

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Ed Kelly, General Chairman. Roll call was taken. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to accept the minutes as published. MOTION CARRIED.

Warren Lind, Treasurer reported that the current amount in the Travel Fund Account is \$175,853.67 and the amount in the General Fund is \$32,285.59. A MOTION was made, SECONDED and ACCEPTED to continue with the current funding format for one more year before changes are to be made.

Colleen Barczk reported that all registered coaches must pass a background check every two years at a cost of \$20.00 to be added to the cost of the coaching certificate. One LSC will begin this year and all other LSC's will comply next year. Programs available for team participation include: club recognition, virtual club meets, I.M.X. meet, scholastic all American and a DVD for parents. More can be found on these and other programs on the web site.

Wally Fall reported that Safety Marshals do not have to be members of United States A. Swimming. The use of cellular phones in the locker rooms are banned. The Red Cross remains in charge of Safety. All occurrence forms must to national with copies to Wally Fall and a copy to the Red Cross.

An Ethics Board will convene once Wally Fall has gathered information on the present accusation. A recommendation will be made and a copy can be sent to National. The appeal process is in the USA Swimming Book.

Bruce Thomas stated that officials do no need to notify swimmers immediately upon a false start.

Jack Jordan reminded coaches on the following items:

1. Swimmers must be registered two weeks prior to a meet.
2. There is a four week grace period prior to joining USA Swimming, but they cannot be entered in a meet during the grace period.
3. It is time to mark all swimmers with X.
4. The fine for not closing out on time is \$100 and no new sanctions issued until the close out is resolved.
5. A coach can no longer coach is one of the three documents have lapsed.
6. A back up of the meet must be sent to Jack Jordan within 24 hours of the meet finish time. The remainder of the meet must be closed out within 10 days.

7. The non-athlete fee this season is \$48.00 and the athlete fee \$53.00.

Robbie Fritscher reported that Sectional Meet will be held in Texas A & M February 22-25 and in San Antonio July 25-28. Nationals will have a five day format including open water swimming. The Zone Meet will be July 31-August 4. Check the meet schedule for other meets.

Courtney Roedel reported that the application process for the Zone Meet brought in about 74 applications at a cost of \$25.00 each. Fifteen applicants were chosen prior the Long Course State Meet with the remainder chosen at the meet. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to maintain the application process which will begin at Short Course State Meet and continue through 1 July. A fee of \$15.00 up to 1 June and \$35.00 up to 1 July must accompany the application. Swimmers can still be added at Long Course State Meet if necessary. The staff will only look at swimmers expressing interest to attend by use of the application process.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to change the time standards and scoring in the distance events for Short and Long Course State Meets. The 400 I.M., 800 free, 1000 free, 1500 free, and 11650 free will have age appropriate time standards. The events will swim together; however, will be scored by age group. These events will remain non-bonus events. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to move all 11 and 12 400 yard freestyle to Thursday evenings events in Long Course State Meet. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and ACCEPTED to have all 18 and Under Relays at night in State Meet swim fastest to slowest alternating women and men.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to use an I.M.X. system for 14 and under swimmers to determine the Coach of the Year. This score will be divided by the number of splashes, times a multiplier based on two meets. For next season the meets will be 2006 Long Course State and 2007 Short Course State. A ballot will be derived by a committee and voted on by the membership.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED that the Damon McCoy Swimmer of the Meet Award will be based on a point system to only include swims at the meet in question and tabulated at the meet by the Records Chairman.

A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to move the 11-12 year old 400 Freestyle at Long Course State Meet to Thursday. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to swim all 18 and Under Relays at night fastest to slowest alternating women and men.

Butch Jordan was elected Coach of the Year by acclamation. Swimmers of the Year were chosen as follows:

Senior Male:

Robert Loony

Senior Female: Micah Martindale
13-18 Male: Adam Kline
13-18 Female: Erica Dagg
12 and Under Male: Grant Grenfell
12 and Under Female: Smacker Miles

Bill Babcock made a MOTION which was SECONDED and PASSED to begin keeping records in the following events and age groups: 10 and Under 400 and 500 freestyle, and 11-12 800, 1000, and 1650 freestyle along with 200 back, breast and fly, plus the 400 I.M. This will include both short and long course records.

All four relay swimmers names must be listed in order to enter the times into the National Data Base. List those names on the file when you send in the entry. A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to keep the present officers in place for another term.

The meet schedule will be posted separately and include the following accepted bids:

District and 8 and Under (Short Course):	Crawfish
Short Course State:	L.S.U.
District Long Course:	L.S.U.
Summer 8 and Under:	Sulphur
Long Course State:	Monroe

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary