

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SWIMMING
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
January 11, 2006

1. General Chariman Rick Klatt called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. at the Tulare Senior Center.

2. In attendance:

Rick Klatt, General Chairman	Keith Moore, Senior Vice Chairman
Susan Renna, Admin Vice Chairman	Jim Patterson, Reg/Mem Chr/Webmaster
Dowain Wright, Age Group Vice Chrnm	Renee Patterson, Officials Chariman
Myron Smith, Treasurer	Luanne Aakhus, Safety/Adaptive Swim Chrnm
John Julian, Past General Chairman	Val Kalmikovs, Coaches' Represe
Dave Pickford, Tech Plan Chairman	Kacy Ota, Athlete Representative
Gary Ota, RCA Representative	Susan Miller, MERC Representative
Skye Flocco, FDST Representative	Dan Kline, CLOV Rep/NTV
Jerry Renna, Board of Review	Phil Black, TNT
Shawn Holbrook, CLOV	Tom Milich, CLOV
An Baxter, CLOV	Libby Anderson, CLOV
Vinnie Chacon, CLOV	Leslie Holbrook, Secretary

3. A moment of silence was observed for two time Olympic swimmer Eric Namesnik who passed away today in Michigan from injuries sustained during an automobile accident.

4. Minutes of November 9, 2005 meeting were approved with amendment to include phrasing of "CCS Support of USA Swimming Championship Meet System" as passed in November to wit:

"If the Western Zone Gold Section Championship Meet (CA/NV Sectionals) is to be hosted by a member club in Central California Swimming. No other senior class meet(s) will be sanctioned within four (4) weeks prior following to the starting date of the Western Gold Section Championship meet. However, a developmental senior class meet can be sanctioned within the four week prior to period. The senior developmental meet will have an event minimum time standard to be determined by the meet host (i.e. USA Swimming 13-14 AA standard) and a maximum time standard of one-one hundredth (1/100) slower than the qualifying standard of the Western Gold Section Championship Meet. The developmental senior class meet must be completed prior to the entry deadline of the Western Gold Championship Meet. All associated fees regarding the senior developmental meet shall fall under 'Senior Meets' according the CCS Guidebook. Effective January 1, 2006"

5. Nominating Committee & Elections. A new Nominating Committee was chosen: John Kinney, Luann Aakhus, John Julian, Dowain Wright, and Tom Milich.
6. Board of Review has not convened to elect a chairman. Shawn Holbrook was instructed to so convene. Note: Shawn Holbrook conducted a voice vote of the Board of Review during the All Star Qualification Meet in January. Shawn Holbrook was elected Chairman of the Board of Review.
7. The General Chairman's report: The General Chairman opened a discussion of proposed changes to the format of the CCS Long Course Junior Olympics. Earlier prelim start times were discussed so that there could be a longer break between prelims and finals. An Baxter proposed moving relays to the finals to increase excitement in the finals. There was a discussion as to whether this would cause finals to be too long. There was also a discussion on limiting numbers of relays per teams or requiring time standards or proof of time on relays. Renee Patterson suggested a future mixed age group relay so athletes get to swim in the championship—possibly could be swum non-scoring during the break or prelims. Dave Pickford raised questions regarding individual awards for each relay swimmer & uniformity of awards. The following changes were approved by the House of Delegates voice vote: that the meet would start at 8:30 a.m., relays would be in the evening and the entry fees would be adjusted as set forth in the agenda.

It should be noted that the General Chairman conducted an email poll of members between the January 11th meeting and the March 14th House of Delegates meeting (on Feb. 17 & 18th) regarding relay time standards for the Short Course Junior Olympics. Two different standards were voted on for such relays—one a straight conversion from long course time or one based on 12th place standards. The General Chairman reported that the straight conversion standard method was approved in the poll.

The General Chairman then opened a discussion regarding the July Clovis Senior Q Meet and the “CCS Support of USA Swimming Championship Meet System” resolution passed at the November 2005 meeting. Various issues were raised: whether the resolution and the way it was adopted were within the LSC's purview and whether correct procedures were followed, and the history of the Sectional meets and the CA/NV Sectional in particular were discussed. CLOV Representative Dan Kline moved to rescind the “CCS Support of USA Swimming Championship Meet System”. Athlete's Representative Kacy Ota moved rather to reconsider the resolution. Membership Chairman Jim Patterson seconded the motion to reconsider. The motion to reconsider was approved. Discussion followed with these issues considered: it was unclear specifically what type of meet Clovis was proposing—team invitational or the traditional Senior Q, maintaining coach and athlete choice as to which meets they will participate in vs. mandatory participation, the timing of the Sectional meet as it concerned the top flight senior swimmer, the lack of popularity of the Sectional meet concept vs. the old Junior Nationals, the history of the Clovis Senior Q and the CCS senior swimmer program.

Renee Patterson moved to table the motion to rescind due to insufficient notification that the issue would be raised at the current meeting. There was no second.

A comparison of Senior Q and Sectional qualifying times was made with the Sectionals requiring faster times. Discussion regarding leaving meet participation up to coach and

athlete so as to best suit the athlete's needs, and problems of timing and scheduling of the senior meets in the summer discussed. CLOV Representatives specified that for 2006 the old Senior Q 4 day format would be followed. Revenue issues were considered, enforcement of proof of time at the Clovis Senior Q recommended, the fact that clubs want to be able to travel as a team, and that Sectionals and the Senior Q serve two different constituencies. CLOV Representative Dan Kline called to cut off debate and vote on the motion to rescind the resolution. It was requested that the voting be conducted by secret ballot. Membership Chairman Jim Patterson announced who of those present were allowed to vote as current members of US Swimming and as officers of CCS: LuAnne Aakhus, Skye Flocco, Val Kalmikovs, Leslie Holbrook, Susan Miller, Keith Moore, Kacy Ota, Jim Patterson, Renee Patterson, Dave Pickford, Susan Renna, Myron Smith, Dowain Wright, Vinnie Chacon and Rick Klatt. The vote to rescind the resolution was approved by current voting members by a 10 to 5 majority.

It was moved to add the Clovis Senior Q Meet to the CCS 2006 Schedule in its traditional format and time standards on July 13-16, 2006. The motion was approved by a 8 to 7 majority of current voting members. The General Chairman requested that the Webmaster update the CCS Schedule accordingly. There was a motion by the Webmaster to destroy the written ballots for the vote to rescind and approve the Clovis Senior Q. Approved.

The General Chairman announced that since the cancellation of the Feb. 4-5th Indian Wells Valley meet that FDST intended to conduct an intrasquad meet and other clubs were invited to do the same or conduct other events.

The General Chairman explained why there was a proposed increase in entry fee limits as they hadn't changed in CCS in 12-15 years and the increase would help both the clubs and CCS. The effective date for the new fees would be February 18th so the Sanction Chairman Jeff Schwalb, would have a chance to incorporate the new fees in subsequent fact sheets.

The General Chairman's report concluded.

8. Treasurer's Report. No report. Currently elected Treasurer, Myron Smith, had not yet received the turnover of information from the 2005 Treasurer that would enable him to submit a report. It was hoped that the 2005 Treasurer who was very busy would accomplish said turnover in February 2006 at the latest.
There was discussion of the impact that this delay was having on CCS business—travel fund reimbursement long delays, CCS officers having to personally subsidize CCS events, and inability of CCS to budget or to plan a budget because of lack of information.
9. Membership/Registration Chairman report. No report.
10. Administrative Chairman report. No report.
11. Scheduling Chairman report. No report.
12. Age Group Chairman report. Age Group proposed budget approved. The Age Group Chair also proposed two motions concerning the Mandatory Scratch Down Rule: the first, was that

if swimmers were allowed to enter more events in which they were qualified & were subsequently over the maximum allowed at the meet and if the swimmer had to pre-select an event to scratch to conform to the four hour rule, that in both circumstances, the swimmer be allowed to have up to 30 minutes prior to the start of that session to scratch or change the event to scratch. Discussion of the proposals indicated that the first was allowed anyway, and past experience and interpretation with the four hour rule. Both proposals were approved to be effective February 18th.

The upcoming All Star Q and All Star Meet fact sheet had been finalized by negotiations between CCS and SDI just prior to the November meeting so changes in events and format (two day meet now instead of one day) were discussed with the Age Group Chairman feeling that the new format was more exciting than the old format.

13. Coaches' Representative report. No report.
14. Athletes' Representative report. No report.
15. Officials Chairman report. No report.
16. Senior Vice Chairman report. Discussed Spring Sectionals in Mission Viejo.
17. Adaptive Swimming Chairman report. No report.
18. Technical Planning Chairman report. Requested that host clubs send proposed fact sheets to Technical Planning Chairman, Dave Pickford, for review prior to sanctioning.
19. Safety Chairman report. M on the CCS website. yron Smith is working on new safety book to hand out and put
20. Records Chairman report. No report.
21. Sanctions Chairman report. Not present. No report.
22. Awards Chairman report. Discussion regarding updating Top 15, Top 5 on website, Valley observed times getting in USA Swimming database—meet host responsibility.
23. Old Business. None.
24. New Business. Discussion of 2006 short course Junior Olympics as to whether relays in finals, time standard determination (subsequently handled by General Chairman via email). John Julian proposed CCS promulgate an administrative policy and procedures manual & that he could write it. General Chairman felt CCS one of most efficient LSCs currently.
25. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Holbrook

It should be noted that the Secretary is in receipt of letters subsequent to the January House of Delegates meeting from CCS clubs designating:

Ruben Arroyo as the TNT Representative to the CCS House of Delegates

Dan Kline as the CLOV Representative to the CCS House of Delegates

Gary Ota as the RCA Representative to the CCS House of Delegates