

Adirondack LSC Fall 2005 Meeting
House of Delegates
Oct. 2, 2006

Attendance: sheet attached

Meeting called to order at General Chair JoAnn Faucett

Secretary's Report: Secretary's report was handed out and read and accepted.

Treasure's Report Tracy not here. JoAnn said really about \$30,000 less than what is really in there because of incoming USA fees. At the USA meeting she went to LSC's should use the rule of thumb to have about double what they need. This was accepted by all.

Registration/Membership Report: Kathy gave this report. Right now we have 490 athletes, 22 non-athletes and 14 coaches with a total of 526 USA registrations. Coaches need to see who is missing certs, 35% out of compliance. Teams have until Dec. to register their swimmers. Don't wait until last minute to do this. No personal checks, only one team check for all registrations. If Ad doesn't already have a copy of the birth certificate then you need to send that. Reminder: coaches should be wearing their credentials on deck. Coach is not up to date with their certs until Kathy has their certs. On the web site is what Ad considers acceptable for certs. This report was accepted by all.

Senior Report: Jerry gave this report. The following teams represented AD at the Summer Super-Sectional meet at St. Mary's College. Schenectady(9 swimmers), Delmar Dolphins(3 swimmers), AV Starfish(2 swimmers) and Clinton Cudas(1 swimmer). Rob Manor represented AD swimming at the Junior National Meet in California. This past summer Ira Klein visited clubs from AD. He offered his support to develop a plan to raise the level of senior swimming in our LSC. Tom Steuer, Doug Gross and Jerry will take over where Ira left off meeting and planning to begin taking action in this process. The schedule is out for Senior Nationals. There is a program out on the USA web site called IMX Challenge. The Christopher Goody meet will be run this way. This report was accepted by all.

Age Group report: Summer zones were a success. At the USA meeting there is still trouble getting bids for zone meets and Senior National meets. Therefore the cost of entries for these meets was almost doubled so teams will at least break even because of costs increase on pools. In a couple of years Ad might have to increase the cost per swimmer but for now Ad will not increase fees. This report was accepted by all.

Records/Top 16 report: Luba gave this report. There were 16 new residential records and 14 new district records. No one from the top 16 from the summer. From Sept. 1 2004 to Sept 1 2005 there were 11 top 16 boys and 2 top 16 girls. This report was accepted by all.

Meet Schedule/Sanctions Report: Mike Coley wasn't here. JoAnn read his report. Last year there were 30 short course meets loaded into swims and 6 Long Course meets. Some of these were observed meets. For those that run observed meets there will be a formal policy(new) for approval including mandatory sign-off by the National Rep Suzanne Heath. A specific form will be used. It will go from the person requesting it to Ad to the National rep back to Ad then to the person requesting this. Time needs to be allowed to do this. Running a meet recon report has made it easier to load a meet into swims as all mistakes are taken care of before the meet. Reminder names have to go for relays. Web site meets are up to date for the 2005-06 short course season. We have one new meet in Dec. Kingston and Bluefins are including Masters in their meets. Take advantage of the meet announcement template on the web site. The best way to send everything is electronically. Remember if using age group for events use 15& over instead of 15-18 so swimmers over 18 can swim. This report was accepted by all.

Bidding on Championship Meets: A bid for the summer Long Course Championship meet was put in for Clinton Cudas by Jim Heyde. There were no other bids so this was accepted. July 28-30 was the dates for the meet. Make this meet open to out of district teams. This was accepted by all.

Safety Report: Denis Manor was not here. Jerry talked about air quality still being a huge issue. Try to get a professional to come into pools for free with suggestions at what can be done. Jeff said RPI put a lot of money in their pool this summer. John said have this person come in and give advice not shut down pools or try to sell anything. This report was accepted by all.

Technical Planning Report: The technical planning committee met and recommends that awarding championship meets be awarded on a rotation basis when there is more than one team wants to run that meet. Teams that have hosted the Silver and Gold Championship meets are AV Starfish, Delmar Dolphins and Schenectady Swim Club. They will be in the rotation with Clinton Cudas being the sole team for the summer long course championship meets. All other teams wishing to be in the rotation will have to be approved by the Technical Committee. The committee will take into consideration whether the team has experience and the number of workers necessary to properly run a championship meet. Also whether the team shows year-round commitment to Ad swimming and the # of swimmers at meets and the # of Ad meets they attend. Technical committee must approve of the site and the format for these meets. The committee has the right and duty to recommend the removal of a team from their spot in the rotation when and if a team shows the inability to run an effective meet. Final say will be this committee. There was a lot of discussion for and against this. It was suggested this committee be 4 board members and 3 non- board members. Some said the committee should not have final say. A motion was made that starting with the winter 2007 Silver and Gold Championships to pass what the Technical committee had proposed. Some said Technical committee shouldn't have final say. Discussion also about clarifying how new team can get in. Also add that technical committee will bring it to the House of Delegates for final vote. Lots of concerns over language for rotation of teams. Motion put on floor to table this until the next meeting. Needed 2/3 vote to be able to table the original motion

but didn't get it. Big issue is how to get a team into rotation. The rotation part was accepted just wording on how to get a team in rotation needs to be addressed.

Officials Report: On Oct. 23 there will be an officials clinic at the Glens Falls YMCA. The written test can be taken on line. Must shadow 4 different meets. You need to want to officiate not just be on deck.

Athletes Report: Aimee Catroppa and Spencer Booth represented Ad at the USA meeting in Greensboro, NC. Aimee said we need to get athletes to help out more at events such as Special Olympics.

Coaches Report. None

Adapted Swimming: JoAnn said there is none. AV Starfish said they have one. It's too hard to get adapted swimmers certified. Something should be done to make this easier.

Elections: There was one change to the original proposal. Doug Gross will be the Senior Vice-Chairman and John Ogden will be the coaches representative. Art made a motion to accept the committees recommendation. It was voted on and all in favor.

Old Business: Jerry reminded that all coaches must display their USAS registration card while on deck at meets. Kim and Jerry reviewed the by-laws and said AD does not quite follow the by-laws. They suggested they we come up with a task force to go over the by-laws and bring it to the House Of Delegates. That committee will be JoAnn, Kim, Art, Jerry and Rob McLeod. It is the secretaries job to do the policy manual. It was suggested to come up with a Council-at-Large and come back to the next meeting with that name. Art suggested we make that a board position.

New Business: USA swimming was going to donate a flat fee for Hurricane Katrina but it got voted down. Instead it was suggested teams that have swim-a-tons donate 5% to Katrina. A lot of teams just wanted to donate to something themselves. Teams should go to the USA web site to get info on who to donate money to. Also sheet with new changes on some strokes. Should get voted into effect at the end of Oct. Need to look at participation at smaller meets. Teams send swimmers to the bigger meet. Clarification on championship meets. Gold Championship meet: must swim 2 AD sanctioned meets and Silver Championship meet: must swim 1 AD sanctioned meet.

Board of Review: no report

Spring meeting will be May 20.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45