

Adirondack Swimming House of Delegates Fall 2010 Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010

Time: 11:10 AM – 12:40 PM

Location: Woodlin Club, Scotia, New York

Attendees:

*Jerry Adams	AD Board	*William Faucett	AD Board
*Jennifer Bailey	Amsterdam	*Lucky Foreman	Albany Starfish
Lindsey Bailey	Clark	*Kathy Furman	AD Board
Jeff Barlok	Glens Falls Flyers	*Chris Joyce	New Paltz Hawks
*Jodi Bedson	Ballston Spa	*Peter Kalish	AD Board
*Sue Bixby	Schoharie Valley	*Rosemary Lanzi	AD Board
*Michelle Bowker	Delhi Dolphins	*Rob MacLeod	Uncle Sam
**Samantha Bowker	Delhi Dolphins	*Carolyn Manor	AD Board
**Kay Bonney	Schoharie Valley	*Jeff Maxwell	Adirondack Bluefins
*Pat Bonga	Saratoga Y	*Connie Miller	Capital District Y
**Niko Brosnihan	Uncle Sam	*Andre Paradis	Clinton
*Dave Burns	AD Board	**Matt Phillips	Clark
*Raeann Burns	Ravena	*Victor Romanov	Schenectady-Saratoga
*David Cardone	Fulton County	*Bobby Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
**Megan Cortright	Canajoharie	Pat Rowledge	Schenectady-Saratoga
*Sue Cortright	Canajoharie	**Olivia Samson	AD Board
**David Connor	AD Board	*Dan Tanski	Southern Saratoga
*Paul Crandall	Glens Falls Flyers	**Jenna Tocco	Kingston
*Pam Deschyer	SSAC	Lori Tocco	Kingston
*Jenn Dixon	Duanesburg	**Tom Walton	Glens Falls Flyers
**Tristan Dixon	Duanesburg	**Emily Whitaker	AD Board
**Sarah Dougherty	Albany Starfish	*Serena Wunderlich	Kingston
*Chuck Dunham	Clifton Park	*Amy Zemerling	Delmar
*Joann Faucett	AD Board		

* - Voting Non-athlete ** - Voting Athlete

Spring 2010 Meeting: The minutes from the spring 2010 House of Delegates meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report [Mr. Peter Kalish]: The 2010 tax return is complete and will be filed this month with USA Swimming. Adirondack Swimming remains financially sound. As follow-up actions, Mr. Kalish will get the independent review of the 2009 & 2010 financial records completed and submitted to USA Swimming.

The report was accepted.

Registration [Ms. Kathy Furman]: The 2010 AD LSC registrations included 2108 athlete and 2679 total members.

The report was accepted.

Administrative Vice Chair [Mr. William Faucett]: The Administrative Vice Chair informed the House of Delegates that the Board of Directors decided to expand the National Times Chair position and responsibilities be expanded to include the responsibility of reviewing and approving the sanction requests. As a result, the position name will be changed to Sanction & National Times Chair.

The Admin Vice Chair reminded teams that host meets to use the meet template, particularly the verbiage for meet oversubscription. This is important because once the announcement is posted it cannot be changed and it must be followed. The verbiage in the template has been developed to optimize and streamline the ability of the Meet Director and Meet Referee to deal with issues that arise prior to the start of the meet, such as oversubscription.

Season 1 is now over and swimmers that are solely registered as season 1 cannot enter meets. To enter meets, they must register as a year round athlete.

To avoid potential issues and fines when entering swimmers in meets, it is suggested that teams send in a report of team registration records to the Administrative Vice Chair or the Registrar. These individuals will use the report to confirm that the team and LSC databases match.

Teams should be aware that USA Swimming has voted to require non-athletes to successfully complete a background check. There will 2 different levels of background check. A team of individuals is working on the details of implementation, including timing. The details will be posted on the Adirondack Swimming website as they become available. Effective immediately, no new registrations for coaches under 18 years of age will be accepted. Effective January 1, 2011 registration renewal for coaches under 18 years of age will no longer be accepted.

Universal transfer forms are now mandated for any swimmer transferring from one team to another. The form is available on the Adirondack Swimming website.

Effective January 1, 2011 each club must have a travel policy and each athlete and non-athlete that is traveling with or on behalf of the team must sign a travel form.

The report was accepted.

Officials Chair [Ms. JoAnn Faucett]: Adirondack Swimming held an officials clinic on October 2, 2010 at Ravena. A total of 16 attendees representing 10 teams were present. Thank you to Ravena for supporting this.

Officials are reminded that their work history is tracked in the Officials Tracking System to support certification and recertification. **Each official should validate the accuracy of this information periodically.**

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.

Records Chair [Mr. Jerome Adams]:

Adirondack Swimming had 4 swimmers in 5 events and 1 relay (Albany Starfish) in the National Top 10. The swimmers involved are: Amy Bopp, Jennifer Lucius, Jenna Bickel, Julia Samson, Susie Schwartz, Mike Dugan & Kelly Gao.

The report was accepted.

Athlete Representatives [Ms. Emily Whitaker]: An additional athlete, David Connor, has been appointed as a Member-at-Large to the Board of Directors to bring the athlete representation to at least 20% of the Board of Directors consistent with the requirements of the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act. This brings the total number of athlete representatives on the Board of Directors to three.

The athlete representatives have developed a newsletter which will be posted to the Adirondack Swimming website in October. They also implemented recycling of containers at the meets last year. Thus far they have recycled over 1000 bottles raising \$60 for Make A Splash.

The webmaster is setting up an email address for the team of athlete representatives to enable athletes to more easily communicate with their representatives.

The report was accepted.

Coaches Representative [Mr. Dave Burns]:

Coaches are reminded to periodically check the dates of expiration of their registration, including the background check. Coaches cannot be on deck during meets if their registration is expired. Coaches are reminded to display their credentials on deck during all meets. At this time there are 42 coaches whose registrations have expired. A list of the coaches with expired registrations was available for review during the meeting.

The Coaches' Representative is working on establishing an annual coaches meeting.

The report was accepted.

Age Group Chair [Ms. Rosemary Lanzi]: Adirondack Swimming had 24 swimmers apply for the 2010 Eastern Zone Long Course Championship meet prior to the meet and 2 apply at the meet. A total of 25 of those 26 athletes qualified for the Adirondack Swimming Eastern Zone team who competed in Rockville, MD. These athletes broke a total of 6 records. Congratulations team!!

To address the recent issues of premature departure of Adirondack Swimming Zone team athletes, the Board of Directors decided that failure to stay to the end of the meet will result in the inability to sign up for future Zone teams. This will be clearly stated on the Zone meet application.

The 2011 Eastern Zone Short Course Championships will be held in Webster March 31 to April 2, 2011. The IMAX meet will be held in Maryland this winter. Information for these two meets will be posted on the Adirondack Swimming website shortly. An email will be developed and sent to coaches aimed at assisting them in generating interest in participating in the Eastern Zone meet.

The report was accepted.

Senior Vice Chair [Mr. Jerry Adams]: 17 long Course records. Add add'l words Sectionals is 3/24-27. 2 athletes at Nat'l's and 8 at Jrs. Trials came out – Amy Bopp, Jenna Bickel and Mike Dugan have made it. Age group camp invites out – Amy Bopp & Jenna Bickel will be there. The report was accepted.

Technical Planning Committee [Mr. Jerry Adams]: The Technical Planning Committee proposed championship meet changes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the meets beginning in 2011: 1) The Gold Championships will be expanded to include a fourth day of competition. This session will include the 13 – 14 and Senior 1500 and 11-12 500 freestyle. It will be held on a weekend day prior to the beginning of the remaining events. The events on this fourth day will count toward the total number of events allowed; 2) 13-14 & Senior athletes will be seeded together for morning qualifying heats of Gold Championships for the 400 IM and 500 freestyle to streamline the meet timeline. They will be separated for finals.; 3) Swimmers in the 11-12 age group shall be required to qualify to swim a 200 yard event at Gold Championships; 4) athletes will be limited to three events per day in Silver Championships; 5) They can no longer compete in the 200 distance of a stroke if they qualified at the 100 distance; and 6) swimmers have to compete in 2 meets to enter the Silver Championship meet. These proposals passed.

New qualifying times for the Adirondack LSC Gold Championships have been established to achieve consistency across age groups and genders. These new times will be posted shortly on the Adirondack Swimming website and will be added to the Hy-Tek standards file posted.

The Technical Planning Committee met to identify ways to enable events to be available more frequently to swimmers throughout the year. Technical Planning will continue to actively provide suggestions for meet types and events to each meet host to improve opportunities for swimmers. The committee was expanded to include a total of eight members with a diverse set of experiences [Dave Burns, Lucky Foreman, Chris Joyce, Jen Dixon, Jerry Adams, Kim Crouse, Joann Faucett, and Emily Whitaker].

The report was accepted.

New Business:

1. This year the Speedo Championship and the Adirondack Gold Championship meets are on successive weekends. To allow Adirondack swimmers to effectively represent the Adirondack LSC at faster meets, the HOD proposed that for 2011 only, participation in either the Region 1 or Gold Championship meet and two other meets will qualify an athlete for the Adirondack travel fee. The proposal was passed.
2. Hy-Tek is rolling out new material. The information will be linked to Adirondack Swimming website.
3. The date of the next meeting will be finalized following the establishment of the date for the Spring 2011 Eastern Zone meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.