

**Draft
Connecticut Swimming**

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MINUTES
May 17, 2011
High Plains Community Center, Orange, Ct**

General Chair Chris Hug called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

Present Board Members: Ed Becker, Hilary Berger, Ed Doernberger, Jeffrey Gray, Cooper Kearns, Lexi Koukos, King Lee, Dan Mascolo, Bob Shearer, Judy Snow, John Spadafina, Kaeley Steinnagel, Bonnie Strittmatter, Mary Westcott,

Not Present: Rick Lewis, Mike Huffman, Mary Westcott, Peter Boucher

Also Present: Nan Cooper

Club Delegates Present: John McCann (AJSC), Robyn Gibbons (CAT), George Bradner (CCAT), Dan Mascolo (CDOG), Tak Takabayashi (GLAS), Tim Wise (OMNI), Hank Jansen (PSDY), RAC (Bob Shearer voted as bd member), Dve Reilly (WAC), Rob Bouchey (WCYM), Katie Riccobon (WHAT), Ellen Johnston (WRAT), Christina Teuscher (Yale)

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to accept the Agenda as written was unanimously approved

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the May 2011 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved

Welcome and Announcements and Chairman's Report: General Chair Chris Hug welcomed all present to the meeting. He reported that the finances of CT Swim are very healthy and he credits prior and current boards for that. He reported that the board attended a retreat in September which focused on the future of CT swim and that the Board has spent its time moving goals forward. Mr. Hug recognized and gave thanks to out-going board members Peter Boucher Safety Chair, Mike Huffman, Program Operations Vice Chair, King Lee, Age Group Committee Vice Chair, Cooper Kearns, Senior Athlete Representative and Dan Mascolo, Coachs Representative, Bonnie Strittmatter, Finance Vice Chair. Newly elected Athlete and Coach Representatives were acknowledged: Jim Santiago, Jr Coach Representative, Senior Athlete Rep, Molly Condron, Junior Athlete Rep, Ty Seymour, Junior Athlete Rep Kaz Takabayashi, He reports that we passed Leap Level1 on February 28, 2011 thanks to Nan.

Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice-Chair: Chris Hug reports: Rick Lewis is not present. See report on 2011 Bylaw Revision at end of meeting under new business. Mr. Hug reported that at his recent meeting out in Colorado Ct Swim was acknowledged for its Website and FAST System and that we are considered a high functioning LSC.

Treasurer- Mary Wescott: Connecticut Swimming is in good financial health with good cash balances. Our membership is up along with our surcharges. She commented that the Age Group Meet is more profitable than Seniors meet.

Finance Vice-Chair- Bonnie Strittmatter: We are a very healthy organization at this time. Our investments are safe and not impacted by the markets.

Age Group Committee: King Lee: Committee met regularly. Approved having LC Regional Championships for 12/U and 13/Over at three locations. They ran SC and LC Age Group Championships with success..

Senior Committee Chair- Bill Ball/Bob Shearer: Ran successful and competitive SC Senior Championship meet. And promoted faster swimming with modified finals format for the Senior Championship meet. Format of seniors modified to look like SC Sectional Championships. Long Course Seniors revised too. The committee also provides support for athletes camps, athlete assistance for national level meets and guidance for participation in Sectionals, Juniors Nationals and Senior Nationals. Committee's goals include increasing support for athletes to attend national level meets.

Program Development Vice Chair: Jeff Gray: Committee coordinates discussion between the technical planning committee, age group committee and senior committee. They go through all the many proposals, have a very active meeting schedule where both minutes and draft minutes are posted for membership to have a chance to see discussions: Highlights:

*Reviewing and approving a travel policy,

*Acknowledges the work of Joanne Mcaffrey for all of her work updating Time Standards

*Looking for a chair for adapted swimming

*Approved all time tables for the upcoming year.

*Will be approving Short Course 2012 time standards for age groups, regionals and senior championships

*Sectional dates are now approved.

*Zone team is under discussion with zone coordinators and age group committee.

Program Operations Vice Chair-Mike Huffman: not present

Technical Planning-Kaeley Steinnagel- wants to move this committee towards looking toward the future of ct swim to be pro-active. She anticipates growth especially with an Olympic year ahead. Having a quadrennial plan is the goal. John Burr is the athlete on the committee. Dan Zeek is taking Jen Lyman's place on the committee.

Coaches Representatives- John Spadafina and Dan Mascolo- John reports that they ran successful elections. They have revised criterion for Coach of the Year, Senior Coach of the Year and Age Group Coach of the Year.

Athlete Representative- Cooper Kearns/Lexi Koukos- Coordinated better election for athlete representatives, in addition to attending the convention. The major change she reports are the number of junior and senior representatives per year (will be 2 each). Cooper Kearns is moving on and Kaeley compliments her for doing a good job and having her voice heard. Lexi will stay on for another year.

Safety Committee Chair-Peter Boucher: not present

Officials Committee Chair- Ed Becker- Ed reports that the biggest challenge is the new background check requirement. Additionally everyone will be now be required to complete a course online with questions at the end addressing Athlete Protection. Ed reports the positive use of the official's blog and the need to get people communicating on it. There are new open water sanctions in place. He shares the new USA swimming Deck Pass program, a digital patch incentive for swimmers to earn for meeting goals that can be shared on the internet and smart phones.

Registration/Membership Coordinator – Judy Snow reports that many coaches and officials have some part of their certification expired. She found 52 coaches and 38 officials with issues around their certification. The seasonal membership dates will be changed to April 1-August 15th for 2012. An important goal will be to help all clubs to be full member clubs of ct swim. We have 5352 full year athletes and 238 seasonal athletes.

Elections-Dave Heller : reports that the 5 members of the nominating Committee (met by conference call) .The slate of officers as nominated for uncontested positions were elected by unanimous voice acclamation. New Board members voted in are Tak Takabayashi, Program Operations Chair, Dave Reilly, Age Group Committee Vice Chair, Todd Gordan, Finance Chair, George Bradner, Coach at Large, Ed Heath, Safety Chair.

Presentation and Approval of the Annual Budget for 2010-2011

A balanced budget for 2010-2011 was presented to all attendees. The budget includes an increase in individual USA Swimming membership fees by \$1.00. Discussion items included:

* Zone participation and the large % of the budget it costs for us to participate (134,000 or 20% of the budget).

Jeff Gray reports that zone criteria is being looked at on all fronts and is under scrutiny. The Program Development Committee will look at all policies for zone meet and travel.

* Discussion took place about whether the Senior Swimming in CSI is allocated a fair percentage of the budget compared to Age Group Swimming.

Budget is unanimously approved.

New Business: CSI By- law revisions of Article 5, Section 5.4 and 5.5 are voted on and approved .

Meeting is Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Hilary Berger