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Promoting Excellence by Providing Resources to Support and Empower the North Carolina Swimming Community*

MEETING MINUTES

Spring House of Delegates

Sunday April 10, 2022

In-person Meeting at Greensboro Aquatic Center

1. Call to Order – Trish Martin
 - 1) Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm
2. Roll Call/Delegate Count – Linda Hughes/Bill Martin
 - 1) Delegates were checked in at the door, 46 delegates present
3. Reading, correction, and adoption of minutes – Linda Hughes
 - 1) **MOTION:** Approve Fall 2021 minutes- **PASSED**
4. Officer Reports
 - 1) General Chair – Trish Martin
 - i. This past short course season NCS hosted 140 meets. There are 76 clubs in the LSC, with 544 registered coaches, and 512 officials. There are 11,000+ swimmers; which is an increase of 14%. There were 9,500 swimmers during COVID; the highest prior to COVID was 10,500. The 12&U and older kids account for largest growth.
 - ii. The LSC Championship meets are back in original format, and camps and clinics are in place. A new camp the “A Team” has been established. The Carolina Crown is back in place; in South Carolina this year. And the Open Water Zone team is back.
 - iii. The USA Swimming Workshop will be in Denver; the April Meeting replacing Convention.
 - iv. USA Swimming will be rolling out a new online registration system which will be in effect in September. Lisa Olack and Barb Frith are very knowledgeable in the new system and will train NC in September. Additionally, there will be webinars.
 - v. Financially, NCS is a very strong LSC; NCS is reinstating programs; the Club Recognition Development program, the travel fund is funded and we are prepared for the Olympic Trials. We hope to reinstate the Awards Banquet in September in Raleigh.
 - vi. Wayne Shulby will be stepping away as Legislative Chair. Today he will present legislation for the last time. We appreciate all of Wayne’s guidance and for the many years of service to North Carolina Swimming and putting North Carolina in a good place moving forward. Lisa Olack will step in as the new Legislative Chair.
 - vii. Again, the financials look good. The Balance Sheet is in a very strong position ahead of budget and performing much better than the market. The Profit/Loss is on target.
 - 2) Scheduling – Kevin Thornton
 - i. AG Champs will be hosted by MSA February 16 – February 19, 2023 at MCAC, Sr. Champs will be held February 23-February 26, 2023 at

MCAC The host is undetermined. The board will take the lead on finding the host for Sr. Champs. **MOTION** to Approve Meet Calendar: **PASSES**

- 3) Programs – Amy Faulk/Jonathan Watson
 - i. The NCS Camp program is very strong. The format has changed a little bit to support/create more athlete involvement. Single day camps are very well received and athletes seem to get a lot out of them. The events are pretty well known – IMX camp – January, “A Team” – October/November, and Select Camp – April.
 - ii. There is a desire to get parents involved/included at camps, especially when they are sitting all day; a captive audience. USA Swimming has a model that NCS will use. Anyone is welcome to get involved in the camps and should contact Jonathan Watson.
 - iii. The Zone team coaches will be announced soon.
- 4) Sr. Athlete Representative – Hanani Dona
 - i. Athlete Representative, Lane Bradshaw stepped in for Hanani as Hanani was ill.
 - ii. The Election time for Athlete Representatives is moving from an October HOD to Spring HOD. Jr Athlete Representatives and Sr Athlete Representative will be elected.
 - iii. The Athlete Reps have been busy the last six months with 3 main projects
 - Creating a website to communicate and support each other
 - A Winter /Junior Raffle
 - Officials Appreciation Raffle. Cards of appreciation were sent to officials supporting NCS meets/Championships.
- 5) Officials Chair – John Jewell
 - i. Current Officials numbers: There are currently 512 NCS Officials. Stroke & Turn – 281, Administrative Official – 70, Starter – 83, Referee – 76 (L1 – 27, L2 – 49. The numbers are up; last Fall there were 480 Officials registered in NC. Since last fall there have been 10 Stroke & Turn clinics with 41 attendees, 4 AO clinics with 13 attendees and 2 CJ clinics with 12 attendees.
 - ii. Meet Referees for the Championship meets were recognized – SR Champs Dwight Dickerson – MR and Lynn Tippetts-Fazen – AR; AG Champs Mike Trexler – MR and Sharon Browning – AR, AG Sectionals – Lynn Tippetts-Fazen – MR and Sr Sectionals Beth Burge - MR.
- 6) Safe Sport – Jamie Bloom
 - i. 38 of the 76 NCS clubs are Safe Sport recognized. NCS is 5th in the country with SS certifications. The last 3 months 7 clubs became safe sport recognized, and in the last 72 hours there are 2 new teams gaining certification; both 1st time achieving.
 - ii. Update: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month as well as Sexual Assault Prevention month.
 - iii. April 18 the US Center for Safe Sport will go down, it will be down 4/18 – 4/21/; anything “In-Process” at that time will be wiped out.
 - iv. Athletes that will be 18 must complete their safe sport training prior to turning 18. Coaches are responsible for knowing who their athletes are that are 18
- 7) Programs – Amy Faulk/Jonathan Watson
 - i. Carolina Crown is the 23rd of this month in Greenville where it started. Certified. There will be 3 coaches per team. 18 year olds must be safe sport certified.

- ii. Anyone interested in the Sr Champs task force contact Jon Jolley
 - iii. Anyone interested in the Age Group task force contact Amy Faulk
- 8) Legislation – Wayne Shulby
 - i. Discussion of ensuring NCS is funding NC athletes. The HOD discussed clearly defining/update 211.3 .1 C. **MOTION:** to restate 211.3 .1 C “Within the 12-month period preceding the competition, the swimmer must have competed with an NCS registered club in not fewer than four (4) USA Swimming meets sanctioned by North Carolina Swimming and hosted by NCS member clubs in good standing that collected and paid the NCS Travel Fund surcharge.”: **PASSES**
 - ii. Discussion of allowing clubs without Safe Sport Recognition, due to extenuating circumstances beyond their control, to apply for sanction to host meets. **MOTION:** to update Article 204 Sanctions/Approvals .9 to “No sanction shall be awarded to a team that is not currently approved by USA Swimming for the Safe Sport Recognized Program at the time of submission of the sanction request. The sanction committee in conjunction with the Safe Sport chair has the authority to waive this requirement for extenuating circumstances.”: **PASSES**
- 5. Old Business – None
- 6. New Business
 - 1) Discussed the role/necessity of April HOD meetings. Thinking is may be better due to all activities (CC, USA Swimming workshops, etc.) to have one HOD each year. Respecting everyone’s time is it better to hold one formal HOD each year; moving all activities to the Fall; Election, Legislation. Technical Planning could be done in the spring via Zoom call. Should address at next HOD (Fall 2022).
- 7. Jon Jolley led Sr Champs discussion. There is a trend that swimmer participation is declining while facility charges are increasing, and facilities are harder to secure. Jon will establish a task force to look at meets; what they should look like to serve and support the athletes. Amy Faulk will lead an AG task force. The task forces will present ideas at the next HOD.
- 8. Upcoming Events
 - 1) Carolina Crown meet April 23 in SC
 - 2) NCS OW Champs June 2-3 hosted by SSS in Seven Lakes
 - 3) NCS LG SG Champs July 14-17 hosted by STAR in Greensboro
 - 4) ESSZ LC SR Sectionals July 14-17 hosted by TAC in Cary
 - 5) NCSLC SR Champs July 21-24-30 hosted by MSA in Charlotte
 - 6) AG Zones July 26 In Arlington, TX
 - 7) USA Swimming Futures July 27-30 hosted by TAC in Cary
 - 8) NCS Fall HOD and Awards Banquet Weekend October 1-2 in Raleigh
- 9. Coach Education Raffle
 - 1) Brooke Carr (MSA) and Kevin Thornton (Swim GSA) each won a \$250 coach education raffle
- 10. Adjournment
 - 1) Meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hughes
NCS Secretary