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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 18th, 2018

7:30 pm, Teleconference

Vision Statement: Connecticut Swimming...better life through swimming.

Mission Statement: Connecticut Swimming promotes the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life through competition and education.

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call: General Chair, Ellen Johnston (EJ) called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Graham Bodner, Gordon Brown, Ed Doernberger, Ken Gray, David Heller, Ellen Johnston, Susan Lecza, Rick Lewis, Jen Lyman, Joan Lynch, Duffy Mudry, Richard Nolan, Jason Paige, Matt Pohlman, Dave Reilly, Rob Riccoban, Jim Robison, Suzannah Rogers, John Scaldini, Kaeley Steinnagel, Mark Wollen

Not Present: Kyle Brown, Todd Gordon, Rick LaFrenierre, Tylor Mathieu, Marissa McNary, McAllister Milne, Dave Modzelewski

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Announcements: EJ welcomed everyone and thanked everyone on the call for participating. No announcements.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved as presented.

Adoption of Minutes from November 27, 2018 Meeting:

Amended to include Jim Robison in attendance.

MOTION made to approve the minutes from November 27, 2018 Board Meeting as amended.

Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

January's extended meeting agenda items - EJ

A formal agenda will be finalized and distributed after January 1. Agenda items to include Swimposium planning, mini-governance seminar for the Board, and a 2020 OT invitational. Other agenda items as well.

Governance Committee - EJ

With the new Bylaws, a new Governance Committee will be forming soon. Ellen will consult with Jane Grosser for assistance with how to put it together, to clarify the role of the Board, tasks of each position, and ways to help keep the Board on task. To discuss in detail at January BOD Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Selection – Ellen Johnston

David Heller, Emmanuel Lanzo, Rick Lewis, Joan Lynch and Richard Nolan were appointed.

Athlete Social Media Page – Richard Nolan

RN recommends a social media page, specifically Instagram. Graham Bodner and John Scaldini agreed to provide oversight. Richard will establish parameters and present to the Board at the January meeting. Motion approved.

Concussion Training – Jim Robison

JR did a quick review of the concussion training material that was sent out by USA Swimming. CT statutes don't require concussion training for youth sports (outside of school systems). JR asked for feedback regarding moving forward with a CSI concussion training requirement. Ken Gray mentioned chain of responsibility and Rick Lewis suggested recognizing the CT school courses. The decision was made to move forward and make this a January meeting agenda item.

Silicone vs. Latex Event Winner Caps for LC Regionals – Todd Gordon

Richard Nolan and the athlete reps will poll athletes regarding event winner awards, specifically Silicone vs. Latex caps. Are the winner caps ever worn, or more of an award that is kept and not used. Also, caps vs. t-shirts or some other event winner caps. Will focus on LC2019 championship meets as deadline to figure this out.

Elite Training Camp – Jen Lyman

Based off last meeting's discussion, Jen L prepared 2019 Elite High Altitude Training Camp Flyer, distributed to the Board (Attachment I). Motion made by Jen L to support the running of the Camp as set forth in the flyer. Discussed process around financial aid and payment plans, and ensuring all are aware of the available financial assistance. (Will require Endorsement Letter from club coach, verifying the need for financial assistance, if not already an Outreach athlete.). Passed unanimously.

EJ suggested putting onto the application a note where someone applying for financial aid will notate that they are applying for financial aid, and the need for letter of endorsement from coach to verify financial need.

Swimposium Planning – Matt Pohlman

MP working with Dave M and Graham B on planning. Planning for 3 tracks: Coaches, Swimmers, Parents. Consider opening it up to other LSC's, determine if we will charge parents, sponsors, USA Swimming – may be able to receive a grant to help fund it. If grant is used, USA Swimming would lead the format and supply speakers.

EJ noted that funding would come from 2019-20 budget. She is aware of some good college coaches who may be interested. Will continue discussion at January meeting.

MP – Timing should be Sept 21-22 or Sept 28-29. EJ would like it to be Sept 21-22. KG stated the Officials meeting will be the first week of September, or the end of August. HOD meeting date tentatively set for Sept 21-22.

CSI Financials – Sue Lecza

Sue presented the November 30, 2018 Financial Statements, noting no major variances from budget.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

General Chair Report – Ellen Johnston – nothing additional

Administrative Vice-Chair – Dave Reilly – none

Treasurer – Susan Lecza nothing additional

Finance Vice-Chair – Todd Gordon – none

Age Group Committee Chair – Gordon Brown – Age Group Committee meeting to go over meet announcement, made minor changes to AGC meet announcement. 3-tiered schedule, similar to LC schedule. Getting 13&over done earliest on Thursday since they start first the following morning. 3-tier sessions should reduce number of people on deck per the Chelsea Piers requirement. There will be a change in scratch deadlines for AGC – due the evening before, and can be sent by email or handed in on-deck. This will help the table run smoother in the mornings.

Waiting on Sheraton Stamford and Marriott to see if they will give same deals as last year for room rates. This will be reflected in announcement asap.

Also determining if the meet will count as a national certification meet for officials. KG will find out and update. Mark Wollen will be the meet referee for AGC. KG will get back to them with Admin Referee name. Not able to hold time trials due to timing of sessions.

Senior Committee Chair – Jason Paige – sent meet announcement to Program Development for approval. Same format as last year, just different weekend. Senior Invite March 7-10, three teams bid, awarded to GRIT Aquatics.

Technical Planning Committee Chair – Kaeley Steinnagel

KS discussed tech suit ban. The timing of implementation will go to HOD vote. Tech Planning looking to go to a full 12&under tech suit ban starting 9/1/19. Some concerns about doing the ban prior to USA Swimming ban date of 2020. PD did not have a quorum, so it has not been voted on yet. AGC agree with 2019 ban. Will decide if going to bring to HOD meeting in May of 2019.

Program Development Vice-Chair – Jen Lyman

Jen L took vote among PD members to accept the Age Group Championships Meet Announcement as amended. Passed unanimously.

Jen L took vote among PD members to accept the Senior Championships Meet Announcement as presented. Passed unanimously.

Program Operations Co-Vice-Chairs – Suzannah Rogers/Mark Wollen – no report

Officials Committee Chair – Ken Gray

Currently in recertification period. Have added about 80 officials, up to 325 (from 320 a year ago). Proposing a change in reimbursement policy. Officials are required to serve at least 12 sessions as meet ref in CT. Want to ensure travel money is reimbursed for people who work in CT, and want to ensure reimbursement reflects actual current costs.

Operational Risk Co-Coordinator – Duffy Mudry/Jim Robison – no report

Coach Representatives – Dave Modzelewski/Graham Bodner – nothing add'l

Athlete Representatives – Tylor Mathieu/Marissa McNary/McAllister Milne/Kyle Brown/Richard Nolan – nothing additional

Safe Sport Coordinator – Rob Riccobon - none

Coach-at-Large – Matt Pohlman - none

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Rick LaFrenierre - none

Zone Team Coordinator – John Scaldini - none

The next Board meeting will be held on January 22nd at 5:00pm, and will be an extended meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Lynch
Secretary*