

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

The meeting was called to order by Wally Fall at 10:30 am in Shreveport. A MOTION was MADE and SECONDED to accept the minutes as posted on the web.

Bruce Thomas reminded everyone hosting a meet that the invitation must include the pool depth at the starting end of the pool as well as the turning end. All dives must be taught in deep water (six feet or more) and through the various stages prior to diving off the block. It is necessary for Louisiana to train more officials as meets should not be sanctioned without the proper number of officials.

Bill Jerome reported that USA Swimming would like all members to encourage the entire community including special needs swimmers to keep swimming from becoming a niche sport. The use of make a SPLASH is a good way to begin. Accommodations for a disability swimmer are made between a coach and the meet referee.

The new attorney for Louisiana Swimming, Inc. Is Larry Wong.

Robby Fritscher reported that the Zone meet and trip was a success due in a great part to the organizing and planning done by Sarah Landeneau. The team was chosen early able to practice together for two weeks prior to the meet which helped the team win the Spirit Award. After income, the expenses to the LSC were \$24,000.00. There are two slots available for swimmers with disabilities at the Zone Meet. The 2010 Zone Meet will by July 27-31st in Atlanta.

The Pan Pac Youth team will be chosen from Nationals. Short course Sectionals will be held at Texas A&M March 4-7th, and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida March 19-22nd, 2010. The Texas long course summer Sectional meet will be July 27-31st and in Florida July 5-10th, 2010.

Short Course Juniors will be December 10-12th, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio. Nationals will be held August 3-7th, 2010 in Irvine, California. Juniors will be held in Irvine, California on August 9-13th, 2010.

Reports of any occurrence need to be sent to USA Swimming in order to track areas of concern. Air quality problems also need to be reported. There is no automobile insurance coverage except for vans or other vehicles with 15 or more passengers.

Randolph Shannon will be our representative to attend the diversity clinic in Colorado Springs.

Colleen Barczyk will have new State Meet cut times available shortly based on the use of the new "B" times and in events where there were less than 16 swimmers in an event in three State Meets. A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to have the state cut times in events where there were 16 or less swimmers in 3 meets to have the qualifying time an average of the "BB" and "A" times in those events. Colleen reported that there is still a push for IMX with a national Extreme Meet based on points to qualify. The meet will be in San Antonio December 11-13. US Swimming emphasized the need for each LSC to have a crisis team to address communications were needed.

Swimmer of the Year:

Age Group 12 and Under Girl:

Christine Jenkins

Age Group 12 and Under Boy:

Luke Haley

Female 13-18

Kara Kopcsó

Male 13-18

Brian Carr

Senior Female

Heather Winn

Senior Male

Adam Klein

Randolph Shannon thanked everyone for the experience encountered by being chosen Age Group Coach of the Year.

P.J. Keller reported that USS web site has valuable information on club leadership. There will be a Senior Zone meet in Orlando on August 3-7th for 15 and over swimmers who achieved a "AAA" cut time. Clubs need to pursue USS level recognition.

Louisiana Swimming was the largest contributor to the Richard Quick foundation.

Dave Geyer is filling in as Coaches Representative on the board.

All swimmers must be registered by the date a meet is due. Swimmers should be registered immediately after the three week tryout period. Meet sanctions are necessary prior to swim information handed out. The fine will be \$100.00 for non compliance. Registrations can be sent by e-mail; however, registration is not complete until a check is received. Jack Jordan informed the membership that swimmer registration is now \$57.00 and there is not an additional \$2.00 across the board on all others.

Ed Kelly reminded all that they need to go over the teaching diving rules and suit regulations. All swimmers entered in the State Meets must pay the fee including relay alternated.

Our Board of Review is required to have five members. An athlete representative is mandatory. Louisiana Swimming Board of Review will have two athlete representatives and three others. No longer will cel phones be allowed in the locker rooms at any time.

Election of Officers was as follows: Age Group:	Colleen Bararczyk
Operations:	P.J. Keller
Technical Planning:	Mike Falati
Safety:	Robby Fritscher
Officials:	Bruce Thomas

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the nominations as presented by the committee except for Safety Chairman. Billy Newport was nominated and accepted as Safety Chairman.

Short Course State Meet host team for 2011 will be Sulphur. Long Course State Meet host team will be HSC and held at UNO.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and ACCEPTED to have the rotation for the General Membership Meeting as follows: New Orleans, Lafayette, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Alexandria and Shreveport.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary