

LSC

LSC Board Meeting Minutes

Chaminade University

Sept. 21, 2003

Present: Ken Suenaga, Lynette Chew, Lisa Hendrickson, Jane Suenaga, Jessica Cahill, Chelsea Nagata, Jon Hayashida, Char Tester, Michael Sabina, Michael O'Connor, Dave Coleman, Gale Wilson, Gwenn Tomiyoshi.

I. Chairman Ken Suenaga called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

II. Minutes of August 17, 2003 LSC Board Meeting were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report - Gale Wilson

Request for zone reimbursement deadline was agreed by the LSC Board to be August 31, 2003.

The 2004 Budget, with the exception of the Senior Program swim travel subsidies, was approved unanimously. The Board tabled the approval of the Senior swim subsidy until the Senior Chair has the opportunity to clarify the request to subsidize coaches travel expenses.

The Board discussed the need to balance the annual budget. Suggestions made to help supplement the annual expenses included.

To manufacture an aloha shirt with a Hawaiian Swimming logo.

To increase the swim meet sanction fees (Age Group was asked to review the meets and related sanction fees to see if a reasonable increase in sanction fees would support the Budget requirements.

IV. Committee Reports:

Administrative Vice Chair - Vacant

Senior Vice Chair - Brian Lee (absent)

Finance Chair - Vacant

Age Group Chair - Jon Hayashida

To date, 8 meets have been sanctioned.

A proposal was made to use last season's time standards and the age group chair will address events with minimum participation and adjust the events in the time standards (times would not be adjusted faster for this season).

Comments were made to use a standard and consideration time to allow flexibility to allow and accommodate 24 top swimmers in each event. After some discussion it was directed that further consideration of this proposal would be delegated to the Coaches Reps, Technical Planning, and Athletes Representative and submit a proposal to the board.

Coaches Representative - Steve Borowski and Jon Koshiba (absent)

No report

Athletes Representative - Chelsea Nagata, Nikoya Collier (absent)

Nikoya attended convention and will share her report at the next LSC Board meeting.

Registration Membership Coordinator - Lynette Chew

With the initiation of the new Swims Program, rules that might have been overlooked will now be enforced. Coaches will need to keep certification updated before expiration.

If teams have the updated 2004 version of Team Manager they can print the registration forms for their swimmers off of Team Manager.

To date there are 100 registered swimmer athletes for the 2004 season.

Technical Planning - Ron Tsuchiya (absent)

Club Development & Adaptive Swimming - Char Tester

A report from convention was circulated to the Board members, and noted that in January 23-25, 2004 Char will be attending a workshop at Colorado Spring for the Adaptive Chairs in each LSC.

In April 22-24, 2004 the USA Swimming Disability Championship meet will be held at the University of Minnesota.

For Western Zones, it was approved to include the Swimmers with disability in the Zone Championships in 2004. A committee will be established to review the program for the next two years, and will be using the Central Zones guidelines to begin.

Top Sixteen Coordinator - Lisa Hendrickson

Top 16 season ended on August 31, 2003, and an updated listed will be forthcoming.

Officials Chair - Dave Coleman

Scheduled clinics are as follows:

Stroke and Turn clinics for east Oahu are on Monday, Sept. 29, 2003 and Thursday Oct. 2, 2003.

Oct. 11, 2003, Saturday in Kona Stroke and Turn clinic

Oct. 22, 2003, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Chaminade University Referee and Starter clinic.

For all officials, there is an **application process** when applying for the upcoming Short and Long Course State Championship Meets.

Outer Island Representative -

Maui Representative - Jessica Cahill notified the LSC Board that she is stepping down as the MAGSA Rep. and Kelsey Kawano will be taking over as the official's chairman and will be attending the LSC Board meeting.

Big Island Representative - Barbara Kopra (absent)

V. Old Business:

The LSC Board discussed a suggestion for the State Long Course Championship to start earlier by moving some events to Thursday, and having Sunday to be a shorter day. The Age Group Chair will look into the suggestion and present to the board his recommendation.

The intent of aligning age group meets with senior swimming meets were to provide swimmers with another meet to swim on the weekend, and if a need arose that the senior meet was unable to find a pool, it could be held at the same pool as the age group meet.

New Business:

LSC Chair Ken Suenaga shared his concern, that on Oahu there are no County public pool facilities that meet the water depth standard that passed at the recent convention for age group swimming. Chairman Suenaga is requesting that all swim teams contact their respective County Councilman; and inform them that there is no public pool facility that would accommodate swimmers diving into the pool from top of the block.

As a result of this concern, a suggestion was made that there may be a need to make adjustments to the time standards that will accommodate the in water starts.

Chairman Suenaga will contact John Kinney who is the Western Zone director and on the national committee, and request to allocate money to research the building up of pools to meet the standard requirements.

Ken met with Mike Unger and discussed the Jr. Pan Pac, which is scheduled for January 2005. Mike will forward his report to Chairman Suenaga, and refer Mike's report to John Buck on Maui.

Officials Chair Dave Coleman made a motion that the Hawaiian LSC effective immediately adopt the following rule changes passed at the 2003 Convention on starts in pools where the water depth is less than four feet: Section 103.2.3A. In pools with water depth less than 4' at the starting end, the swimmer must start from within the water. A discussion was held on the motion, and the LSC Board unanimously voted and passed the motion.

Cathy Durance, who is the liaison to safety and registration, informed the LSC Registration Coordinator that the Hawaiian LSC would need to amend their by-laws in order for clubs to appoint the coach member as the safety coordinator. According to the by-laws under section 2.1.2C, a word is missing under Active Individual Member, it states, an active individual is an individual other than a member. It should read other than a "coach" member. Then in section 2.2.3 under Club Safety Coordinator, it states that each club member shall appoint an active individual member to be a club safety coordinator, it does not indicate that a coach can be a safety coordinator. If we bring this to the House of Delegates and ask them to amend the by-laws to read, "shall appoint an active individual member or a coach member," then our by-laws will allow clubs to have a coach be the safety coordinator.

VII Concern to the LSC:

Regarding the State Short Course Championship: The Age Group Chair informed the board that an application for the County of Hawaii pool use facility was filled out on behalf of the LSC, and was given to Kona Aquatics to submit to the County. Any questions or concerns regarding the State Championship meet should be documented in writing.

VIII Announcements:

The LSC Board thanked Jessica Cahill for representing MAGSA on Maui on LSC Board.

Next LSC Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, 2003 at 10:30 a.m., Chaminade University.
Meeting Adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Gwenn Tomiyoshi, Secretary