



CCS House of Delegates Meeting
November 1, 2014

Prior to the official meeting, General Chair Jim Patterson gave an introduction for the day starting at 10:10, which nearly all the delegates attended. The delegates were then split into two groups: athletes and non-athletes. Athletes were given a governance orientation on CCS, parliamentary procedure, and the roles of the House of Delegates and Board of Directors. Non-athletes attended a session on meet management and how to run a better meet.

After the split group sessions, the general group discussed merger questions and status. The two groups met at convention. Sierra Nevada has some issues that they need to resolve. A task force was set up with 4 members from each side (plus an alternate), which will meet in November in Merced. Our task force members are Jim Patterson, Mark Bennett, Charlie Pike, Mike Carpenter and Caroline Reynaud. The plan is to talk about the schedule and competition (our best selling point) and plan for the rest of negotiations.

The new interpretation for what needs to be done to accomplish the merger with Sierra Nevada (SN) and the effective date of such a decision is that we submit that votes were taken appropriately to the Rules and Regulations Committee, and then the merger can happen with a September 1 start (effective January 1 for USA Swimming). We would need bylaw changes, which would be voted at next year's June House of Delegates meeting.

John McGough talked about the positives of a merger, the biggest being that we would change the bar to something higher than JOs, which is where many swimmers plateau. He envisions that the existing meets won't go away but we'll have an extra higher level of championship. Our LSC opened up JO competition and provides funding for senior travel, because we lack the competition internally. The merger would help bring a higher level of competition within our LSC. John mentioned that we have a different flexibility for travel funding that he doesn't want us to lose, which could be a sticking point for the merger.

Some differences between the two LSCs: the SN membership person is paid 50% more than we pay our membership person and they collect more money per splash. SN has around 1500 – 2000 seasonal swimmers and 4000 year-round swimmers.

The group broke for lunch prior to the meeting.

Jim Patterson called the House of Delegates meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. The meeting agenda and supporting documentation was submitted via e-mail prior to the meeting.



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Attendance:

1. **Athletes:** Evan Rabinal (BOD), Mallory Korenwinder (BOD), Lauren Davis (BOD), Owen Ansel (TNT/new BOD), Audree Preble (Clovis), Stazi Moseley (RA), Kaeleigh Conley (VSC), Samantha Lazerson (BAC)
2. **Non-Athlete Board of Directors:** Jim Patterson, Mike Carpenter, Mary Flatman, Chad Bringe, Pat Ota, Laura Mayer, Charlie Pike, Renee Patterson, John McGough, Barry Schab, Kim Korenwinder, Shawn Holbrook
3. **Non-Athlete Club Representatives:** Matt Jones (BAC), Stephen Mendyk (Clovis), Caroline Reynaud (FGST), Ray Hoffmann (IWV), Jim Sullivan (TNT), Corrie Koster (VAST), Leah Peters (VSC), Tammy Kudela (YMSC), Michelle Garner (RA), Justin Racer (Merced).
4. **Other Non-Athlete:** Phil Black, Mark Bennett

General Chair Jim Patterson read our new Mission Statement, which was updated in the special March governance meeting.

Clubs are afforded one athlete to be appointed as House of Delegate members at large. A motion to approve the athletes at the meeting as members at large was approved.

Treasurer's Report (Chad Bringe)

1. Chad's last board meeting report was included in the agenda.
2. We spent \$350 more last year than we received as income.
3. Jim is looking at each program standing on its own.
4. Membership made a big difference: we had \$8K less this past year due to going from 2400 year-round athletes to less than 2000. The increase in athletes is normal in a post-Olympic year, although we had a larger than normal spike.

Elections:

1. Add a 5th Board of Directors Athlete Member: A motion was made to add Owen Ansel as a Board of Directors athlete representative, which would give us 5 athlete members.
 - a. The group thought it was a good idea but was initially concerned that it might make getting a quorum more challenging. It was determined that the quorum would still be 9 members (13 non-athlete + 5 athlete = 18 total members).
 - b. Motion passed unanimously. [PASSED]
2. Board of Directors Elections:
 - a. Nominations were opened from the floor, and none were made.
 - b. Motion to elect nominees by acclamation (Justin/Matt). [PASSED]
 - i. Athletes present confirmed Board of Directors athlete members.
 - ii. Members at large confirmed Board of Directors non-athlete members.



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- c. John McGough stated that athletes should elect their Board of Directors representatives in the future (the current representatives were chosen by the nominating committee). This should be addressed under New Business.

Schedule:

1. JOs Age Discussion:
 - a. Athletes thought we should include 15 & Over athletes, because JOs is a culminating meet for some of these athletes. To enforce this, the athletes thought we should have a cap on the meet or have fewer older athletes swim finals (i.e., swim two finals versus three for 15 & Over events).
 - b. Age Group committee also recommends two finals versus three for 15 & Over events.
 - c. Issue on how to structure the meet: last year was confusing with 15 & Over on one course for finals and having to wait before swimming, so the two courses would finish at the same time. Athletes felt that the 15 & Overs were not part of the team.
 - d. The Age Group Committee is recommending that 11-12 500 freestyle be timed finals and the 800 freestyle relays be swum in prelims with the exception of the top 8 teams, which would swim in finals.
 - e. Motion to approve the meet host awarding for the schedule (normally approved by the Board of Directors) with Short Course JOs listed as an 18 & Under meet (Shawn/Laura) [Passed]. **OTHER MEETS STILL NEED REWORK & AG RECOMMENDATION TO REFER BACK TO COMMITTEES FOR REWORK**
2. JO Time Standards:
 - a. John McGough presented the information and discussed the proposed time changes and how they were determined.
 - b. Audree Preble asked about a time cap. The group discussed having possible time caps between A and AA, possibly AA or the Juanita Allington Senior Meet time standards.
 - c. Motion to approve the time standards for qualifying times (normally a Board of Directors decision) as presented by technical planning (Pat, Jim Sullivan). [PASSED]
 - d. Motion to provide disqualifying times for 15 – 18 year olds with a recommendation for those times TBD by technical planning (Audree/Justin). [PASSED]
 - e. Ray Hoffmann mentioned that coaches were concerned about time standard changes being made so late in the year. Why does it take so long? It would be nice to know at the beginning of the season. The new time standards should be known right after JOs, so it would be nice to publish them within 60 days of JOs.



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Proposed Bylaw Changes:

1. BL-01 – Board of Directors: (Barry/Shawn) [PASSED]
 - a. Added mandated language.
2. BL-02 – Officers: (Barry/Justin) [PASSED]
3. BL-03 – House of Delegates: [PASSED as Amended]
 - a. This change affects when the House of Delegates meeting occurs, so that new budgets can be approved prior to the start of the fiscal year.
 - b. MOTION (Barry) to amend to have the meeting not later than the 4th Wednesday in August (instead of June). Motion Amendment (Mary) to have the meeting no later than August 31st. (Mary/Barry) [PASSED as Amended]
4. BL-04 – Officers: [PASSED with Option 1]
 - a. Terms of office are normally two years, so changing the House of Delegates meeting affects the terms of office and this amendment would change existing terms to add 19 months (instead of 12 months).
 - b. MOTION to accept Option 1 (Shawn/Pat). The Option 2 wording assumes a June meeting. [PASSED]
5. BL-05 – House of Delegates: (Renee/Chad) [PASSED]
 - a. Makes wording consistent so members need be a member in good standing to hold a position on the board.
6. BL-06 – Various : [TABLED for Task Force Recommendations]
 - a. Proposes bylaws differentiations of Rules & Regulations versus Policies & Procedures.
 - b. Many LSCs and USA Swimming differentiate.
 - c. Rules & Regulations come under the purview of the House of Delegates.
 - d. Policies & Procedures come under the purview of the Board of Directors.
7. BL-07: [PASSED]
 - a. Name changes were made to reference the “Safe Sport Coordinator”.
 - b. Section 606.1.10 needed to change “Safe Sport” wording to remove the extra “s”.
 - c. Pat called the question to end debate. [PASSED with one opposed]
 - d. MOTION to accept (Pat/Justin) [PASSED]
8. BL-08: [PASSED]
 - a. Added clarification on committee athlete composition. Per USA Swimming the Officials Committee is exempt from having athlete members.
 - b. Renee called the question. [PASSED]
 - c. MOTION to accept (Barry/Chad) [PASSED]
9. BL-09: [PASSED as Amended]
 - a. Addresses consistency for athlete representatives for House of Delegates. For Board of Directors the minimum age is 16 or a sophomore in high school.
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Audree felt the minimum age should be 16, since many things are difficult to understand.



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- ii. Tammy thinks that some 13 year old can represent themselves well and should be allowed to be the representative.
 - iii. Ray felt that if we allow younger swimmers as representatives, they should have some period of time as competitive swimmers to help them understand.
 - iv. Mary suggested that we keep the Board of Directors athletes as 16 years of age or a sophomore but allow House of Delegates members to be 13 or older. By doing this House of Delegates members can get experience prior to being elected as a Board of Directors member.
 - c. MOTION to remove Section 604.1.3 (it is not being used) and renumber the subsequent sections. (Mary/Justin) [PASSED]
 - d. MOTION to keep Board of Directors athletes as 16 years of age or a high school sophomore but to make the minimum age 13 for House of Delegates members. (Mary/Steve) [PASSED]
 - e. MOTION to change section 605.2 to remove “at large” from “ATHLETE AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS”, since this section talks about the House of Delegates athletes (Leah/Justin). [PASSED]
 - f. MOTION to change the wording in 605.2 from “Team Athlete Representatives” in the last sentence to “at large athlete delegates” (Mary/Leah) [PASSED]
10. BL-10:
- a. Changes makeup of the House of Delegates from a government Senate to a House model based on the number of registered athletes in the SWIMS database on August 31st. Teams also have to bring the proper representation of delegates (e.g., an athlete) in order to have all entitled voting members.
 - b. Discussion:
 - i. Chad was concerned about the length of the House of Delegates meeting if teams had more representatives.
 - ii. John felt that people will learn quickly to call the question, and it would be good to bring more athletes and “new blood”.
 - iii. Chad agreed that teams could get more involved, but we are still missing many clubs.
 - iv. Steve was surprised that this wasn’t already the model, since it is an opportunity to get involved.
 - v. Renee suggested that the membership might better be based on the actual meeting date. It was determined that using registered members based on August 31st was easier, since it was the end of the year.
 - c. MOTION to amend to say that if a team doesn’t bring the full complement of required representatives, that team is reduced to the highest level of voting members based on the members who did attend. (For example, if a team brings no athletes, the team gets one vote.) [PASSED]



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Proposed Rules and Regulations Amendments:

1. R-1: Meet Rules & Regulations – Meet Regulations (Renee/Justin) [TABLED to Board of Directors]
2. R-2: Meet Rules & Regulations – Entry Fees [PASSED]
 - a. Corrects wording for previously passed \$1 surcharge for CCS fees to match what was operationally done.
 - b. Proposes splash fee increase with 25 cents going to a Junior/Senior Travel Fund and 25 cents going to an Officials Fund.
 - c. *Discussion continued under the Budget below before this amendment was voted on and passed.*
3. R-3: Age Group Travel Requirements (Renee/Justin) [TABLED to Board of Directors]

Budget:

1. Jim would like to track money by fund, so that the money is spent based on the intended purpose. Jim's proposed budget re-establishes these fund breakouts.
2. Jim presented two proposed budgets: one without and one with Rule Amendment R2, which adds \$.25 to the Junior/Senior Fund and \$.25 to an Officials Fund.
 - a. Projecting a \$7300 loss for Junior/Senior Fund, but it is hard to predict the number of athletes who will qualify.
 - b. The Japan trip will affect the Junior/Senior Fund.
 - c. Under the current rules, we have no Officials Fund per se, so the General Fund would have to absorb the proposed costs.
3. Budget with Rule Amendment R2 passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Athlete Election Procedure:
 - a. Pat is the liaison to the athletes and has been tasked to come up with a proposal for the January Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Next House of Delegates Meeting: TBD but no later than August 31, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Flatman