

Conference Call Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Board members present:

Peter Carney, Kate Esch, Jon Fox, Suzanne Heath, Bob Peterson, Richard Pockat, Bob Probst, Kit Raulerson, Janet Scott, Wayne Shulby, Mark Toburen, Jonathan Watson

1. What's On Your Mind

Jonathan asked that each board member name a topic of concern to them. These items will be discussed at the January Planning Retreat.

Wayne - Fall States sanction and the sanctioning process

Mark - sanctioning process, specifically the fact that we seem to be getting away from the meet schedule and designated weekends

Bob Peterson - clarification of the sanctioning process

Pete - efficiency, specifically the way that the organization is run and the way goals are accomplished

Jon - development of an investment statement and discussion of investment account

Richard - issues that might be taken to the USA Swim Board meeting and preparing for the Planning Retreat

Suzanne - concern about meets being sanctioned without the proper number of officials and holding clubs accountable for having a referee and other necessary officials

Janet - e-mails not reaching everyone

2. Summary of Division Chairs Conference Call

Jon, Bob Peterson, Wayne and Jonathan were present for the call.

The challenge for this group will be that everyone is new.

If people have suggestions for volunteers, it is requested that names be sent to the Division Chairs or to Jonathan by December 1.

3. Planning Retreat

The Planning Retreat will be held in Winston Salem on January 5-6, 2008. We will begin at 2:00pm on Saturday and end at 2:00pm on Sunday. Jonathan has reserved rooms at the Hawthorne Inn and Suites at the rate of \$79.00.

Jonathan spoke to Carol Burch and we are not eligible for a Swimposium until 2009. The last one that we had was in 2006. We may be able to have a speaker who will guide us through the process. Rose Snyder and Everett Uchiyama were mentioned as possibilities. The Board needs to determine what needs to be accomplished. We will not have all of our people on-line by January which will present a challenge.

4. Sanction Update

Wayne reported that 9 of 11 meets have been sanctioned with an average review time of 2 days.

Fall States was specifically discussed. General questions that were generated by that discussion are as follows:

What constitutes a championship meet.

How do we support those meets and how do we assure that they all receive the same treatment.

Does the Board or a subset of the Board have the authority to dictate format for any meet scheduled.

Should Technical Planning decide formats before bid sheets go out.

Should coaches be polled to ask what types of meets work best for their respective clubs.

As a result of the previous discussion it was suggested that our By-laws be reviewed, in part as a function of the effort to clarify the sanctioning process. They are posted on the NCS web site. Part 1 is correct as posted. Part 2 is not the most recent revision.

Jonathan and Richard will try to locate that document. Part 3 is correct as posted.

It was recommended that Pete be the chair of the Rules and Legislation Committee. Bob Probst and Wayne will serve on the committee.

5. Policy Manual

The Rules and Legislation Committee will update the Policy Manual.

6. Conference Call Schedule

Jonathan proposed that the Board choose a consistent date and time for conference calls. It was decided that these calls will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm.

7. Spring HOD/Banquet/Select Camp

Jonathan reported that Aaron has suggested a place in High Point for HOD and the banquet, both of which could be held on the same weekend. Jonathan will check with Aaron about a date.

Select Camp will be held at the downtown Charlotte pool on the first weekend of May. There are plans for a dual meet with Virginia.

8. Facility Fee Task Force

Gene, Kit, Mark, Janet, Paul Silver, John Roy and Ryan Woodruff have volunteered to serve. Jonathan asked Janet to contact Gene to request that he chair this group. (Gene said yes).

9. Newsletter

Jonathan will again be doing the Between the Lanes Newsletter. He asked that anyone with information that they would like included please forward to him as soon as possible. Jonathan plans to have the next edition completed by December 1 in time to distribute at the December meets.

Suzanne reported that T16 lists are in process. A spreadsheet will record the top 10 times by single age groups. 10 and unders will not be included.

The conference call adjourned at 10:10pm.