**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Minutes**

**January 16, 2024**

**8:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

**Board Members:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Sargent, Dave Heller, Joan Lynch, Rob Riccoban, Yolanda Jahan, Margy Sargent, Kathleen and Davide Mendonca, Jeremy Virgil, Jen Lyman, Dylan Lee, Greg Pinchbeck, Kaeley Steinnagel, Lauren Lazar, Ronnie Vaughn, Sarah Basile, Lily Archibald, Jason Paige, Brandon Foster

**Absent Board Members**: Nick Cavataro, Dana Parsons, Bill Natlo, Dennis Flores, Samantha Haley, Elliott Lee, Sara Omar, Andrew Berkowitz, Lily Archibald, Penny Lazar, Sue Leczca, Sean Farrell, Adriana Schack, Madison Winslow

**Approval of Agenda**

***MOTION made to adopt the Agenda as distributed***

***Passed unanimously***

***MOTION made to adopt the Minutes from November and December 2023.***

***Passed unanimously***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

* We lost one of our long time coaches over a week ago. Dr. Rich Ludeman- he coached for over 30 years and died January 7, 2024. He coached many clubs and schools like New Canaan Y. Will have a memorial Feb. 3rd.
* Want to congratulate New Canaan Y for Safe Sport recognition

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Governance Update- Greg- Governance committee met last week about board self assessment. Working through self- assessment materials. Need to review survey questions. Need to determine best way to distribute survey and share results of survey. Will spend the next 6 weeks reviewing questions. Will launch survey in April and will keep it open for a couple of weeks. Then will review the results and have discussion with the Board. Will be distributed to Board members, committee members and maybe some additional people are well. Will go over distribution list prior to distribution.
* FAST/SWIMS 3.0 update- Henk, Davide- Please get kids and coaches registered for 2024- more kids neglected to register for 2024. They need to be registered to go Championship meets and have to be entered in FAST. September 1, 2024 is the deadline. Will be turning on permissions @LSC or club level— if you miss the deadlines you will lose everything. Athletes, coaches and board members have to be registered.
* CSI Publicity Committee Update- Dave- Governance committee starts to work on eleccgtions for 2024 and will bring slate to board in April.

Positions that are open:

-General chair

-Vice chair

-Senior Committee Chair

-Coach at Large

Mary Kate from Women in Governance from USA Swimming helping CT governance with marketing and publicity. Had a meeting 1/11/24. Involved 2 swimmers from RAC- Ava Ward and Janice ? And a parent from BULL. Would be thrilled to have help in marketing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* CSI Financials- Sue- not on call
* LC Bid Process-

**PRELIMINARY CT CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE AND BLACKOUT DATES:**

* The following dates are reserved for CSI championship meets and events.
* **July 11-14, 2024: Senior Championships**
  + 12/Under meets with no cuts and 13/over meets with max cuts equal to the 2024 LC Senior cuts are allowed
* **July 19-21 2024: Regional Championships**
  + Complete blackout no other meets allowed.
* **July 25-28, 2024: Age Group Championships**
  + 15/Over meets with no cuts, and 14/under meets with MAX cuts equal of 2024 LC Age Groups cuts are allowed.
* **DATES AND DEADLINES (note these are tentative dates):**
* **February 12th- Regional bids open**
* **February 26th- Regional Bid close at noon**
* **February 27th at 5pm- Regularly scheduled meet bids open**
* **February 29th at 5pm- Regional sites awarded**
* **March 29th at 5pm-Regularly scheduled meet bids close**
  + **If you need more time because a facility is being noncommittal, PUT THE BID IN. It is easier to take a meet off the schedule than it is to add later.**
* **March 29th 5:01 pm- April 1st 4:59pm- Correction period**

**April Meet info (any meet with a start date in the month of April)**

* + **Due April 3rd by 1:00pm (the earlier you get Yolanda and Hank the info, the better)**
  + **Host can accept April meet entries starting April 5th at 7:00pm.**

**May meet info (any meet that is in or starts in May)**

* + **Due April 15th by 11:59pm**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

* General Chair Report – Rick Lewis -nothing to report
* Administrative Vice-Chair – Jeff Sargent- nothing to report
* Treasurer-Susan Lecza- nothing to report
* Finance Vice-Chair – Joan Lynch- nothing to report
* Age Group Committee Chair –Ronnie Vaughan-
* Senior Committee Chair – Sean Farrell and Adriana Schack-
* Technical Planning Committee Chair – Jason Paige- nothing to report
* Program Development Vice-Chair – Jen Lyman- nothing to report
* Program Operations Vice-Chair – Yolanda Jahan- nothing to report
* Officials Committee Chair –Dylan Lee/ Margy Sargent-
* Operational Risk Coordinator – Brandon Foster- nothing to report
* Coach Representatives –Bill Natlo- nothing to report.
* Athlete Representatives - Madison, Samantha-nothing to report
* Safe Sport Coordinator – Jeremy- nothing to report
* Coach-at-Large – Nick Cavataro- nothing to report
* Registration/Membership Coordinator – Kathleen/Davide Mendonca- nothing to report
* Zone Team Coordinator –Dana- nothing to report
* Diversity, Equity & Inclusion –Dennis Flores-nothing to report

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lauren Lazar*

*Secretary*