

Adirondack Swimming 2017 Spring HOD Mtg

May 21 2017, Duaneburg Area YMCA

Called to order 11:12am

Attendees:

Bill Faucett	Susan Cortwright	Jenn Dixon
JoAnn Faucett	Lindsey Bailey	Steve Johnson
Marco Greico	Chuck Dunham	Alison Vitullo
Joey Homan	Anesa Brkanovic	Jerry Adams
John Fitmaurice	Savannah Scoons	Alexandra Dixon
Tim Maggs	Wendy Nelson	Andre Paradis
Gary Burch	Abie O'Donnell	Ann Korzun
Gillian Burch	Denise Swan-Scott	Patrick Sweeney
Dan Tanski	Dan Carter	Jeff Allen (from USA Swimming)
Allison Busseno	Natalie O'Loughlin	
Julianna Busseno	Carl Hart	
Debbie Erickson	Ellen Schuler	

Agenda was reviewed and approved
Minutes from Fall 2016 HOD mtg was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer – Alison Vitullo

- Variances:
 - Variance in registration income and expense offsets, so no net budget impact.
 - Travel Fund – higher meet income and lower T&L expense offset vs. budget projections.
 - Outreach budget is expected to be fully utilized. Currently have 6 outstanding applications. If all are approved they would exceed budget by \$150.
 - Bottom line – AD experienced a higher net income vs. a budgeted loss.
- Report accepted

Outreach – Rossi Madonnado

- 6 outstanding applications. Only have money for 5.

Registrar and Club Development: Ann Korzun

- 2017 Statistics: 2226 year-round athletes (incl 38 outreach), 71 seasonal athletes, 319 non-athletes, 33 clubs. Athlete numbers are 8% higher than last year. We expect 200 more seasonal athletes and 100 more year-round athletes to register throughout the summer.
- Clubs:

- One newly approved club; Bethlehem Area YMCA (BAY), head coach Zahara Moore
- Killer Crocs Ciccotti was approved but is now disbanding. Head coach Nick Deck plans to start another club; JJSC – Jammin’ Jellyfish.
- Coaches: Please remember to monitor you certifications on DeckPass, renew requirements before they expire, and send copies of safety certs to AD registrar, Ann Korzun.
- Non-athlete member cards are being phased out by USA Swimming. In 2017 AD will mail each non-athlete a card at time of registration. Additional cards are only mailed upon request. In 2018, AD will have to purchase our own card stock.
- USA-S will increase year-round membership fee for 2018 by \$2. AD would like to raise fee by \$1 from \$16 to \$17 for 2018. AD would like to have the same fee for all Outreach athletes so all pay \$5. New fees would be (USA + AD = Total):
 - Non-athlete: $\$58 + \$17 = \$75$
 - Year-round athlete: $\$58 + \$17 = \$75$
 - Seasonal Athlete: $\$32 + \$12 = \$44$
 - Outreach Athlete: $\$5 + \$0 = \$5$
 - Club: \$200 (or \$100 if received by Dec 1)
 - Seasonal Club: \$60
- AD does not currently have an Online Payment system for registration fees. Would like to start using Paypal. Each team will need to set up PayPal account. PayPal will charge AD 2.9% for each transaction so AD will still encourage teams to mail checks for big batch registrations. It is meant to ease last minute registrations.
- Report accepted.

Safety Chair – JoAnn Faucett for Michele Boxley

- Had 1 minor incident
- Report Accepted.

Senior Vice-Chair – Jerry Adams

- Hannah Saiz who used to swim for Adirondack’s Lake Champlain Waves, competed at 2016 Olympic Trials and has now made the National Team in 200 fly.
- 41 Athletes were reimbursed for attending Senior Level Championship Meets this past spring from 9 teams. Coaches and reps, please continue to educate your kids on the reimbursement program available online. Swimmers MUST attend Championships in order to be eligible for the reimbursement.
- Maybe in 2018 there will be a Speedo Super Sectional meet in June.
- Senior Level Championship Meets this summer:
 - June 27-July 1: World Champs Trials/US Championships, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
 - August 2-6: US Opens, East Meadow, NY
 - August 3-6: Senior Zones, ECC, Buffalo
 - August 3-6: Future Championships, Geneva, OH

- August 8-12: Speedo Jr Nats, East Meadow, NY
- July 31-Aug 4: YMCA Championships, Greensboro, NC
- Report Accepted

Coaches rep and records – Jenn Dixon

- Andre Paradis was voted coach of the year at Golds.
- Records have all been updated for SC.
- Report accepted

Sanction / Times Chair - Bill Faucett

- On Jan 1 athlete surcharge increased by \$1. AD had 9,789 athletes in all 2016-17 SC meets, 5,769 in 2017.
- AD had \$37K in total meet fees during 2016-17 SC season vs \$27K last SC season. Increase due to additional surcharge as well as two new meets and increased participation.
- Expect AD fees to increase \$13,598 annually from new surcharge.
- Effective May 1, passed at fall convention, entry limit is now 6 at timed final meets.
- Please continue to use most up to date meet announcement template.

Administrative Vice-Chair - Steve Johnson

- Will not meet LEAP 2 deadline. New requirements coming out. Need bigger committee to make it happen. Requirements include: Need to run club business and management workshop and have Jeff Allen out, update by-laws,
- Accepted

General Chair (Age Group Chair) - JoAnn Faucett

- Moment of silence for Chuck Wielgus who served for nearly 20 years as USA Swimming Executive Director. He was also Chief Executive Officer of the USA-S Foundation at its inception in 2004. In the year before he arrived, USA-S had fewer than 200,000 members. Membership has grown to over 400,000 under his leadership. Present USA-S is one of the strongest NGB (National Governance Body) due to his knowledge and expertise. He will be missed. A national search to replace him has begun. Eastern Zone passed to contribute \$6,000 to the Swimming Foundation in his memory.
- Jeff Allen is our new Eastern Zone Sport Development consultant. He replaced Peter Clark that retired.
- Congratulations to the 2017 AD Coach of the Year Andre Paradis, Clinton Swim Club.
- Congratulations to the new JR Rep Marco Greico, Clinton Swim Club and Jr Rep at large Patrick Sweeney, Duanesburg Electric Eels.
- Congratulations to the 2017 Adirondack Swimming Scholarship winners: Brooke Kelley (Lake Champlain Waves) and Joey Homan (Schenectady-Saratoga swim Club). AD wishes them both good luck in their future endeavors.

- AD SC Zone team had 52 athletes (29 females and 23 males), 7 (10-unders), 16 (11-12), 17 (13-14) and 12 (15-18). Meet was held at Webster Aquatic Center Mar 30th – Apr 1st. Zone coaches were: Jenn Dixon, Rossi Maldonado, Dan Tanski, Maggie Callesano, Randy Kelley and Eric Martell. Of those that applied, 15 were given \$75 refunds, 2 received \$100 refunds and there were 2 withdrawals that received no refunds.
- 2018 SC Zone meet changes: At the EZ meeting it was voted that the meet will no longer be a LSC Team meet. Each USA-S team would attend separately and send in entries on their own. Each team will be responsible for having a coach present. Travel will be done individually. It will have all age groups and very fast qualifying times. The LC Zone meet will remain the same with top two in each age group, qualifying times and entries will be sent in by LSC.
- 2016 Eastern Zone dues were paid \$531.25 (2125 athletes at \$0.25/athlete)
- EZ Board of Review: As of Jan 2017 there is one case that is being worked on and one case under review. AD BOR Liaison for 2017 are Sean Caron, Jenn Dixon and athlete Natalie Morse.
- EZ Spring meeting was held in Atlantic City along with EZ workshops May 5th-7th. Attendees for the EZ workshops were Bill Faucett (Times & Sanction Chair), Ann Korzun (Registrar), JoAnn Faucett (General Chair). The EZ Spring meeting was attended by Jerry Adams, Steve Johnson, Jenn Dixon and JoAnn Faucett.
- 2017 EZ Long Course Championships will be held in Richmond, VA Aug 8-12, 2017. The qualification procedure will be the same as in past years, top 2 for each age group or qualifying time.
- Flex membership has been passed on the 2017 legislation; 18-under \$20/year, may only swim 2 meets/year and no championship meet. The rollout for this new membership is April 2018. This was adopted hopefully to increase membership of those who swim varsity or do other sports but still would like to be involved with USA-S.
- New Jr. Coach Certification; 16-17 year olds, no background check (once 18 must have a BGC), no weight room and coach under supervision.
- Athletes that are also certified coaches will currently have to pay for two memberships; that will change so they will only have to pay for one and register as both athlete and coach.
- Age Group Anti-Doping has a task force to review the effects of energy drinks on all levels of swimming.
- USA-S membership cards can be purchased by an LSC to print hard copies for officials and coaches. Athlete cards will only be available on DeckPass.
- Outreach has removed free lunches as a qualification. The reason is many schools have free lunches for their entire student body, not determined by financial need.
- Splash magazine will transition to 4 print issues and 2 digital issues.
- LSC Zone Task Force recommended that the LSC Bylaw Template be reviewed and revised with the goal of permitting LSC's to make them shorter and less complex. Targeted date for 2018 to provide simplification and potentially different format.
- Safe Sport, on April 1, 2017 USA-S transitioned to a new vendor for background checks. The new company is technologically more advanced and provides more secure

methods. Everyone will be charged \$38 for the first time with new company and then \$18 for renewals. Additionally, the guidelines for chaperones sharing a room with 12-under athletes has changed. The recommended arrangement is for the adult to share a room with more than one athlete.

- 2020 Olympic Trials will be held in Omaha again; June 21-28, 2020 (there will again be some overlap with the Baseball College World Series).
- LA 20124 bid for hosting 2024 Olympics in Los Angeles has begun; a final decision will be made in September.
- New proposal to make the present USA-S BOD smaller in numbers. Board size would be reduced to 15. The 10 at-large members would be elected by HOD, 3 athletes members elected by the athlete section of the HOD. A nominating committee will be established charged with proposing 2-3 highly qualified nominees on the ballot for each Board's seat open for election. The proposal is to remove the Zone Directors (4 Zones, 2 directors from each (coach and non-coach) on the USA-S BOD completely. Eight Zone directors presently sit on the USA-S BOD. Each Zone would no longer have a voice in the decision making that would directly impact their Zone. Build the base, the four Zones are the base of swimming.
- Report Accepted.

Officials Chair Report – JoAnn Faucett

- 2017 Officials Chair Workshop: June 16-18, 2017 in Houston, TX. JoAnn Faucett will be attending.
- Official Clinics: It has been requested by some teams to run a stroke and turn clinic in late spring. If interested in hosting please contact JoAnn with possible dates and times.
- Admin Official: Friendly reminder, if you are running a meet there must be a certified AO at the computer/timing system. An admin referee is also certified to be the AO.
- Hosting an AD meet: If you are hosting a meet your team must have at least 2 certified stroke and turn officials working the meet. Also, please secure a meet referee prior to the meet announcement being posted.
- USA-S membership cards: AD would like to continue using the hard copy of the membership card, AD will purchase for officials.
- Special Olympics: Thanks to the AD officials that have volunteered their time in the swimming portion of Special Olympics. This spring AD has run 3 local meets, Skidmore, RPI and Shen. Participating officials were Coleen Knight, Kirk Reinhardt, Jill DeMaria, Meleik Goodwill, Alison Vitullo and JoAnn Faucett. On June 17th Special Olympics will be hosting their state meet at Siena. 4 officials have already volunteered for this meet. The athletes, coaches, parents and spectators are always so appreciative. Thank you!!
- Report Accepted.

Safe Sport Coordinator – Andre Paradis

- Online courses are available on USA Swimming website for non-athletes, athletes and parents.

- Report Accepted.

Technical Planning – Jerry Adams

- LC Championships at Colgate will be same format as last summer but 13-14 will be separated. 12-under will swim in the afternoon. 13-over will be split into 2 flights. The fastest 3 13-14 heats and fastest 4 15-over heats will swim at night and all other heats will swim in the morning. The 1500 will be limited to 6 heats. Fastest 6 in each age group, and then the next 12 fastest by power points.
- Silvers is the championship meet for 8-unders so they will not have any qualifying times.
- Silver awards: 1st-3rd get medals; 4th-8th get ribbons. The 2 teams hosting Silvers should coordinate awards.
- In 2018 Delmar Dolphins will host Silvers w/500, Sharks will host Silvers and Piranhas will host Golds.
- Report Accepted.

Athlete Report – Allie Dixon, Joey Homan, Marco Greico and Patrick Sweeney

- Planning to host Candy Cane Relay meet again. The meet made about \$500 last year that will be donated to a local Make A Splash organization.
- Working on organizing a Buddy Swim day which will be a clinic for younger swimmers in AD. Will ask Senior swimmers to volunteer.
- Would like to have an field day.
- Will have a Panera Bread fundraiser after a meet in Clifton Park.
- Report was passed

New Business:

- Election year: need nominating committee (2 board members, 3 non-members and must include 1 athlete): Up for election: General Chair. Joey Homan athlete on committee, Abigail O'Donnell, Andre Paradis, Jenn Dixon and Chuck Dunham.
- Ann Korzun:
 - Proposal 1: "Want to offer PayPal as option for paying registration fees. Mainly to be used for last minute registration". Passed.
 - Proposal 2: "All Outreach athletes will be eligible for \$5 USA membership". Passed.
- Andre Paradis:
 - Proposal: "For 2018 SC Zones, individual event swimmers can be reimbursed \$100/day up to a max of \$200. Swimmers have to compete at Golds to be eligible. Each team can also be reimbursed up to \$200." Passed.
- Joey Homan:
 - Proposal: "Change the voting procedure for athlete rep, so team with up to 25 13-over athletes get 3 votes and for each additional 25 athletes a team gets 1 more vote". A motion was made to table the vote until the Oct mtg when we have more information. Motion was passed and proposal will be on agenda for Oct mtg.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.