

Hawaiian Swimming Board Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2005
Chaminade University

Present: Ken Suenaga, Jane Suenaga, Dave Coleman, Pat Takeshita, Ernie James, Char Tester, Fred Tester, Marcelle Arakaki, Jon Hayashida, Ray Orikasa, Nikoya Collier, Peggy Glasgow, Lynette Chew, Gwenn Tomiyoshi, Larry Oshiro, Dean Schmaltz.

I. Chairman Ken Suenaga called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

II. The board approved minutes of Feb. 19, 2005 with the following changes:

- Clarification was made that the LSC would agree to give MAGSA the Long Course Championship if MAGSA was willing to give the LSC a percentage of the t-shirt sales.
- It was noted that the Kamehameha School Pool on the Big Island should be considered for Short and Long Course Championship. The pool is 50 meters by 25 meters so the end lanes can be used for warm-down. The Age Group Chair informed the board that he would have to confirm that information.
- Adaptive Swimming is now called Disabilities Swimming Committee.
- Information on the privacy act under Adaptive Swimming is part of Club Development.

III. Treasurer's Report – Lynn Nakamura (Absent)

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Administrative Vice Chair – Kenny Chew (Absent)

B. Finance Chair – Gale Wilson (Absent)

C. Senior Vice Chair – Scott Sherwood (Absent)

D. Age Group Vice Chair – Jon Hayashida

- The board reviewed the schedule of events presented by the Age Group Vice Chair for the Long Course Championship, which excluded the 800 free relays, and adjusted the schedule to include only one long distance event per Final/Timed Final session. Changes to the order of the events were made followed by approval (ayes-9, nays-0, abstentions-2)
- Changes to start time of meet:
 - Session 1 Finals (Thurs.) meet will begin at 9:00 a.m.
 - Session 2 Prelims (Thurs) meet will begin with program at 2:45 p.m. and meet to start @ 3:00 p.m.
 - Session 3, 5 & 7 Finals (Fri. – Sun.) meet will begin at 8:30 a.m. and Session 4 will begin @ 3:30p.m.
- Relay events:
 - 10 & Under 200 medley relay moved to Saturday morning with other 200 medley relays
 - 10 & Under 200 free relay moves to Sunday morning with other 200 free relays
- MAGSA was awarded to host the 2005 long course championship including all host responsibilities including hospitality (ayes-8, nays-2, abstention-1). The LSC will receive all entry fees and will continue to provide the individual medals and ribbons, high point awards and team awards. In addition, a Championship Fee of \$10 was proposed and approved by the board to be charged to each participating swimmer while removing the hospitality fee (ayes-8, nays-2, abstention-1). The Championship Fee was proposed based on information collected from various meets sanctioned by USA Swimming. To participate in the meet swimmers are assessed a participation fee to compete. The fees range from C/B/A+ meets (\$5) to Championship Meets (\$25 or more). The purpose of the Championship Fee will provide financial revenues for the LSC so it may continue its operations and programs including subsidies for travel. It was also proposed that all future championship meets will be open to bid and the Championship Fee will become a fixed fee replacing the Hospitality Fee. This change to the bidding of the championship does not change the alternating schedule that is in place that allows preference to different islands each year. The board was informed that if this were to be a rule change, the Rules and Regulations would need revision, and approval by the House of Delegates.
- Recognition of Senior Swimmers at the Long Course Championship will be forwarded to Gale Wilson. The athlete's rep. will contact Mrs. Wilson and coordinate presentations.

- A suggestion was made to use the current short course medal design for the Long Course Championship. A new design will be solicited for the 2006 short/long course season. Request for new designs was delegated to the athlete representative for assistance in coordinating the new design.
- E. Coaches Rep. – Ray Orikasa and Larry Oshiro
- Coach’s representative received e-mail from a coach regarding changes to the event format and other concerns related to the Long Course Championship. However, after discussion and changes adopted for the Long Course Championship events, the Coaches Representative felt that the coach’s concerns had been addressed.
 - Another concern amongst some coaches is to change the Short Course Championship back to March instead of December, since traveling won’t be so restrictive. The board reviewed reasons for changing from March to December, which included High School swimmers were ending their season and might not be in shape for States. While other swimmers might be preparing for Sectionals. It was suggested that the Coaches Rep. meet with the coaches at the Long Course Championship meet and discuss the change, then vote on the decision. However prior to the meeting, information should be disseminated to the coaches concerning why the change was initiated, and inform them of the board’s discussion, and a vote will be taken at the Long Course Champs.
- F. Athlete’s Rep – Nikoya Collier, Matt Tanigawa (Absent)
- The board was informed that no Jr. Rep. has been found. Requirements and other information will be posted on the Hawaiian Swimming website. The athlete’s rep. needs to be an incoming junior.
 - A request from the athlete’s rep to all coaches who have seniors swimming on their team to notify Nikoya Collier and provide her with the athletes names so they may be recognized at the State Long Course Championship meet. Her e-mail address is F99coni@yahoo.com.
- G. Registration Membership Coordinator – Lynette Chew
- As of March 18, 2005, there are:

○ Registered Athletes – 2,143	Non-Athletes – 268
○ Clubs – 30	Organizations - 2
 - Two clubs have yet to renew their membership.
 - The board was informed that Tom Avischious e-mailed the registration coordinator of a new computer generated coaches test via Colorado Springs. ASCA will no longer be administering the coach’s test. Effective immediately for new coaches everything will come through the USA Swimming website. Questions will be drawn from a bank and each time a coach retakes the test, random questions will be provided. When a coach passes the test, the registrar will be notified via the SWIMS program.
 - On April 14 – 17 in Tampa, Florida the LSC Registrar will be attending a Registration Workshop.
- H. Technical Planning – Ron Tsuchiya
No Report
- I. Safety Chair –
- It was noted that Billy Brown from Pearl Harbor might be interested in becoming the Safety Chair. Chairman Suenaga requested that Billy Brown contact the LSC Chair if he’s interested.
- J. Records Chair – Peggy Glasgow
- Records chair advised coaches, if swimmers are participating in non- Hawaiian meets, and records are established, it is the coaches responsibility to complete paper work and notify the NTV Officer and Records Chair.
- K. Disability Swimming/Club Development – Char Tester
- Informed board that all coaches should be receiving a survey through Club Development and are reminded to complete and resubmit the survey.
- L. Top Sixteen – Cathy Hiramoto (Absent)
- M. NTV – Fred Tester
- The NTV officer noted that the Kaneohe meet had 40 illegal entries, whereby swimmers didn’t have the “A ” time requirement. Coaches were informed of their entries and claim they were unaware of the entry changes.

- A 12 & under must have an “A” time in the 50’s to swim a 100 event. And an “A ” time in the 100’s to swim the 200 events.
- For 13 & over they can swim the 100 events, but have an “A” time in the 100’s to swim the 200 events.
- A question arose if coaches can use converted time when doing entries. There needs to be consistency throughout our LSC. It was agreed that we use converted times when submitting swimmers entries.

N. Official’s Chairman- Marcelle Arakaki/Dave Coleman

- Shortage of officials on Oahu continues to be a concern, therefore the co-official’s chair would like to initiate short mini clinics at the meets and ask teams to provide two volunteer parents to learn and become an official.
- Presently, the meet notice reflects one official whether it’s a timer or deck official for every five swimmers. Changes to the meet notice should include any regular deck official (clerk of course, consol, computer etc.), to assist at the meets; ultimately they could represent their team. The LSC, can review what clubs continually provide officials at the meet by tracking their participation. This is the responsibility of the coaches and the clubs.

O. At-Large Representative

- Maui – Kelsey Kawano (Absent)
Maui held a swim meet that was cancelled due to lightning. A question was asked if they could use the same sanction and reschedule the meet? A suggestion was made that MAGSA continue the meet where they left off, since other events were swum and the swimmers established times.
- Big Island – Harry Canales (Absent)

V. Old Business:

- Chairman Suenaga updated the board on the Central Oahu Regional Park status and noted the following:
- It continues to progress, with the opening pushed back to either May or June.
- All lane lines, restrooms and electrical lighting are presently being installed.
- A meeting will be held with Glenn Kajiwara (Oahu Regional Park Director) to discuss three teams who would like to use the new facility for practice.
- The next Central Regional Park meeting is scheduled for the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. near the tennis courts.
- Appreciation of posting the Rules and Regs on the website was shared.

VI. New Business:

- The co-official’s chair attended meeting of Olympians, and mentioned that Hawaii might be used as a training site before going to Beijing.

VII. Concerns Within Our LSC:

None

VIII. Announcements:

- Club Development office has been sending information to coaches every month via e-mail, because thousands of e-mail are sent out through Colorado Springs, the SPAM program is blocks any incoming mail from the headquarters for several days. If this occurs to the following providers (AOL, Yahoo, Earthlink): go to the SPAM options in your e-mail and set it to accept e-mail from national headquarters from USA Swimming using the following @USASwimming.org or @USASwimming-.org.
- Next LSC meeting is a House of Delegates Meeting, scheduled for April 17, 2005, (Sunday) 10:30 a.m. at Chaminade University.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Gwenn Tomiyoshi, Secretary