

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.**  
**4 OCTOBER 2008**

Ed Kelly called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM. Attendance for this meeting was taken by signature. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to accept the minutes as posted. The MOTION CARRIED.

Jack Jordan urged all teams to follow the directions on the web site and synchronize all team computers. He reminded everyone when entering a meet make sure that all relay names are on the card and the swimmers names are the same as the name on their registration.

Wally Fall distributed handouts on the concerns covered in the Safety meetings. He would like the individual clubs to pay the U.S. registration for their officials.

Robby Fritscher reported that a new Zone Senior Championship meet would be added this year. It will be held in August at the Woodlands. The meet will have time standards and will be team based. Robby reported that Louisiana had the best showing ever at the Zone Meet; however, it was very expensive (\$43,314.00). Coaches should continue to encourage their swimmers to apply. A committee comprised of Robby Fritscher, Courtney Roedel, Sarah Landreneau, Kier McGuire, and Matt Leach will look at different aspects of the meet and the selections process. Their report will be made available at the Board of Director's meeting at Short Course State.

Coaches Safety Training is to be completed in two parts. The first can be completed on line. Once that is done a water portion will follow and a card will be issued upon completion of part two.

Bruce Thomas reported that there were no stroke and turn rule changes. After May, twelve and under swimmer will no longer be allowed to wear full body suits. Water depths must be 6 feet or more to teach diving. Meet depths must be 4 feet or more or a swimmer must enter the water from the deck.

PJ Keller encouraged all teams to take part in the Club Recognition Program. In the future a bag tag will be given to all persons registered.

Colleen Barczk distributed handouts concerning the importance of the IMX scores in team development. There will be a possible IMX Extreme Meet in 2010. Make a Splash will be tied to Diversity Swimming. Colleen will report back on her Make a Splash she hopes to run in the future. Colleen would like to see the State Meet qualifying times to remain in place for a two year period and the District Meet to remain the same as well.

Mike Falati reported that Kier McGuire is the Louisiana liaison to USA Swimming. All cards need to check ethnicity.

The nominations for the following offices were MADE, SECONDED, and ACCEPTED by acclimation:

Senior Chairman:	Robby Fritscher
Finance Chairman:	David Moyle
Program Development:	PJ Keller
Administrative Chairman:	Ed Kelly
General Chairman:	Wally Fall

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and ACCEPTED to have the Short Course State Meet February 12-15, 2009 in Sulphur.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and ACCEPTED to host Long Course State Meet at LSU, July 9-12, 2009.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to allow swimmers with no more than two state cut times to attend and swim in the District Meets but only in the events they did not qualify for. MOTION DENIED.

A MOTION was made SECONDED and PASSED to have Crawfish host the Short and Long Course District Meets as well as the Spring 8 and Under Regional; Elmwood will host the Summer 8 and Under Regional for 2010.

The 2010 back up site for the Short Course and Long Course State Meets will be Sulphur if UNO is unable to host those meets.

The Swimmer of the Year Awards are as follows:

Kara Kopcso	12 and Under Female
Griffin Guzan	12 and Under Male
Smacker Miles	13 and Over Female
Mark Schindler	13 and Over Male
Laura Klick	Senior Female
Robert Looney	Senior Male

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and CARRIED to do away with the Coach of the Year Award.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to reimburse one coach from each team sending swimmers to Juniors, Nationals, US Open and Trials for a one year trial period. One meet will be reimbursed per season with a 5-day cap of \$125.00 per day.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and CARRIED to purchase one Louisiana officiating shirt to each official in the State and that each new official receive a shirt once they have completed all requirements and served on the deck.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED to have Louisiana Swimming pay for a caterer to prepare all meals for the Zone Team. This item is TABLED until the next Board Meeting.

Frank Sheppard invited anyone with swimmers interested in Water Polo to contact him concerning open weekends to schedule matches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary