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Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 8:30 p.m.

Present: Wayne Shulby, Bob Probst, Jon Jolley, Suzanne Heath, Mike Hoffer, Richard Pockat, John Roy, Carl LaBonge, Jon Fox, Peter Carney, Allen Pfau, athletes – Percy Gates, Coleman Flynn, and guests – Thornton Burnette, Paul Silver. Not Present: Janet Scott, Ryan Woodruff, Aaron Reeves, Nicole Mendes, Joel Black, Anna Ratana

1. **Roll Call** – see above
2. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes of the last Board meeting – Suzanne Heath and Janet Scott
 - b. NC State Relay Meet for December 18th – Wayne Shulby

It was moved and seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion passed.

3. **Weekend for Retreat**

- Retreat weekend will be January 23-24, 2010, at the Hawthorn Suites in Winston Salem, NC. The LSC will pick up expenses for a double occupancy room for non-local participants and will provide dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.
- Retreat begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday and ends with the Board meeting on Sunday (set to begin at 2 p.m.).
- Number of people expected to attend is 24-25 with possibility of a few more.
- Items currently on the agenda include:
 - LEAP Level 2 – decide which points to pursue (some are optional)
 - Communication Committee
 - Recognition of swimmers, coaches and officials (volunteers)
 - Camps

If there are other items to discuss, please email Wayne by December 13th so they can be added to the agenda.

4. **Appeal of Travel Fund Committee Decision for 2009 Long Course Meets**

- John Roy pointed out that information on the appeal was part of the Agenda Appendix sent to all Board members.
 - The Travel Fund Committee denied funding based on the current rule governing reimbursement. A swimmer was to have swum two LC meets in the season to qualify for funding.
 - Coach Paul Silver's point regarding Kevin Woodhull-Smith being a longtime NCS athlete was considered. The other two athletes did not join NC Swimming until

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June 9, 2009. All swam one LSC meet and participated in the ACC Championships back in February.

- Based upon interpretation by Peter Carney as to the old rule which is clearly outdated and the rule that is currently to be adopted in May 2010 that is still vague and discussion by the Board and those on the call, a motion was made and seconded to reimburse Kevin Woodhull-Smith a full share and Ben Mechak and Sean Reams a 1/3 share for their participation in the US Open in August.
- It was further moved and seconded to divide the motion into Kevin's reimbursement and Ben and Sean's reimbursement. The motion passed.
- Kevin's reimbursement was passed by a majority vote.
- The reimbursement for Ben and Sean was passed by a roll call vote of 7 for, 2 against and 3 abstentions. The General Chair did not cast a vote.
- It was further moved, seconded and the motion was passed by the Board to reimburse Katura Harvey at a 2/3 share. She was the only other athlete who was in the same category as the three MOR/Wolfpack athletes and denied funding for summer meets.
- The Legislative Committee, the Travel Fund Committee and the Senior Chair will meet to prepare a rule/policy on athlete reimbursement that can be understood as to intent and properly enforced before the next HOD.

5. Financial Statement

- Peter has not sent out a financial statement and will do so in the next week or so. He will be transferring the Treasurer's responsibility to Jon Fox in a meeting on December 19th.
- Regarding the question of an audit, Finance Chair Carl LaBonge will review the materials provided by Peter and determine if an audit is necessary at this time.
- Discussion was held on the "checks and balances" involved with receipt of meet fees by the LSC. A spreadsheet prepared by Wayne has been used and deposits are usually made one time a month. Use of Pay Pal was also discussed, including using it for registration purposes. The cost would be \$1.62 per transaction (NCS only receives \$6.00 per membership).

6. Old Business

- Status of Rules/By-Laws Updates
 - Peter discussed the need for early input on proposed amendments. He will plan to get the updates out ahead of time and set up a conference call after all have had a chance to review and modify.

7. New Business

- Suzanne made the Board aware of a fine situation for NMA for permitting an unregistered athlete to compete in a sanctioned meet. Fine will be \$300.
- John thanked Percy and Coleman for participating in the conference call.
- Carl updated Board members on the current situation with regard to funding and construction of the proposed pool in Greensboro. Wayne will write a letter of support from NC Swimming to the new county commissioners who will review the process on December 15th. Carl was authorized to present the letter to this group.
- Mike Hoffer announced the officials for the short course championships are as follows:

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- Senior Champs – Dave Olack, meet referee, Mike Hoffer, admin referee
 - Age Group Champs – Jon Fox, meet referee, Bob Probst and Mike Hoffer, admin referees
8. **Next Meeting will be Sunday, January 24, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Winston Salem.**
 9. **Adjourn – it was moved, seconded and the motion passed to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Heath for Janet Scott