Southern California Swimming

Board of Director’s Meeting

Wednesday June 23, 2021 – 7:00pm

Location: Zoom

**BOD DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Terry Stoddard

***Vision:*** *Leading the nation that leads the world.*

***Mission:*** *Proud of our tradition, SCS provides support for our members*

*in their pursuit of excellence.*

***Core Values****: Athlete-centric, Collaborative, Cohesive*

Agenda review: Motion – to approve the agenda. **M/S/C – Unanimous consent**

Approval of Minutes for April 14th –Cami Motion/Omar 2nd **– M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

Approval of Email Voting from Election Buddy – Cami Motion/Stacy 2nd – **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

Registration Report **– Nicole & Stacy –** Stacy asked for teams to batch the files to make it easier for registration. We are seeing about 4-5% increase of athletes per month right now. Not sure if it’s Covid recovery or the Olympics. Mitch mentioned that he was using the Registration program from USA Swimming from Team Unify. He stated it’s intuitive, fast and easy to use. Our LSC is trending ahead of the Western United States in registration.

Olympic Trials Report – Plenty of highlights on NBC. Lots of 2nd swims. Must highlight Sandpipers, for placing 2 teenagers on the Olympic team. 3 athletes to the Olympics, one not a teenager anymore. This will be posted on the website. Rick mentioned Michael Brinegar from MVN as well.

**Old Business** –

1. Eliminate Free Weekends – Bob – The idea of this is to eliminate the concept of free weekends from the Swim Guide. Motion to Extend the time for discussion 5 minutes – **Mitch Motion, Nathan 2nd. M/S/C.** Motion by Nathan to table the Free Weekend discussion and form a working group. Kevin 2nd. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

2. USA Swimming Special HOD Meeting – June 30th (10-minutes) – 2pm Calif. Time. Terry went over with the BOD who is a delegate. The item on the agenda is to come into compliance with the Ted Stevens Act. Joan also mentioned that since she is now on the WZ committee as an athlete rep, she cannot vote with our LSC and the WZ committee. Terry asked her to check with the AEC for guidance and a replacement and how to institute this.

3. Tech Suit Policy – No response yet from Rules and Regs. Move to Old Business in September 2021

**Report of Officers, Divisions and Committees -**

**General Chair - Terry Stoddard –** No Report - We need to build the base and use the Olympic bump, post Covid.

**Administrative Vice Chair – Stacy Smith** – Swim Guides only 6 orders from teams. Price has almost tripled. Since the guide is on the website, we can update it immediately. Stacy made the decision to not print because of cost. Nicole and Stacy put up on the website under forms for Sr. Travel reimbursement. Stacy stated that she made a mistake for the fee for the time trials. It was stated as $20, and our limit is $15.

**Finance Vice-Chair –** Karen gave an update on the transfer of funds from Bernstein and moving forward. The cleanest way is to have Bernstein liquidate. Karen’s strong recommendation is for Bernstein to liquidate to cash and then do a straight wire transfer. Ron provided to Karen a portfolio of evaluation for June 2021, it’s a little over $4.3 million. There should be minimal costs as we pay a large advisory fee each quarter.

**Age Group Vice-Chair – Mike Cody –** Submitted. Update on JO’s. We currently have 3 hosts and FAST has agreed to be the back up if needed. Stacy wanted to thank the teams that hosted the Summer Invites last weekend. In looking at the meet summaries, Stacy wanted to bring to the board a Motion to Waive the SCS fees as a one-time thing for Covid. Mike 2nd. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**. The fees are approximately $2100-2700. Over 250 athletes applied to the WZ meet.

**Senior Vice-Chair – Rick Shipherd –** SMOC is this week. LAI meet was dropped from the calendar for a one-year hiatus. So. Cal Invite went to a 3-heat final, and they are expanding the numbers allowed in the meet. The SRS series is going forward. The dates are Sept. 18-19, Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24 and Nov. 20-21. Rick stated they are looking for hosts. 1st day is an all-comers invitational. Seeking a commissioner for the event, contact Terry. Meet file is posted and both Sectionals are up as well on the site.

**Planning Vice-Chair – Bob Hommel** – report submitted – Actionable items in new business

**Secretary – Cami Stein** – no report

**Treasurer – Ron Ross**– Report Submitted. Proposed budget is sent in for 2022. Please look at it before the HOD. 75% amount before what we did before Covid. Stacy will process the Trials reimbursements as quickly as possible. Bob asked if the new budget includes an Executive Director. Ron stated it did not.

**Athlete Reps – Joan Choi/Chelsea Hong/Joslyn Rothlein/Joshua Jeong/Connor Henry –** Application for More Reps is available. Joslyn and Joshua are graduating. Other athletes are leaving for college as well. James Gallagher asked why there wasn’t more communication between the Athlete committee and the committee reps. Joan responded that there was a small break in meetings because of graduation and other activities. Joan gave us a brief update on her role with SCS. She graduated and is going to be going to UCLA and will stay involved and working on the transition. They will be also working with getting a new Jr. Rep and have Chelsea move into the Sr. Rep position. Bob asked Joan if we have a large enough athlete pool to replace the athlete’s we are losing. We are hoping to get more athletes involved. We have an adequate number, but we need more to become involved. There are a lot of teams that have NO athletes involved and most of the reps seem to come from the same teams each year.

**Coaches Rep** – **Mark Schubert** – No Report

**Immediate Past Chair – Michael Jafari –** No Report

**Geographic Committee Reports-**

* Coastal – Stacy carrying for Coastal had a meeting, committee is being proactive in getting the meet calendar for the Fall and Winter. Oasis and Frog are now in the Coastal committee.
* Desert – No Report. LVSC was hosting a meet and the pool had a mechanical issue – rescheduling and new sanction needed for the meet.
* Eastern – 2 committee meets coming up.
* Metro – April 27, committee meeting. Last ditch JO meet the weekend before. 2020 teams that had meets canceled will get **FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL** for 2021 meets. Joy Lim is being recommended to the Administrative Review Board.
* Orange – Meeting next week. Multi-site JO Max is the weekend after JO’s
* Pacific – No Report

**Safe Sport – Sheri Stoddard –** No report. Discussion about the Safe Sport (Canopies) PODS. Safe Sport needs an actual address to mail this out not a PO Box. Rose Bowl was a new team that is Safe Sport Certified.

**Governance Committee – Phil Yoshida –** Here is a timeline for BOD Positions. July 1st it will be posted. August 2-22 will be interviews and vetting of nominees. Sept. 1st the Slate will be posted. October 2nd is the Meet and Greet and any nominations from the floor. Oct. 3rd Election. Meet fees were also discussed. Indiv. Fees were listed as $13. Rick made a motion to change the meet fees (both) for the So. Cal Invite to match what the LAI fees were. Nathan 2nd. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

Motion to extend the board meeting to 9:30pm by Bob. Kevin 2nd **– M/S/C Unanimous Consent.**

**DEI – Sarah Dawson** – No Report

**Officials – Omar de Armas/Leanne Colvin** – no report.

**Open Water – Robin Smith -** report submitted. Robin reported that there were 160 entries for the Swim to Tokyo. Trying to put together an abbreviated OW calendar. OW practices resources will be updated.

**Operational Risk – Stacy Smith –** No Report

**Administrative Board Review** – No Report

**Registration – Nicole Hendry –** Already done earlier in the meeting.

**Times/Recognition- Judi Divan –** Submitted.

**New Business**

1. Administrative Review Board Appointments – Terry – 3 names are being recommended to the Admin. Board of Review. One is from Metro comm. Joy Lim. The other are at large. Lauren Skinner and Lenin Velasco. These are Terry’s appointments. Kevin motion, Michael J. 2nd – **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

2. Email Voting – Terry and Cami -

3. Add a SCS Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, July 7th 7pm – Terry. Bob Motion, Mike J. 2nd **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

4. Add a SCS Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 11th (virtual) 7:00 P.M. Motion Bob, 2nd Rick – **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

5. SCS Summer JO’s – Mike – no update from earlier

6. Western Zone Age Group Champs – Mike – no update

7. SCS Competition Schedule for 2021 (Calendar Year) – Bob – We would rebid the meets as necessary. There are some omissions that can be put on, such as WZ and SRS series. Motion Bob, Mike 2nd to restore the calendar and restoring the bid process for 2021 and put on the website. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

8. SCS Competition Schedule for 2022 (Calendar Year) – Bob – Same principle of restoring the calendar and restoring the bid process. Bob Motion, Rick 2nd – **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

James (ROSE) asked when the bid process would take place, as under normal circumstances that would be happening now. Is there a date set or a time frame? For 2022, until we hear from USA swim, we must wait. Bob stated that as far as 2021, the event that jumps out at him is WAGS in December. Bob stated that after we finalize the JO time standards. Rick then stated that the only thing to be bid is WAGS. The time standards need to be discussed.

Phil then asked if the board approved to add the So. Cal Invite to the Swim Guide as part of the Senior Circuit? Going forward that would streamline the fees. Terry stated this can be discussed at the next meeting.

**Resolutions and Orders:**

1. New Clubs – Gators changing name to Evolution, Trojan Aquatics Swim Club, and Malibu is going to become Horizon. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

2. Committee Changes – Oasis and Frog from Metro to Coastal. Effective immediately. Kevin Motion, Mike J. 2nd. **M/S/C Unanimous Consent**

**Call for Agenda Items**

**Announcements:**

1. Reminders of Scheduled Meetings

2. Next BOD Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual) – July 14th at 7:00 P.M.

3. Next SCS BOD Meeting (Virtual) – September 15th (virtual) 7:00 P.M.

**Adjournment**

**Dates/Reminders for 2021 through October:**

June 30 USA Swimming Special HOD (virtual) – Time TBD

July 14, 2021, BOD Executive Committee Meeting (virtual), 7pm

August 2021 – Exec. Comm. Mtg – Aug. 11, 2021 – 7pm

September 15 Board of Directors Meeting (virtual), 7:00pm

Sept. 23-25 USA Swimming 2021 Convention (virtual) TBD

October 2-3 SCS House of Delegates Meeting 2:00 P.M.

Fall Clinic TBD

October 9 BOD Annual Board Orientation (virtual) 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. &

Board Strategic Planning Meeting (virtual) 12:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn – Stacy Motion, 2nd unsure **M/S/C**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Cami Stein - Secretary