

Connecticut Swimming Inc
Board of Director Minutes
January 19, 2011
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

Present: Ed Becker, Hilary Berger, Peter Boucher, Jeff Gray, Chris Hug, King Lee, Rick Lewis, Dan Mascolo, Bob Shearer, Judy Snow, Kaeley Steinnagel, John Spadafina, Bonnie Strittmatter, Mary Westcott

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Not Present: Bill Ball, Ed Dornberger, Mike Huffman, Lexi Koukos, Cooper Kearns

Meeting is called to order at 7:30pm

Approval of the Agenda: approved unanimously

Approval of the Minutes:

The following changes are made to the minutes from December 1, 2010.

Change the following:

*To add the words System 6 to the Wesleyan Gift Section of the December 15th minutes to describe the scoring system and the starting system.

*In addition amending that CSI will donate \$40,000 once Wesleyan has an invoice to pay (rather than once the equipment is purchased).

A motion to approve the minutes is made with the above changes and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Athlete Representative Election: John Spadafina: had two unsuccessful calls preventing the committee from getting the feedback they were seeking to revise elections. John proposes to keep it the same with a ballot box at Senior Championships, using a parent volunteer, list of athletes in the meet and the swimmers would cast their votes. He suggests that a volunteer from teams can work the desk (exempting teams with candidates running). A suggestion is made about including Age Group Championship as well where CSI would create an athlete list by age for swimmers 13 and over. Concerns raised about the current process being disruptive on deck for referee, coaches and athletes.

Ed D. and Chris suggest that a proposal be drafted and sent to them to present to the athlete reps who will vote yes or no.

Coaches Online Forum: John Spadafina (speaking on Dan's behalf). A decision is made to use the same model as Ed Becker has created for the Official's Blog. This is favorable for many reasons, in particular that it is not on the CSI server, is affordable, can be easily moderated and is private. Ed Becker offered to get it set up with Dan or the Senior Coaches Representative.

Strategic Framework Document: Chris has nothing further to report on this right now. He requests that we keep it on the Agenda.

Ad Policy and Procedure Update: Chris wants to carry this over to our next meeting to give the Board time to ensure that there is nothing of importance missing from the policy and that we are not compromising our 501(c)(3) status in anyway.

New Business:

Zone Team Chaperones: After lengthy discussion the following motion was made : "CSI will reimburse non members for USA Swimming registration and a Level 1 background check for Zone Team Chaperones." The motion is unanimously approved.

Reports of Officers:

General Chair: Chris Hug: nothing added

Vice Chair: Rick Lewis: no report this month

Treasurer: Mary Wescott: Working on W2 and 1099 for 2010 and reports CSI is in good fiscal condition. Athlete registration is up from \$264,000 to \$281,000.

Finance: Bonnie Strittmatter: Judy reports that USA Swimming will take one more dollar out of membership again in 2012.

Age Group Committee: King Lee: nothing added

Senior Committee Chair: Bob Shearer: did not submit report but reports that a date has not yet been set for the Senior Invite Meet which will be a Senior Circuit Meet. He did not wish to post it yet.

Program Development Vice Chair: Jeff Gray: nothing added

Program Operations Vice-Chair: Mike Huffman: no report

Technical Planning Committee Chair: Kaeley Steinnagel: Regional Championships: shared information from the recent meeting which addressed issues including how to encourage teams who don't usually host meets to do so and exploring ways to make costs more even across the board. She also pointed out that although Age Groups and Senior Championships are hosted by CSI, the Regional meets are hosted by teams, questioning its "Championship" status.

Coaches Representatives: Dan Mascolo and John Spadafina: Feedback about current Athlete Rep election process as being disruptive on deck to meet referee, coaches and athletes. Chris thanks Dan again for tackling this challenge and suggests this goes through the Age Group Committee.

Athlete Representatives: Cooper Kearns/Lexi Koukos: not present

Coach at Large: position unfilled.

Safety Committee Chair: Peter Boucher - no report

Officials Committee Chair: Ed Becker: Ed announces upcoming clinics

Registration/Membership Coordinator: Judy Snow: Axiom is doing a good job of getting things done with background checks and she is issuing cards at a rapid rate.