

**LOUISIANA SWIMMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
24 September 2011**

In Attendance:

Ed Kelly, Wally Fall, Dave Geyer, Derrik Amidon, Patrick Dathont, Allan Andersen, Fran Sheppard, Lucy Riess, Andrew Schmidt, James Winchester, Andy Antonetz, Randolph Shannon, Paulette Crawford, Courtney Roedel, Billy Newport, Thomas Clavier, Shelly Johnston, Travis Theriot, Craig Harris, Jeannine Malbrough, Hannah Martin, Elizabeth Simmons, Jill Butler, Chris Prator, Janice Roth, Orlene Rykosky, Mike Falati, William Jerome, Cary Stickles, Shawn Parette, Eric Pennington, Rob Stewart, Robert Fritscher, Bev Salvetti, Sara Landreneau, Colleen Barczyk, Debra Harper, Joan Casseri, and Kier McGuire.

I. Call to Order

*The meeting was held in Lafayette, Louisiana and called to order by General Chairman Wally Fall at 11:00 AM.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from 23 September 2010

*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as read.

III. Treasurer's Report

*Collen Barczyk passes out the treasurer's report for Warren Lind. The amount in the Travel Fund is \$35,908.11 as of 9/20/2011, the amount in the Travel Fund is \$207,333.01 as of 8/31/2011. The National Convention expenses are not reflected in these totals. A **MOTION** was **MADE**, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Note that changes were made in the reimbursement policy at the Executive Board Meeting.

IV. Report of Officers

*Safety Report: Billy Newport – No report.

*Membership: Judy Ramirez – There is only a two week trial period available prior to registration. * Two new requirements: a one hour course is to be completed on line by all coaches concerning athlete protection, and all new hires after 31 August 2011 must pass a pre-employment screening. * A \$100.00 fine will be enforced for all swimmers swimming if not previously registered.

*Coaches certification requirements must be renewed by or before expired. *All times will be deleted that have no USA# attached to them during High School Observed Meets.

*Officials Chairman: Bruce Thomas is stepping down and has recommended Ron Moore for the Position.

*Athlete Report: The meeting was not as informative as last year; however, the experience with Olympic Athletes was great.

*Coaches Representative: Dave Geyer – The goal is to make the National meets more manageable by having 1,000 swimmers attend Seniors and 1,200 swimmers attend Juniors. Olympic Trials will be a larger meet in Omaha, Nebraska.

*Bulling will be included in athlete protection.

*Secretary: Joan Casseri – No report.

*General Chairman: Wally Fall reported that the Damon McCoy Fund balance

has gone down as all other investments. Each State Meet donates \$500.00 of it's proceeds to the Fund which is used to provide help to association members in dire need. The last recipient was John Pittington's wife. *Kirby LaCour, Jr. will be taking over as legal counsel for Louisiana Swimming, Inc. *The diversity summit will be held November 17 -19th in Colorado. The Association would like to send a second coach along with Randolph Shannon to attend this work shop. If interested, contact Wally Fall. *Send Wally Fall American Relay information so that he can send it in for the State. *LEAP level two comes with a \$50.00 per athlete incentive up to \$2,500 once completed. *Pools will need to be certified for accurate measurement along with a contract for use.

*Diversity: Randolph Shannon – no report.

*Age Group Chairman: Colleen Barcyk – Make a Splash swim program video is available on-line. *IMX is pushing distance swimming and has lowered the standards. *A Zone Workshop (mini-clinic) for all coaches may be held in Louisiana on May 4-6. *Deck Pass is a new on-line account for swimmers. They can create an account and earn patches as well as set personal goals and check achievements. *A MOTION by Billy Newport was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the new time standards for State Meet events not fielding 16 swimmers in the pre-lims. All times excluding distance events are reviewed every two years and adjusted. Those times were distributed to all members present. *On line meet entries will be in place for the next State Meet. Those times from District will still be entered off line.

*Sr. Vice Chairman: Robby Fritscher reported that the Zone Meet in North Carolina was well organized and had no discipline problems. The cost was \$46,000 with the swimmers bringing in \$19,000. The cost to the Association was \$46,266. The fee for swimming next years meet in Rockwell, Texas will be \$500.00. The meet will have dates of 31 July - 5 August. Robby Fritscher is stepping down and Derrek Amidon will be taking over the Zone Team for the next few years. *The All Star (14 and under) Meet swimmers will be chosen from their Short Course State meet finishes. It will be a one day meet held in Jackson after the completion of our Short Course State Meet and has a budget of \$2,000.00. Eight swimmers will be chosen from each age group.

*Adaptive Swimming: Bill Jerome – It is encouraged that all starters use hand signals for the deaf. *As of March 12, 2012, all pools over a certain depth must have a secondary lift. The United States Swimming web site can be checked for more information. *The Southern Zone Meet will have 3 freestyle events for adaptive athletes. *Meet invitations will need to include information on the use of photography from either end of the pool.

V. **New Business**

***Election of Officers**

Safety Chairman: Nominated Billy Newport and James Harris. Elected - Craig Harris.

Technical Planning: Nominated Mike Falati and James Winchester. Elected - James Winchester.

Board of Review: No action taken

***State Meet Dates and Locations 2012**

Short Course State: MOTION MADE by Mike Falati, and SECONDED to accept either February 9-12, 2012 or March 8-11, 2012 as our Short Course State Meet. Date ACCEPTED is February 9-12, 2012. Because of the change of date LSU is not available and the meet will be held in Sulphur. Long Course State Meet: A MOTION by Mike Falati and SECONDED to accept either July 12-15, 2012 or July 19-22, 2012 as dates for Long Course State Meet. Date ACCEPTED is July 12-15, 2012. The location will remain at UNO.

***State Meet Locations for 2013**

Short Course State @Sulphur
Short Course District no action taken
Long Course State @Tabled until after Committee Report due to the Executive Board by January 9th, 2012.
Long Course District no action taken
Spring 8 & Under no action taken
Summer 8 & Under no action taken

***Proposals**

*A **MOTION** by Mike Falati, SECONDED and PASSED that if a swimmer has one or two qualifying times in State Meet events they can swim two (2) bonus events provided they make the bonus time.

*A **MOTION** by Colleen Barczyk, SECONDED and PASSED to change the district meet format so that swimmers compete in their prospective age group from 10 and Under to 15 and Over with a continuance of the 17 and 18 age group.

*A **MOTION** by Derrik Amidon, SECONDED and PASSED to increase the cost of each meet event to \$3.50 with 10% going to the General Fund and 90% to the host team.

*A **MOTION** by Derrik Amidon, SECONDED and DEFEATED to have all Short Course State Meets at LSU and all Long Course State Meets in Sulphur.

*A **MOTION** by Craig Harris, SECONDED and PASSED that a coach must present credentials in order to pick up their heat sheets for the meet. It is advised that coaches make their credentials visible.

*A **MOTION** was MADE by Craig Harris, SECONDED and PASSED to allow any swimmer in good standing with The LSC to compete in The LSC Championship meets regardless of their age, high school or home town.

*A **MOTION** was MADE by James Winchester, SECONDED and PASSED as AMENDED to accept the idea to move the 14 and Under portion of the Long Course State Meet beginning in the summer of 2013 to the same location as the District Meet and have Prelim/Finals for all those entered age groups and add 200's of each stroke events. A committee of Technical Planning (past and present), Administrative Chairman, Age Group Chairman, and Senior Chairman are to study and report to the Executive Board no later than January 9th, 2012 their findings and proposals.

*A Proposal was made by Colleen Barczyk to have a cap of seven individual swims at State Meet. The proposal was to be taken under consideration by the committee for State Meet change (above).

*A **MOTION** was made by Craig James, SECONDED and DENIED to remove the

17-18 age groups at the District and Last Chance Meets.

*A **MOTION** was made by Craig James, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** as **AMENDED** to include a copy of an athlete's birth certificate in order to register a swimmer beginning with the 2013 season.

*A **MOTION** by Robby Fritscher, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to change the warm-up procedure for all **FINALS** of the State Championships (including Thursday night) to be as follows: 90 minutes prior to the meet start all lanes will be open and circle swimming; 45 minutes prior to the meet start lanes 1 and 8 become pace lanes; 25 minutes prior to the start of the meet lanes 2 and 8 become one way dive lanes; and 10 minutes prior the pool is closed.

*A **MOTION** by Billy Newport, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to read "provide your own timers" for all Thursday night events, Senior relays and the AM 400 and 500 Freestyle events in both State Meets.

*A **MOTION** by Bill Jerome, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to include the 50 Breast, 50 Backstroke, and 50 Butterfly in the both District swim meets for 13-14 and 15 and over swimmers.

*A **MOTION** by Colleen Barcyk , **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to accept the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations as handed out. *All coaches, members, and representatives are asked to read over the items and make recommendations to either Colleen Barcyk or Wally Fall by 1 December 2011. Another Executive Board Meeting will be held by conference by 15 December 2011. A General Membership Meeting will be called if necessary after that date.

***Swimmer of the Year:**

12 and Under Female: Nominated - Laura Patrick and Clayton Black. Elected - Laura Patrick.

12 and Under Male: Nominated Trey James and Davis Edwards. Elected - Davis Edwards.

13-18 Female: Nominated - Elizabeth Billeaud and Joy Jason. Elected - Elizabeth Billeaud.

13-18 Male: Nominated - Erik Klein and Colin Babcock. Elected - Erik Klein.

Senior Female: Nominated - Arlie Rykoski and Kara Kopcsó. Elected - Kara Kopcsó.

Senior Male: Elected - Adam Klein.

*A short Board Meeting is called at the conclusion of this meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Casseri, Secretary