convention. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to change 13 and over awards to medals for 1st through 3rd and ribbons 4th through 8th. No awards will be given for 9th through 16th. The awards for 12 and Unders will not change. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to give teams banners in place of team trophies in State Meet competitions. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **Passed** to consider one of the following order of events for Sunday Long Course State Meet: *200 IM, 200 Back, 100 Breast, 50 Free; or 100 Breast, 200 IM, 200 Back, 50 Free; or **200 IM, 100 Breast, 200 Back, 50 Free**. The third option won the vote. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **DIED** for lack of second to increase relay fees to \$16.00 for the State Meets. It was decided that the teams in charge of all State Meets and the 8 and Under Regional Meets will do advanced assigned seating for all teams entered.

VII. Slate of Officers were elected by acclamation.

General Chair	Colleen Barczyk
Vice Chair	Mike Falati
Age Group Chair	Robby Fritscher
Coaches Rep	Dave Geyer and Butch Jordan
Records	Timmy Sims
Secretary	Joan Casseri
Senior Chair	Billy Newport
Technical Planning	Chris Prator
Step up Assistants to the Officers:	
Joie Stanley	Technical Planning assistant in charge of Swimmer of the meet and Swimmer of the Year.
Kayla Alf-Huynk	Age group assistant in charge of Age Group Coach of the Year
Ross Hedrick	Head of Review Committee reviewing meeting minutes and State Meet information, and order of events.

VIII. Swimmer of the Year

12 and Under Female:	Ava Sims CCSC
12 and Under Male:	Jacques Rathle CRAW
13 - 18 Female:	Amy Miller CRAW
13 - 18 Male:	Colin Bone CRAW
Senior Female:	Kara Kopcsó FINS/TAQ
Senior Male:	Silas De Jean CRAW

IX. Adjournment

*A MOTION was made SECONDED and ACCEPTED to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary