

## Board of Directors:

1. In Attendance: Beth, Steve, Stu, Gary, Harrison, Jonathan, Lucas, Rob

2. Motion to approve march teleconference board: Tabled until next month

3. Current Financials: everything looks good. We need to keep an eye on the number of outreach swimmers that we have, to ensure that there are annual renewals. We are at a negative number for senior and ot because of checks not making it, or getting cashed, so the money came back to us, and had to reissue new checks to those parties involved.

## 4. Administration Reports

a. General Chair: Adding a required field to the clubs with registration to name an athlete liaison with their contact information so the athlete reps can help contact. Also, changing the nominating committee to a governance committee, to help find people to bring up the pipeline to learn what the position includes, etc. In April of 2018, Gary and Steve are termed out.

b. Admin Vice Chair: Steve, no changes in the bylaws, just housekeeping things in Rules and Regulations. Also, in need of changing things in Rules and Regulations for the Zone Team Travel.

C. Executive Director- Leap 3 achieved. See Jessica's report. On Governance- Steve is wondering about identifying BOD candidates. Someone needs to have the document and be in charge of the governance committee in lieu of a nominating committee.

## 5. Committee Reports

a. Senior- Add senior zone qualifiers to the camp for Memorial Day weekend. May need to adjust the budget to include those swimmers as well as coaches and chaperones that are necessary. The senior committee would like to recognize Buddy Bark, whose memorial is today.

Beth moves that the Emerging Coach of the Year is named after Buddy Bark, because of him being a mentor. Second-Jonathan- 2018 Emerging Coach of the Year is Buddy Bark Award. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

b. Age Group: Lucas, the report is the same as Technical Planning. Zones Status, etc.

c. Coaches Chair- The response to Mike has been great. Want to continue this trend.

d. Athlete Reps: Harrison, the athletes talked about lighter towels, continuing food trend, more social events

e. Technical Planning: Received reports from all committees, Old Business addressed divisionals and made a proposal to make a subcommittee of coaches from North and the Metro area to make a more competitive environment. Changes to 2017 schedule. Proposal to change fees for state which was defeated. Discussed circumstances in which state fines are applied: any swimmer who was in the meet and did not scratch and did not achieve qualifying time would be fined, however there is an option to

appeal to the board. Short Course schedule was handled- Next LSC August 26<sup>th</sup>. Charles Todd is interested in hosting a "second state meet" and running it with the Pike Proposal from the Age Group Committee. Also, did note that would discuss Jameys proposal-> new business

f. Officials: very productive. We are losing officials. With the boards blessing, Clarice Wasmuth is going to join the officials committee. Will have more online training for officials. In the last year, we have lost more officials then we have gained. Requested for a resource list of officials who would be willing to go to "away meets." Would the expectation be for them to be paid or "independent contractors." Rob is going to pair with Jess on a survey list for clubs to have access to more officials for their meets.

g. Safe Sport: See report from CiCi Christy. Each club must designate a Safe Sport Coordinator before August 15<sup>th</sup>, and someone who is not the head coach.

6. Old business- none

7. New Business

\*\* Jamey- would like to go to all electronic heat sheets at the state meet in February. Is better for the athletes so they can see sooner if they are in finals or not. Jamey would like to add a fee per event or \$6.00 per swimmer. Motion to discuss- Steve. Lucas-second to discuss. \$6.00 surcharge per athlete separate from the facility surcharge. This would be an option for meet hosts of the state meet, either can add a 6.00 surcharge or sell heat sheets.

Motion to approve for \$6.00 surcharge per athlete in lieu of selling heat sheets in February from Rob. Second- Beth. All in favor- motion passes.

a. USA Swimming Membership cards: USA swimming is going to stop providing cards. See report from Lora. Lora would like to stop printing all together. Motion from Rob that Georgia Swimming discontinues the issuing of USA Swimming Membership Cards. Pepper Second. All in favor. Motion carries.

b. Replacing inactive committee members/requirements- Lucas and Stu. Lucas would like to know if there are guidelines as to what the committee should look like and how do we remove someone and replace them. Lucas made changes to the board manual on what the age group committee should look like with representation of the LSC. Beth suggests to say, as the chair terms out, the new assembly of the committee begins. Stu says in our bylaws about removing items who have not participated in their duties, basically can bring the name to the board, and give the member thirty days to rectify the situation. Jess- can do kind of the same thing that USA Swimming does, which would be like terms. Lucas wants to have some form of guideline- Stu- for may teleconference, would like the information to the board to discuss.

c. towel vendor review- see report from Jess. Want to make the decision not today. Steve and Gary will partner up.

d. Coach Mentoring Program: John- two coaches have turned in applications. Money is from coaches

budget.

e. Board of Review-Stu- Southern Zone has new responsibilities. One athlete, one coach and one official. Harrison, John and Rob.

f. Webcast Evaluation: Jess- see document. Steve thinks it is hard to justify the expense because of the number of actual viewers. Stu recommends looking at it after this summer to see how it goes, to make a more accurate decision. STEVE- go through summer meets, then discuss in Fall Meeting. Second from jonathan.

g. Table updating the board of directors manual.

Next Meeting: Next teleconference is May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m.

Motion to ajourn: Steve- second-John