

NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING

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**Board Meeting
January 4, 2009
8:00 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Wayne Shulby, John Roy, Jon Fox, Suzanne Heath, Mark Toburen, Jonathan Watson, Joel Black, Mike Hoffer

Board Members Absent: Cari Blalock, Lucas Hawes, Richard Pockat, Aaron Reeves, Janet Scott, Ryan Woodruff, Nicole Mendes, Peter Carney, Casey Charles

Visitors: Shawn Columbia, Carl Labonge, Patty Waldron, Paul Silver

1. Minutes of the December 8th Conference Call
Under item # 2 the NCS Board will award the bid. Under item #5 Carl Labonge's name is "La" not "Le".
2. Officials' Name Badges – Mike Hoffer
72 out of 263 currently have name badges; 200 would be needed at \$4 (half the cost) at a cost of \$800 to the LSC. This is an approximate cost with a different provider than is currently used. Mike proposes that NCS pay up to \$4 for these badges. Discussion was held on covering all the costs. Our current provider will be approached to request lowering the cost (\$15) and Mike is talking to other providers as well. This would be a one time expense as we would only be furnishing badges for new officials in the future. This needs to be in a policy manual. If we have all committee chairs write up a description of their duties, this could be part of the Official's Chair duties. The General Chair also needs a copy of this as policy. Motion to provide full cost of the name badges for 200 officials was seconded.
3. Senior Long Course Championship Bid and Meet
Bids by HPSC for High Point outdoor pool and NSS for the downtown pool. Discussion was in favor of our senior champ being indoors; combining a LC championship with VA Swimming was discussed and the members felt this would make the meet too big and exclude our kids from finals. Motion was made to sanction our LC champ as a closed competition (normal procedure) and sanction the VA LC Champs as closed to NC swimmers. There are two bids: NSS at the MCAC pool (downtown Charlotte) with \$15 facility charge and \$4.50 entry fees;

HPSC at City Lake park for \$10 surcharge and \$3.00 per event. Coaches and Board members present felt that the meet should be held indoors at MCAC. Mike would like to see a document sent to the LSC championship host team outlining specifics of meet host duties. Mark believes that this should come from the senior chairman and age group chair. Wayne says the senior chair and age group chair can approve format (order of events, size of meet) and this can be communicated to the Communication Committee for meet information publication, but the officials govern the rules of the meet. Discussion was held on the scratch rules as being too punitive on the swimmers trying to make national cuts (time trial issue and number of events). Wayne proposed that the Officials' Committee meet again to discuss the issue and develop a process for scratching and several members of this committee meet with the Senior Committee to flush out a solution. With the meet in several weeks, those present wish to make a one time decision for this year's short course senior championship. Current rules provide for a scratch deadline at 6:30 pm the night before.

It was recommended by the senior committee and the officials' committee for the 2009 LSC short course senior championship that we provide a separate (i.e., different color) scratch card that must be turned in to the deck referee any time prior to the event(not heat) to be scratched begins. This would not be counted as an event for the swimmer. This will be put into the meet information.

4. No quorum was present. Items 2 and 3 will be officially decided at the next board meeting. Minutes of the December meeting will be approved at the next board meeting.

Suzanne Heath
January 4, 2009