

North Carolina Swimming
Board of Directors
October 6, 2007

At the YMCA Triangle Headquarters

Members: Jonathan Watson, Kate Esch, Colleen Gillan, Gene Ashcraft, Richard Pockat, Mark Toburen., Wayne Shulby, Suzanne Heath, Lee Martin, Bob Probst, Paul Silver, Russ Kasl, Kit Raulerson, Laura Raichle

Guest: Bob Esch

Meeting was called to order by Jonathan Watson.

Minutes of the previous meeting will be approved at the end of the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report - The Nominating Committee chair has not put out a list of interested parties. There are 17 positions available with 12 to be elected by the HOD.

Lessons learned from Convention - LSCs are running their meetings more efficiently by sending out reports prior to the meeting. Voting issues are brought forward and then strategic items are discussed. In the future NCS will try to use committees as discussion panels for items to then be brought to the BOD and on to the HOD. Committees should make a recommendation with limited discussion at the HOD; items for further discussion can be referred back to the committee. NCS needs to limit the on going discussion at HOD and the rehashing of the same discussions. We need active committees.

Richard Pockat made a motion to set up a structure as described above. The motion was second and approved unanimously. The change for the HOD will be made in the spring.

Committee Meeting Schedules - Committee meetings for Age group planning, Senior Swimming, Technical Planning and Officials classes/meetings could be run earlier. We need to start later on Saturday and Coaches need to have input. Coaches may have practice late in the evening we should start no earlier than 6pm on a Saturday, with a cap of 3 hours.

A motion was made for the spring meeting: BOD will be Sunday 9 a.m. - noon. HOD will be Sunday PM.

4- Hour Rule – see Paul’s email regarding who is keeping the clock and discussion of the planning vs. actual 4 hours. Paul recommends using the actual time. Wayne suggests the 4 hour planning.

- Some Leagues have concerns with 4 vs. 5 hour meets: ECSL and other meets that run over due to combined sessions, “family value meets”, and the mentor factor (with the 6 year old that sees the 18 year old swim).
- Other reasons that meets ran long: timers, Hy-tek, over subscription, team desire for profit. Penalties should apply.

- Reasonable delays at a meet include: timing issues and weather - these items would be negated.
- A planned time line would be the problem solver. If a meet time line is to be approved – who would approve the meet time line? And what would be the consequences of going over the time line?
 - Impose a financial penalty if the planned time line goes beyond 4-hours.
 - Host teams would be required to reimburse for events that are cut.
 - Eastern league meets could be run as approved meets rather than sanctioned. Distance for families traveling is a factor for the ends of the state.
 - Meet referee would be the enforcer.

Motion: Adopt the 4-hour rule as read from the previous minutes – tabled to the end of the meeting. Wayne will rewrite the motion to bring to the HOD.

Swim meet fees and spectator fees – Facility fees currently are up to \$5 for senior and \$4 for age group meets.

- The Cary facility requests that they receive a waiver to increase the facility fee to balance the cost of the meet.
- Discussion included the following:
 - The number of quality facilities is a concern. This pool can host a LC meet with continuous warm up- warm down.
 - As an LSC our rates are low.
 - Need to have a political impact for the Cary pool in order to influence the cost. The pool response is that it is their bottom line.
 - Last known change to the fees were in Nov 2001
 - Georgia bases their fees on the cost of the facility.
- Motion - \$8 for Facility meet – no 2nd. Discussion - requires 50 % vote for the policy change.
- Paul recommended a committee discuss the issue.
- Motion - The facility \$8 for the TAC pool only for the currently scheduled meets (4); the facility fees to be readdressed by task force recommendation for the spring HOD. The motion received a 2nd. With one opposed, the motion carries. A task force will be assigned at fall HOD.

Spectator fees – TAC management is considering how to keep fees lower if a spectator fees is charged.

- Would NCS allow a spectator fee or not?
- Discussion – Spectator fees would have to be included in the bid – NCS controls the fees.
- Motion – that NCS will not support a bid meet that includes a spectator fee. 2nd by Paul Silver
 - Discussion - national, zones, Olympic trials would be hosted by NCS and that would negate the spectator fees. Ultra Swim is a concern.

- The motion on the floor was amended - NCS would not sanction a meet with spectator fees unless approved by the BOD. The motion received a 2nd, 5 in favor - 4 against. The motion carries.

Convention Highlights

- New policy regard Meet Marshals; they do not have to be registered members of USA Swimming.
- Age for athlete voting was narrowly defeated. As a LSC we would like to get athletes more involved, maybe on committees. Currently, age is not defined specifically.
- A motion for registered athlete reps to be at least 15 years old was made and seconded – all in favor and the motion carried.
- SWIMS Times and Recognition Report
 - Scholastic All American - NC was the most successful. The requirements will be changed. There was discussion that placing at the sectional meet cuts being too easy in certain zones created an unlevel playing field.
 - Age group recognition program – discussion regarding single age group 10+, or 11+ to be recognized.
 - NRT will go away in the look up features on the public side of SWIMS.
 - 11 years old is the recommendation by the coaches of NCS
 - High school times will continue to be entered into SWIMS as unattached.

Athlete participation in the board of review – 20 % athlete participation – Wayne brought up that this is in question and will be reviewed for the HOD

Other Issues: It was recommended that NCS recognize Jim for his service to the LSC – Jonathan will handle this with a \$100 limit. The Board approved the recommendation.

Nominating Committee Slate:

- General chair – Jon Watson
- Administrative Vice Chair – Wayne Shulby and Marty Fehr
- Senior Vice Chair – Mark Toburen and Paul Shiffel
- Age Group Chair – Allen Pfau and Brent Watkins
- Financial Chair - Jon Fox
- Secretary - Janet Scott
- Treasurer – Peter Carney
- Technical Planning – Aaron Reeves
- Safety - Gene Ashcraft
- Registration and Membership - Kate Esch
- Senior coach – Kit Raulerson
- Junior Coach – Brandon Betts
- Officials Chair – Richard Pockat
- Senior and Junior Reps were voted at the Spring HOD

- Marketing – Mark Toburen
- Legislation Chair – Open
- Board of Review – Wayne Shulby, Mike Hoffer, Bob Prosbt,

We will accept nominations from the floor and we need someone to run the election.

Athlete Reps Reports:

Laura Raichle (see attached report)

Jonathan reported that our Junior and Senior Reps represented our LSC very well at convention.

Issues:

- Paul Silver has concerns regarding the meet schedule.
- Strategic Planning – mission statement has been put on hold to be discussed at the January retreat and writing goals for 2008 We would like to have a speaker at the Swimposium- recommendations are Sue Anderson or Dave Thomas.
- The retreat will be Jan 26-27 - Saturday and Sunday.
- Sanction procedure to be reviewed.
 - The meet directors' hand book should be used in tandem with the sanction process.
 - Sending the meet information to the meet referee is a requirement and grammar errors need to be corrected.
 - All requirement must be met prior to the sanction being granted.
- Audit committee – Peter, Jonathan and Richard will discuss more.
- Swim meet in Wilmington is set at the same time as the HOD. The HOD dates must be protected.
- Hall of fame banquet – suggested partnering with NCS swimming at the award banquet for two years. The BoD feels the banquet is currently too long and would need to be revised if this is adopted.

Other business

- The officials need money in order to share national evaluators with other LSCs. \$1500 would be required – this needs to be brought to the senior chair for budget consideration.
 - Motion was made with a 2nd – up to \$2000 be provided for trading evaluators from neighboring LSCs; money is to be used as travel expense reimbursements. –all were in favor.
- Diversity workshop – Position is open, Rodney Sellers and Kathy McKee have another person in mind. NCS would like to send someone to the USA-S meeting.

- Minutes of the previous meeting were approved – changes were made to penciled copy.
- 4 hour rule - Discussion - League issues tabled – voting requirement is 50%; item was tabled from last Spring HOD.

204.6. LENGTH

- .1 Meet hosts shall take steps to control the length of meets, using a maximum of four (4) hours of competition per session and eight (8) hours of competition for a particular age group or class of swimmer in any one day as a desirable goal. This effort may take any one or combination of several forms, such as: limiting the number of events in one day, number of competitors, or the number of event entries, subject to the approval of the appropriate Division Vice Chair
- .2 Meet sessions which include swimmers 12 years-old or younger shall be planned using :20 second intervals (:35 for backstroke) between heats and events.
- .3 The meet referee or designee is charged with reporting to the Senior Chair the planned timeline for each session and the minutes of delays in starting each session due to lack of timers within one-week of the last day of the meet.
- .4 The Senior Chair or his designee shall assess a fine of \$250 for each planned session, plus delays, that exceeds four hours and for each additional thirty minutes (i.e. \$250 for 4:01-4:30, \$500 for 4:30-5:00, \$750 for 5:01-5:30, etc.)
- .5 Fines will be assessed for each subsequent session which is planned, plus delays, for more than four hours from the end of the duration of the published warm-up period.
- .6 All fines will be placed into the NCS Travel Fund. The assessment of a fine may be appealed according to NCS Rules and By-Laws.
- .7 The meet host must refund entry fees to entrants for all events cancelled or limited.

-motion to accept — i-7, nay – 2.

- Brief discussion to be presented at HOD regarding disability swimmers by Lee Martin.

Adjournment
5:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Gillan
Secretary

Revised: Suzanne Heath January 2008

