



**EASTERN COMMITTEE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023**  
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Jenn called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 23 at 8:01 pm.

Jenn presented the agenda for the meeting. Trevor Hoyt made a motion to add the Friday night \$500 reimbursement to the agenda. It will be added as New Business.

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Approved unanimously.

**Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Beech (Co-Chair), Renata Martinez (Vice Chair); Sherry Mueller (Secretary), Trevor Hoyt (Treasurer), Christian Watts (Coach Chair), Shelby Hernandez (Program Co-Chair), Virgil Chancy (Diversity & DEI Chair), Paul Szuzszkiewicz (Open Water Chair / SCS Governance Chair), Andrew Jones (Officials Chair), Rodney Pillman (Senior Chair), Bryan Haille (Age Group Chair), Steven Tatgenhorst (Op Risk/Safety Chair),

**Board Members Absent**

Julie Fredericks (Program Co-Chair), Ellie Abihider (Safe Sport); Ted Oliver (Review Chair)

**Other Members Present:**

Laura Otteson (OTTR), Lynette Struve (SDA), Tyler Harp (CCAQ), Jacinta Beckman (PDSC), Kevin Bouk (HVDA), Audy Oktavian (Fusion), Jingyue Zhang (FFSC),

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from the November meeting were submitted. Paul made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Approved by unanimous consent.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**REPORTS OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEES**

**Chair Report**

Jenn reminded everyone”

- 1) There is a special HOD meeting on Thursday, March 9. Every team needs to have a delegate. (See Paul’s comments under New Business.)
- 2) USA Swim registration must be completed before the swim meet. Deck registrations are no longer allowed but the swimmer can register after the entries have been submitted but before the meet.
- 3) Please send the meet entry checks to the meet admin sooner. Sending them in as soon as the entries are sent in will get them there in time.
- 4) Meet Deck Marshalls: Host teams must have meet marshals on deck for every meet. There is a USA Swimming course they need to take. It’s about 30 minutes and 1-time. This is not tracked in SWIMS. They want 2 meet marshals for T/F meets (1 male and 1 female) on deck at all times and 4 for H/F meets (2 male and 2 female) on deck at all times. Marshals also need to monitor the bathrooms. Recommendation is to have additional marshals on deck. SCS will have forms for marshals. There is an email link to fill out the name and date they completed training. Paul stated that marshals are the ears and eyes for the officials. They keep eyes on the warmup/down lanes and behind the block areas so the officials can focus on the swimmers. It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure no one gets hurt or injured. Recommend the team has a meet marshal leader to oversee the marshals.

**Athlete Report**

There was no Athlete Report

**Treasurers Report:**

Trevor reported he got in contact with Ron Ross and has updated the financials for 2020, 21, and 22.

\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to approve the reports, \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.  
Approved unanimously.

**Senior Report:**

Rodney reported the Senior Fund was used to help support Futures and Jr Nationals to offset coach & swimmers. Funds are down because there is less participation. They need ways to increase participation for funds. The budget is \$400,000. There is a deficit of \$200,000.

Rodney asked can the Eastern Committee help support the swimmers? He will get with Trevor to propose support at the next EC meeting.

Rodney noted there are calendar conflicts with CIF and other meets.

Trevor commented that money for senior level goes to EC instead of the team.

**Age Group Report:**

Brian stated that each team was requested to fill out forms stating their preference for JAG and SumAG meets. The questionnaire also asked if the team planned to attend the Age Group Elite meet in August. To date there are several teams that have not responded. He will contact these teams. Please respond.

Brian suggested the possibility of adding bonus events for the championship meets to encourage attendance for those swimmers who many only qualify for 1 event.

**Coach Report:**

No Report

**Program Report:**

Shelby reminded everyone to get their sanction forms in earlier.

**Open Water/Governance Report:**

Paul reported there are clinics open to both coaches and athletes. He also reported the upcoming Open Water meets are posted on SCS.

**Official's Report:**

Andrew reported we have 2 new meet referees. He asked that teams get their requests for officials in early, preferably at the beginning of the season, as the Orange committee is picking them up thru the end of the year.

**Safe Sport**

No report

**Risk Report:**

No Report

**Diversity/Disability Report:**

Virgil reported

- 1) Recommend shorter meets for Novice and first time swimmers. Would like input.
- 2) Please send him a list of swimmers with disabilities and special needs.
- 3) If swimmers with disabilities and special needs are competing please fill out the form for the officials.
- 4) There is a USA Swimming webinar on their website.

**SCS Review Committee Report:**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SCS All Star Reimbursement**

There was significant discussion around the topic of who should be reimbursing whom for traveling to the All Star Festival in Las Vegas.

SCS covered the rooms for the coaches.

Paul stated that SCS usually reimburses the officials but that was when the meet was local and travel wasn't involved.

Virgil stated that reimbursement policy from SCS is not clear and communications are ineffective. No one in SCS seems to know their reimbursement policy.

Jen made a motion to reimburse our coaches for mileage and per diem. Trevor seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Jen is to take this issue to SCS. Brian will discuss with the Age Group committee. Andrew will discuss with the officials. Trevor will prepare cost analysis to send coaches, etc to the All Stars.

**\$500 Friday Night Reimbursement**

Trevor questioned the \$500 reimbursement to the Friday night host. Event fees are low due to low attendance on Friday nights. How do we incentivize more teams to attend?

He stated that \$500 is an excessive amount and would drain the EC funds in a few years.

There was a lot of discussion with several ideas being tossed around, passing the event fees to the Friday night host, allocating the surcharge, covering expenses of the Friday night facilities.

Jenn and Shelby recommended this be tabled to the next meeting.

**HOD Meeting**

Paul is concerned that there is a group attempting to seize control of SCS and are making By Law changes that are not in the best interest of the teams. Each team needs to be informed and vote down the changes to the by-laws.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is planned for March 23rd.

Jenn motioned to close the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Mueller, secretary

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