

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

26 SEPTEMBER 2004

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Kelly at 1:10 PM.. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to accept the minutes as posted. The MOTION was ACCEPTED.

The Treasurer, Warren Lind, explained that many applications for reimbursement were not coming in with the swimmers signature. A MOTION was made and SECONDED that any application with signature will be sent back without payment. MOTION, PASSED. The General Fund Checking account has \$27,318.88, the Travel Fund \$243,372.48 and the Merrill Lynch Bond Portfolio \$4,269.71. The figures are not final. There will be additional travel reimbursements. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to accept the report as presented. MOTION, PASSED.

Senior Chairman, Jimmy Roberts, reported that more senior swimming and senior meets are needed in the State. He also reported that more 13-15 boys and girls are swimming the 200 distances, however, we need to find a way to retain more 15-18 girls. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to have the championship State Meets both Long Course and Short Course be limited to the 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 age groups. MOTION, PASSED 22-9. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change the qualifying times for the State Meets dependent on the talent pool rather than National Age group times for 2006. MOTION, PASSED. Technical Planning, Mike Falati, recommended that we keep the time standards for the State Meets this year and look at possibly changing them next year at our General Membership Meeting. A committee will look into setting up these standards. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to allow more than two 18 and under relays per team. MOTION, DEFEATED. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to have assigned lanes for warm-ups in finals during the State Meets. MOTION, DEFEATED.

A MOTION was tabled until the Spring Executive Board Meeting which would allow Louisiana Swimming, Inc. to institute a meet schedule system allowing certain types of meets each month and the number of meets per month beginning in 2005-2006. The types of meets would be age group restricted, time restricted, dual/tri/quad restricted or invitational depending on the time of year. A committee will present their findings and ideas at the meeting.

Vice-Chairman, Wally Fall, reported that Juniors will be in Irvine on August 9-13 and Zone will be held August 2-7 at the University of Houston. Zone for 2006 will be August 1-6. The Adaptive Swimming program is deciding on seeding by time or age. Deck passes to all National Meets are \$20.00 a person with all persons on deck needing passes. The United States rule book will be brought more in line with FINA. Background checks on coaches was approved. A rule change eliminating the glide disqualification may pass. A sanctioned swim meet must have Safety Marshals in attendance as well as a Stroke and Turn Judge stationed at the 25 meter mark during those races where necessary. Testing is now taking place on the legality of certain equipment and costumes. USA Swimming can help find money to build pools. All pools must have an emergency action plan. There will be a revision of the Coaches Safety Training Course soon.

Registration Chairman, Jack Jordan reported that dues this season will be \$51.00 and increase each year for five years. Information is available on the web page concerning the

merging of data bases as well as the process of beginning a new season. A team must ask if they attend an out of town meet if the times will be posted on the National data base. A swimmer will not be registered until Jack receives the money and the money must be received prior to the first day of the meet. All money sent to Jack must be on Club checks and all clubs must have HyTek.

Dick Bower presented a point system to select Swimmer of the Year and Swimmer of the Meet. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to accept a point system for the Swimmers of the Year and Meet. The MOTION was TABLED until the next meeting. A committee made up of Senior, Technical Planning and Age Group will look over the draft and make their presentation at the next Executive Board Meeting. The swimmers this year will be chosen by the vote on 22 September 2002 that a Senior Swimmer will be post-graduate or college, a Junior Swimmer will be ages 13-18 and an Age Group Swimmer will be under 13 years old.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to change the Louisiana Swimming, Inc. reimbursement policy in the following meets: USA Jr. Nationals, \$300.00 an event with a \$900.00 cap, Sectionals will have a \$300.00 cap, Senior Nationals, \$400 an event with a cap of \$1,200, Olympic Trials \$400.00 an event and a \$1,200 cap, and if a swimmer makes the qualifying time in a distance event the first day of the meet and another distance event the last day of the meet and swims both events, they will receive the \$400.00, \$900.00 or \$1,200 cap for the respective meet. Complete information can be found on the web page.

Carrie Jo Roberts reported on the Zone Meet findings. A copy of which was distributed to all present. The committee presented its report and named Robbie Fritscher as Head Coach and Billy Newport as Zone Coordinator. A Code of Conduct will be available by Short Course State. Any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in the swimmer not being allowed to enter a meet through Short Course State Meet. Any disciplinary action must be approved by Billy Coenen and have the support of all coaches. It was agreed that a swimmer can go to the Zone Meet one time only as a 15 year old or older. The selection process will be studied by Billy Newport with the help of a committee. The Head Coach and Zone Coordination will receive \$800.00 each and each of three assistants will receive \$400.00 each. A MOTION was made and SECONDED to ACCEPT the Zone Report as passed out with the modifications. MOTION, PASSED.

Technical Planning, Mike Falati tabled a discussion on the possibility of Louisiana Swimming Inc. to purchase all equipment necessary for running the State Championships. The Executive Board will take this matter under advisement at the Spring Meeting. A MOTION was made and SECONDED that the awards for the Eight and Under Championship meets be trophies for the top three finishers in all races and ribbons from 4th through 16th places in the individual events and ribbons from 4th through 8th in the relay events.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to pay airfare, individual rooms, and the allowed IRS per diem for meals at the USAS Convention. MOTION, PASSED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to eliminate retroactive December 2003 the Louisiana Swimming Inc. rule that dictates what type of meet a swimmer can swim and break records. MOTION, PASSED.

A MOTION was made and SECONDED to allow all LSA members who have completed their 120 day requirement to swim in our closed 18 and Under Championships. MOTION, PASSED.

The following were elected:

Coach of the Year: Jimmy Roberts

Senior Swimmer Female: Shelly Ripple Johnson
Senior Swimmer Male: Philip Morrison
Swimmer Female 13-18: Micah Martindale
Swimmer Male 13-18: Anthony Fleming
Swimmer 12 and Under: Allison Davis
Swimmer 12 and Under: Joseph Chance

The following meets and their host teams are as follows:

Spring 8 & Under Elmwood
Summer 8 & Under Crawfish
Spring District North LAPS
Spring District South Elmwood
Summer District North Crawfish
Summer District South Bayou (UNO)
Short Course State BTAC
Long Course State Hurricanes

The following offices were elected:

General Chairman Ed Kelly
Administrative Wally Fall
Treasurer Warren Lind
Secretary Joan Casseri
Senior Chairman Jimmy Roberts
Technical Planning Mike Falati
Age Group Colleen Barczyk
Safety Wally Fall
Registration Jack Jordan
Coaches Representative Carrie Jo Robertson
Financial David Moyle

A MOTION was made and SECONDED for adjournment. MOTION, PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. **Casseri**, secretary