

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
23 SEPTEMBER 2010

In Attendance:

Wally Fall, Joan Casseri, Randolph Shannon, Cathy Englehart, Paulette Crawford, David Bonneval, Sarah Landreneau, Geoff Winkler, Regis Turgeon, Courtney Roedel, Mike Falati, Jon Beach, Orlene Rykosky, Billy Newport, William Jerome, Michael Faust, Robby Fritscher, Derrek Amidon, Chris Prator, Janice Roth, Bill Babcock, Craig Harris, TJ Natal, Debra Garper, Andrew Antonetz, Allan Anderson, Kier McGuire, James Winchester, Lucy Riess, Colleen Barczyk, Patricia Oathout, Judith Kloepfer, and Mary Bucat

I. Call to Order

- The meeting, held at St. Martin's School, Metairie, Louisiana, was called to order by the General Chairman, Wally Fall, at 10:00 AM.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 2009 Meeting

- Roll was taken and the minutes were accepted as read.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Warren Lind reviewed the treasurer's report as passed out and recommended no major changes to financial policy at this time. He also recommended that the Executive Board should re-examine the meet reimbursement policy to reflect rising costs. The amount in the Travel Fund Account as of 8/31/2010 is \$207,333.01, and the amount in the General Fund (operating expenses) as of 9/20/2010 is \$35,908.11. A MOTION was made by Mike Falati and SECONDED to accept the treasurer's report as presented. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Election of Officers for the Even Numbered Years

- Accepted by acclamation for the following offices:
General Chairman: Wally Fall
Administrative Vice Chairman: Ed Kelly
Senior Chairman: Robby Fritscher
- Nominations for Program Development were Andy Antonetz and Derrek Amidon. Derrek Amidon was elected. This job will work with Age Group and Sr. Chairman to develop short and long term plans.

V. Old Business

- Wally Fall gave an update on the completion of Level One for Louisiana Swimming. He is beginning work on Level Two and explained that there is a financial incentive to complete Level Two and Level Three. More coaches should take advantage of attending the National Convention meeting.
- The USA Swimming web site should contain documents concerning the protection of athletes. All coaches have the responsibility of educating themselves in order to help protect their swimmers from predators by the wide spread and easy access of Internet use.
- **Zone Team Update**
 - Robby Fritscher reported that the Zone Team experience was one of the best in six years he has been associated with the meet. The team expenses were \$46,044.90 while the income generated was \$20,933.00. The cost to the association was \$25,111.90. Next year, the meet will be held in Cary, North Carolina. The cost of the trip will be \$500.00 to be paid by each

athlete. The cost to the association will be approximately \$28,000.00. The Southern Zone Age Group Championships will begin on July 26, 2011.

- A MOTION was made by Robbie Fritscher, SECONDED and PASSED to only go down 2 places in the four priority events (50's of each stroke and 100's of each stroke for older age groups) and fill the rest of the Zone Age Group Championship Team by the highest Hi-Tek power point score.
- A MOTION was made by Colleen Barczyk, SECONDED and PASSED to continue the application process for the Zone Team at a non-refundable cost of \$15.00 for applications received by 1 June and \$35.00 for those received after 1 June through 1 July for all swimmers thirteen years and older. No swimmers thirteen years and older will be added after 1 July. Those fees will be the same for twelve and under swimmers; however, they can apply through Long Course State Meet.
- A MOTION was made by T.J. Natal, SECONDED and FAILED to change selection process for the Zone Meet from the 4 event priority to the top 7 overall Hi-Tek points.
- A MOTION was made by T.J. Natal, SECONDED and FAILED to select the Louisiana Age Group Zone Team after Short Course State Meet.
- A MOTION was made by Mike Falati, SECONDED and PASSED to change the automatic qualifying times for the Louisiana Zone Team to the summer Juniors qualifying times.

VI. New Business

- **The meet locations for 2010 will be as follows:**
 - Short Course State @ LSU
 - Short Course District @ Crawfish
 - Long Course District @ Crawfish
 - Long Course State @ UNO
 - Spring 8 & Under @ UNO
 - Summer 8 & Under @ UNO CCSC
- Colleen Barczyk reported on swimmers protection, IMX, and Senior Zone Meet. It will now be necessary that all officials must complete a background check upon registration. There will also be a pre-employment screening for new coaches.
- **Long Course State Meet 2011 entries will be completed on line.**
- Wally Fall reported the LEAP will need to be completed by each association in order for their swimmers to compete in National Meets. The date has yet to be established. Wally will be updating the constitution for the association. There will also be a file completed as soon as possible containing rules and procedures for Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
- **All Star Meet**
 - Louisiana and Mississippi will work on setting up an All Star Meet to be held after Short Course State Meet. A spot on the team will be earned through a swimmer's finish at Short Course State Meet. The association will be responsible financially for one shirt and one cap for each participating swimmer. The meet will be in dual meet format and held in Jackson, Mississippi. Parents will be responsible for transporting

their own children to the meet. Robbie Fritscher and a committee will work out the details and report back to Mississippi in order to implement the meet in 2011.

- Randolph Shannon reported and handed out information concerning **diversity swimming**. USA Swimming would like to fill the gap where we are losing diversity swimmers.
- **State Meet Championship Meets**
 - A MOTION was made by Robbie Fritscher, SECONDED and PASSED to change our State Championship Meets from 19 and under to OPEN events.
 - An athlete member of a Louisiana Swim Team is eligible to participate in our State Championship Meets if they were a member of a Louisiana Swim Team on January 1st of their senior year in high school.
 - A MOTION was made by T.J. Natal, SECONDED and PASSED to change 11-12 year old 500 yard freestyle and the 400 meter freestyle to 12 and under events provided the qualifying time is not different for 10 and under swimmers. All swimmers will be scored as 12 and under with no separate 10 and under scoring.
 - A MOTION was made by T.J. Natal, SECONDED and PASSED to change the 13-14 year old 1650 yard freestyle and the 1000 meter freestyle to 14 and under provided the qualifying time does not change for the younger swimmers. All swimmers will be scored as 14 and under with no separate scoring for the younger age groups.
 - A MOTION was made by Billy Newport, SECONDED and PASSED to limit the total number of individual swims in our Short Course State Meet to six (6).
 - A MOTION was made by Billy Newport, SECONDED and PASSED to run only one event at a time during Long Course State Meet with odd heats beginning at one end of the pool and even heats at the opposite end of the pool (in place of opposite ends by gender).
 - A MOTION was made by Billy Newport, SECONDED and PASSED to run all of the Saturday morning Long Course prelim session heats of the 400 meter freestyle following the morning age group relays.
- **Southern Zone Sr. Championships**
 - A MOTION was made by Mike Falati, SECONDED and PASSED to add the Southern Zone Sr. Championships to the list of meets eligible for reimbursement as long as the swimmer has Sectional Qualifying cut times or faster regardless of the Southern Zone Meet qualifying times.
- **New Teams**
 - A MOTION was made by Robbie Fritscher to initiate a three month application process for new teams to become established in Louisiana Swimming. The MOTION was withdrawn.
- **Long Course District Meet**
 - A MOTION was made by Rob Stewart, SECONDED and PASSED to reinstate the 400 meter freestyle to Long Course District Meet as long as the swimmer does not automatically move to Long Course State Meet

unless they make the qualifying time for the meet.

- **Swimmer of the Year**
 - Male 12 and Under Swimmer of the Year - Nominations are Colin Bone and Thomas Siskron. **Elected: Thomas Siskron**
 - Female 12 and Under Swimmer of the Year - Nominations are Madeleine Rawls, Maddie McGraw, and Denise Frantz. **Elected: Madeleine Rawls**
 - Male 13-18 Swimmer of the Year: Nominations are John Michael Moore and Collin Babcock. **Elected: Colin Babcock**
 - Female 13-18 Swimmer of the Year: Nominations are Kara Kopcsó and Smacker Miles. **Elected: Kara Kopcsó**
 - Male Senior Swimmer of the Year: **Elected: Adam Klein**
 - Female Senior Swimmer of the Year: **Elected: Erica Dagg**

VII. Announcements

- The 2011 General Membership Meeting will be held the Saturday after the National Meeting in Lafayette.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Casseri, Secretary, Louisiana Swimming, Inc.