

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**May 24, 2022**  
**8:00 PM**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** General Chair, Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm.

**Board Members:** Rick Lewis, Jeff Sargent, Lauren Lazar, Joan Lynch, Susan Leczka, Jen Lyman, Ronnie Vaughan, Dave Pite, Bill Natlo, Jane Smith, Nick Cavataro, David and Kathleen Mendonca, Greg Pinchbeck, Sean Farrell, Brandon Foster, Kaeley Stein-nagel, Yolanda Jahan, Madison Winslow, Andrew Berkowitz, Elliott Lee, Rob Riccoban

**Absent Board Members:** Jason Paige, Kelci Hayley, Sam Enes, Dennis Flores, David Heller

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Adoption of Minutes from 04.26.22**

***MOTION made to adopt the Minutes as distributed.  
Passed unanimously***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

1. Ginger is retiring at the end of June.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Banquet update-** Kaeley- got in touch with Aqua Turf- we are all set for the first Sunday in November to have it “in person”. Signing the contract for the next three years. Prices increased because of food costs etc. Rick gave approval to sign contracts and move along with the venue. Greg- have June 9th as the handover meeting. Small planning group. Three co-chairs for the banquet- Kaeley, Joan and Greg. If anyone wants to join there is plenty to do so please let us know and join June 9th. Probably need minutes for this meeting. Please put meetings up on website.
2. **Adult athlete APT-** still having issues with 18+ swimmers swimming in USA Swimming meets. There is a policy on our website under meets- meet verification- meet hosts holding USA Sanctioned meets need to check registrations. No exception rule. Can't put athletes in the water that haven't met the responsibilities. There is a huge liability if the athlete gets hurt or hurts another swimmer. Right now it says that “meet hosts” are in charge of looking this over.  
Would like to **amend** our current procedures to read meet hosts and meet referees are responsible for verifying membership status of all athletes, coaches, officials, and meet directors participating in a sanctioned meet.

Discussion- meet director responsible for everything up to the meet starting and the meet referee is responsible for everything once the whistle blows.

Meet referee is responsible for safety of all athletes.

Should be three people involved in verification. Admin, meet director and meet referee.

Swimmers should not be in the water if didn't pass verification. Meet director runs the report the day of the meet. Should be available at the desk.

***MOTION made to amend the current language from “meet hosts” to “meet hosts and meet referees” conducting USA/CT Swimming sanctioned meets are obligated to verify the membership status of all athletes, coaches, officials, and meet directors participating in a sanctioned meet and or serving in an official capacity.  
Passed unanimously***

3. **Quassy Day**- CSI Queasy day- CT swim day- anyone registered with CSI is eligible for the discount. We are not chaperoning this event. Registrations for registered and non-registered CSI athletes. Collect the money that day. Food/parking/park included in the price.

4. **SC Championship wrap up**- It worked out well with the 2 sites for Seniors. Pools were able to handle the meet. Video access was great. Hamden pulled off AG. Only negative was warm-up maybe was tight. 10/U Championships went well. 6 lanes worked well for all meets.

5. **Zone Coordinator**- Henk- Nick recommended someone. John Scaldini said he would help out with the transition. Some decisions have to be made before we tell them what their role is. The zone coordinator usually starts preparing one year prior to the event. Nothing is lined up for this August. Maybe parents should bring their own kids and meet coaches on pool deck and schedule team dinners. Base block at a hotel based on numbers from last year. Dorms might be the way to go too. Go with the Zone team for 2023. Age Group Committee makes the decision of who goes. Ronnie and Rick can pick and approve the zone coordinator.

6. Swims 3.0 Registration- Davide- USA Swimming allowing each LSC to decide who will collect the registration fees. Would CT LSC approve USA Swimming to collect registration fees at time of registration.

***MOTION made to allow the CT LSC to allow USA Swimming to collect all registration fees at time of registration.  
Passed unanimously***

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Honor Nan and Ginger at the Banquet.
2. Coaches Educational Grant- Need to look it over. Update the dates and start from there.
3. Scholar Athlete- Will open in June. Need to change dates and update last years. Extended the deadline to September 6th. (Same as USA Swimming) They can submit application at conclusion of school.
4. Judy Snow Athlete- took a hiatus- would like it to come back.

5. Meet Day Protocols- Concerns with operational things. Lengths of warm up and ability to allocate timers in regular meets. Some inequity with allocating slots and volunteers. When teams are asked to supply timers etc. based on size of team. Have to look at volunteer system. Some teams taking advantage of this. Needs to be looked at . Looking at timers in particular- at qualifying meets. That is the concern right now. The way certain teams manipulate the session report.
6. June 2023 Athletes Retreat- Table for now.
7. CSI Financials – Sue- lost her
8. LC Championship Lifeguards- Sean and Ronnie- UConn has lifeguard requirement for AG and Senior meet. Maybe we can get volunteers or local kids in the area. It is a requirement of CSI. Need to come up with the rate of pay.
9. SC Bid Calendar- Opens at the end of June and closes second week of August. Working on the dates now.
10. Sponsors on our website- some people are interested in this. Table it until next meeting.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

- General Chair Report – Rick Lewis - nothing to report
- Administrative Vice-Chair – Jeff Sargent- Thanks for getting meetings and minutes up on website. Governance- each committee must have 20% athletes as members
- Treasurer-Susan Lecza- nothing to report
- Finance Vice-Chair – Joan Lynch- nothing to report
- Age Group Committee Chair – Ronnie Vaughan- go over Zones. AG and Regional meet announcements are done and should be posted by end of the week.
- Senior Committee Chair – Sean Farrell- nothing to report
- Technical Planning Committee Chair – Jason Paige- nothing to report
- Program Development Vice-Chair – Jen Lyman- nothing to report
- Program Operations Vice-Chair – Yolanda Jahan- Posted unregistered swimmers, Regionals dates are posted and tentative SC Champ dates.
- Officials Committee Chair – Dave Pite- nothing to report
- Operational Risk Coordinator – Brandon Foster- nothing to report
- Coach Representatives –Bill Natlo- nothing to report
- Athlete Representatives – Madison/Sam Enes - nothing to report
- Safe Sport Coordinator – Greg Pinchbeck- nothing to report
- Coach-at-Large – Nick Cavataro- nothing to report
- Registration/Membership Coordinator – Kathleen/Davide Mendonca- nothing to report
- Zone Team Coordinator – *Vacant*
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Dennis Flores- proud of the kids being nominated in National Camp.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Lauren Lazar*  
*Secretary*