

Adirondack Swimming House of Delegates Spring 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Time: 10:15 AM – 12:10 PM

Location: Woodlin Club, Scotia, New York

Attendees:

*Alex Beckford	Albany	*Amelia Gritman	Kingston
*Paul Bennice	Ballston Spa	Doug Gross	Delmar
*Raeann Burns	Ravena	*Chris Joyce	New Paltz
Karen Clark	Canajoharie	*Peter Kalish	AD Board
David Cordone	Fulton County Y	*Debbie LeCates	Clark Sports Center
*Sue Cortright	Canajoharie	*Carolyn Manor	AD Board
*Paul Crandall	Glens Falls	*Robert MacLeod	Uncle Sam
*Kim Crouse	AD Board	*Scott Risucci	Clinton
*Jenn Dixon	Duanesburg	*Victor Romanov	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Patti Dontino	New Hartford	*Dan Tanski	Southern Saratoga Y
Debbie Erickson	Delmar	Lori Tocco	Kingston
*JoAnn Faucett	AD Board	*Emily Whitaker	AD Board
*William Faucett	AD Board	*Art Young	AD Board
*Tom Geary	Clifton Park	*Amy Zemerling	Delmar

* - Voting Representative

Fall 2009 Meeting: The minutes from the fall 2009 House of Delegates meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report [Mr. Peter Kalish]: The 2009 tax return has been filed with USA Swimming, financial records are being consolidated, and Adirondack Swimming is financially sound. As follow-up actions, Mr. Kalish will get the independent 2009 review of the financial records completed and submitted to USA Swimming. To streamline turnover to future treasurers, the accounts are being streamlined, a full backup will be housed by the Administrative Vice Chair, the reports are being consolidated, and the Quicken software has been upgraded from the 2002 version to the 2010 version. The report was accepted.

Registration [Mr. William Faucett for Ms. Kathy Furman]: The 2010 registrations appear equivalent to 2009 levels, with a total of 2489 AD registrations to date in 2010. The Board of Directors reminded the attendees that all coaches on deck during practice or a meet must have an up to date registration to comply with the insurance requirements. To assist in this, Adirondack has a process to ensure all coaches at meets are up to date. A list of expired coach certifications is sent to the meet referee immediately prior to each meet. The meet referee validates that none of these individuals is on deck coaching. It is

the team's responsibility to assure that no coaches with expired certifications are on deck coaching at practices. The webmaster continues to ensure that an up to date list of expired and soon to expire coaches' certifications is posted on the LSC website. The team representatives were requested to ensure that no coaches with expired certifications are on deck at practices. The team representatives were reminded that it is their coach's responsibility to check the status on their registration card or the LSC website, and maintain their certification. The report was accepted.

Administrative Vice Chair [Mr. William Faucett]: 1) The Administrative Vice Chair is working with the meet directors to make schedule changes to meets which have experienced issues. 2) Teams that host meets were reminded that they need to certify pools through measurement any time a national record or potential national top time is achieved at the meet. This is necessary to enable the swimmer to be credited with their record. 3) The new USA Swimming website is up and running. All were encouraged to check it out. The report was accepted.

Board of Review [Mr. Art Young]: There are no active items under review. The report was accepted.

Officials Chair [Ms. JoAnn Faucett]: 1) The next officials clinic will be held in October 2010. Anyone interested should check the website in August. 2) The team representatives were reminded that the LSC will not sanction a meet unless the host team has two certified officials who will be able to work the meet. 3) The LSC has a member on the Women in Officiating task force (Ms. JoAnn Faucett). The focus of the task force is to determine the causes of the under-representation of women in top officiating positions. Based on the findings they will determine if there is a need to take any follow-up actions. The report was accepted.

Athlete Representatives [Ms. Emily Whitaker]: 1) The athlete representatives are having an email address set up. It will be on the LSC website and will enable athletes to more easily communicate with their representatives. 2) The athlete representatives are leading an effort to set up receptacles for plastic bottles and soda cans at meets. Meet attendees are encouraged to use these to dispose of their cans and bottles. Everyone is reminded to empty the contents prior to disposal. In addition to being environmentally friendly, the proceeds will be donated to USA Swimming's Make-A-Splash. 3) A newsletter is being considered. More information will come out later in the year. The report was accepted.

Age Group Chair [Ms. Kim Crouse for Ms. Rosemary Lanzi]: 1) The Eastern Zone Long Course meet information will be posted on the LSC website next week. The meet will be held August 10 to August 12 in Rockville, MD. 2) A total of 41 swimmers represented Adirondack at the 2009 Eastern Zone Short Course meet. 3) Teams are reminded that swimmers registered on a seasonal membership cannot participate in the Zone meets. Only swimmers with full year round, not seasonal, USA Swimming registration are eligible to participate in a Zone meet. 4) The 2011 Eastern Zone Short

Course Championships will be held in Rochester on March 31 to April 2. The report was accepted.

Senior Vice Chair [Carolyn Manor for Jerry Adams]: 1) The 2010 Eastern Zone Super Sectional meet will be held August 5 to August 8 in Buffalo, NY. 2) The 2011 North Region Speedo Championship meet will be held March 24 to March 27 in Buffalo, NY. Participation in the North and South Region meets will be limited to LSCs in that Region in 2011. The report was accepted.

Technical Planning Committee [Ms. Carolyn Manor for Mr. Jerry Adams]: Last year's Adirondack District Long Course Championship meet ran too long in many sessions. To address this issue: 1) the order of events has been modified; 2) the Technical Planning committee proposed that the 800 meter freestyle be eliminated from the meet. The short course equivalent event, the 1000 yard freestyle, is not offered in the short course championship meet. Swimmers can get a time for the 800 meter freestyle by entering the 1500 meter freestyle. The motion was accepted; and 3) the Board of Directors proposed that the Adirondack District Long Course Championship meet be closed to teams outside the LSC. The motion was accepted. The report was accepted.

New Business:

1. The Board of Directors proposed that all travel reimbursements to meets be requested by and sent to the team that the athlete represents. This will reduce the administration effort. The motion was accepted. JoAnn Faucett will update the form on the website.
2. The Clinton Cudas team representative [Scott Risucci] proposed that the splash fee for individual events at the Adirondack District Long Course Championships be increased by \$1.00 to cover both the cost of additional awards for the consolation finals heats and the general increase in meet costs. The motion was accepted.
3. The Board of Directors proposed that the voting representation for each team at the House of Delegates meeting be up to 2 votes, one of which must be a currently registered Adirondack Swimming athlete. The motion is designed to increase the voice of the athletes in the House of Delegates meeting in compliance with the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act. This Act requires athletes to have a 20% voting representation. The motion was accepted. The athletes are welcome and encouraged to attend the Fall 2010 House of Delegates meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Teams are reminded to bring an age appropriate athlete.
4. The Board of Directors proposed the following as the LSC mission statement: "Support member teams in their effort to provide quality training and competition in a safe and professional environment." The motion was accepted.
5. The House of Delegates asked what was or could be done regarding the air quality at Adirondack championship meets. The host of the 2010 Adirondack Gold Short Course Championships Schenectady-Saratoga Swim Club team representative [Victor Romanov] reported that he has been informed by RPI that they are

- investigating actions to improve the air quality for larger meets. One such action being considered is an upgrade of the air handling system.
6. The Board of Directors reminded teams that recruiting of current USA Swimming registered athletes is not allowed by Adirondack Swimming or USA Swimming. A club may not advertise for, or approach a swimmer, in any venue where a USA Swimming meet or event is being held. Team members or their associated representatives may not approach athletes or families from other registered USA Swimming clubs. They may provide information only when they have been approached regarding information about their team.
 7. The next meeting is on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Woodlin Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.