

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
2014 HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
27 SEPTEMBER 2014

In attendance:

Joan Casseri, Sarah Landeneau, Colleen Barczyk, Judy Ramirez, Paulette Butterfield, Heidi Fritscher, Wally Fall, Derrek Amidon, Laurie Prahon, Robby Fritscher, Sue Boudreaux, Shawn O'Neil, Matty Knips, Shannon Cambias, Chris Prator, Debra Harper, Rob Stewart, Payton Carnahan, Steve Pantram, Billy Newport, Jayme Cramer, Maureen Ratliff, Angie Carter, Dean Reed, Craig Hamilton, Sara Sewell, Joe Ferguson, Leslie Stanley, Teresa Guillot, Kaci McGuire, Nicole Matherne, Kier Brandel, Vic Moore, Maggie Beyran, Jacque Millican, Alan Anderson, Andrew Antonetz, Travis Theriot Mike Falati, Bill Babcock and Kris Babylon.

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by Colleen Barczyk in Lafayette, Louisiana on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:05 AM.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from 21 September 2013.

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

III. Treasurer's Report

*Warren Lind was absent; however, a report for the fiscal year ending 8/31/14 was handed out. The Travel Fund balance is \$199,703.88 and the General Fund is \$83,326.18. There are still some outstanding reimbursements for the fiscal year that have not been paid. This is the first year that more money went out in Travel Fund than it brought in. We may look at that in the future. A Proposed Budget for the next fiscal year was also available.

IV. Report of Officers

*Colleen Barczyk, General Chairman, handed out new copies of **The Rules and Regulations, Policies and Procedures of Louisiana Swimming, Inc.** as well as **The Bylaws of Louisiana Swimming, Inc.** A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to accept those documents as presented. *A committee made up of Jacque Millican, Jayme Cramer, and Mike Falati will review the **Meet Invitation** as well as create a **TM file** for the State Meets. *The LSC will be funding the **Open Water Meet** which is to be held the first week in June and not in conjunction with the Zone Meet. The body will receive an email by 15 December on funding options and vote. *AAU Swimming lost its insurance so they can no longer exist. *USA Swimming will come to the area for a leadership seminar to encourage new coaches to take part in the organization at the State level.*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to form a new **Committee Chairman in charge of media and sports promotion** for swimming in Louisiana. This Chairman will not be a Board Member.

*Dave Geyer-Senior Chair was absent; however, had a handout, There will be established a new meet which will be a stepping stone between Sectionals and Juniors for 13-18 year olds and for 18-21 year olds who have not made a National

time. It will not be a last chance meet. This meet will be called either Legends or Futures Meet.

*Derrek Amidon reported that USAS would like us to make parents into partners by using the USAS tools for parents. The largest age group dropping out of swimming is 11-12 year old boys. There is a need to place more experienced coaches at the lowest level of entry swimming.

*Robby Fritscher reported on the results of a study of air quality in reference to **CO2 levels** in the pool area during competition and the relationship to swim times. It was noted that performance was decreased by 30% when CO2 registered 1,500ppm. Air circulation needs to be at 87% air flow for best performance. ***Age Group Zone** will be held in Tupelo, Mississippi from 4 through 8 August.

*Paulette Butterfield reported on shallow water blackout, concussions, new insurance carrier K&K for USAS. Guidelines and best practices are available from USAS.

*Heidi Fritscher–Athlete Rep reported on the rule of no **deck changing**, safe sport and practice with intent. Enforcement of no deck changing will be up to meet management with common sense in mind..

Judy Ramirez reported that **transfer forms** must be accompanied by a club check for half the amount of the yearly dues. **Meet names** must be year, followed by State, club name hosting the meet and the meet name—in that order. A swimmer must be **registered** by Wednesday prior to the meet. **Results** must be in 5 days after the meet and all **fees** paid by 14 days after the meet. She asked that any item mailed to her wave the signature and have correct postage.

*Kacie McGuire reported on diversity in sport. Swimming needs to do a better job of bringing in people who were excluded in the past. It is mandated by law that sports cannot discriminate and we need to be aware of the issues surrounding diversity. A review will be made after this fiscal year on the need for a fund specifically in the budget for Diversity. Louisiana Swimming will host a one day Diversity inclusion camp this year with details worked out in committee and reported back to the Board for approval and funding.

*Wally Fall reported that the Board of Review is on the Zone level. He also reported that the Damon McCoy fund has a little over \$16,000 in it at this time.

*Disability—An award was given to Bill Jerome, posthumously, for his work with the disabled swimmers in Louisiana by USAS. The best person at this time to go forward with his work will be Paula Lacour.

V. Old Business:

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to set the minimum number of individual events that a swimmer will swim in the **Zone Meet** to four (4) or one (1) a day. A swimmer still can swim more than 4. *A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and DENIED to limit the number of swimmers to 36 rather than 48 (6 per age group). *A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to set a standard to make the Zone Team at 50% of the times achieved in each event at the previous two (2) Zone Meets. Any swimmer can apply without first achieving the

established times.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and FAILED to have the club responsible for awards to also be included in the timing assignments for State Meets. *A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED that the host team for each State Meet would be responsible for the **awards at each Meet**.

*It was decided to swim the 11-12 and 13-14 ages together and drop the 400 free relay at the **All Star Meet**; however, score ages separately. The coaches will check with Mississippi before implementing. *The All Star Meet will be held at Crawfish Aquatics –date to be announced..

VI. New Business:

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to split the **Short Course State Meet** in 2016 into two (2) meets. One meet would be 11-12 age group, and 10 and under age group. The other meet will consist of 13-14, 15-16, and Open. A committee headed by Mike Falati will come up with the details. This split and format will take place for a minimum of two (2) years.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to drop the women's 1500 and the men's 800 from the **Long Course State Meet**.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and FAILED to change the date of Short Course State to February 5-8.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to maintain the same **order of events** at Long Course State Meet for the next two long course seasons.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to hold a one day **Diversity** and Inclusion Camp in the Spring of 2015; thereafter, seeing if long term financing is feasible.

*A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to change the bylaws in order to create a committee chair for the LSI named Sports Promotion.

***Election of Officers**

Officers were elected by acclimation.

General Chair-Elected for 2 year term	Colleen Barczyk
Administrative Vice Chair for 2 year term	Mike Falati
Senior Vice Chair for 2 year term	Dave Geyer
Secretary	Joan Casseri
Finance Chair	David Moyle
Coaches Rep	Robby Fritscher
Technical Planning for 2 year term	Chris Prator
Diversity Chair	Randolph Shannon
Safe Sport	Courtney Roedel
Disability Chair	Paula Lacour
LSI Promotions	Vic Moore

***Swimmer of the Year**

12 and Under Female	Hannah Huenefeld
12 and Under Male	Michael Foley
13-18 Female	Caroline Beene

13-18 Male
Senior Female
Senior Male

Colin Bone
Kara Kopcsó
Silas Dejean

VII. Adjournment

*the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary