

CCS House of Delegates Meeting
March 9, 2011

John Kinney called the conference call meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance:

Kirk Ansel (TNT), Marilyn Eckles (Merced), Mary Flatman (IWV), Sam Hanson (TNT), John Julian, Ahmed Khieralla (TNT), John Kinney, Jim Patterson, John Ramos (BSC), Mike Snyder (Clovis), and Dowain Wright (Clovis).

Secretary's Report (Mary Flatman) – approved

1. January minutes passed after changing “fact sheet” to “meet information sheet” in Ahmed Khieralla’s Sanction Report.
2. Mary Flatman was officially appointed as CCS secretary and approved to replace Luanne Aakhus.

Treasurer's Report (John Julian) – approved

1. The CCS financial report for the six months ending 2/28/2011 was sent via e-mail.
 - a. Balance Sheet and Cash Flow
 - i. Cash was up, and the report lists the breakdowns.
 - ii. Having Short Course JOs in March (instead of February) this year affected a comparison of the past two years, since we currently have more un-dispersed meet entry fees that will be dispersed after the JO meet.
 - b. Profit and Loss
 - i. Registration fees were lower than last year by \$3,600. Even though dues increased, CCS is still getting the same amount.
 - ii. Swim meet revenues were lower than last year, partly due to JOs being in February last year.
 - iii. Earned \$7,200 last year, but the money for JOs still needs to be recorded for this year as revenue.
 - c. Regarding differences between this year and last year:
 - i. \$20,500/\$20,600 this year versus \$21,000 last year.
 - ii. SDI still owes money from All-Star meet.
 - iii. Haven’t paid the JO bill for awards, which will be around \$2K.
 - iv. Shortages in “Admin” division due to shortages in registration and meet revenue.
2. Bakersfield Hotel Non-refundable Rooms Question:
 - a. Some Clovis parents got non-refundable rooms in Bakersfield for JOs when it was supposed to be held there. Mike Snyder asked about getting a refund.
 - b. John Julian talked to the hotel general manager who agreed to offer refunds if the individuals contacted him.
 - c. John gave the contact information to Clovis coach John McGough.

President's Report (John Kinney)

1. The Clovis North Q meet was well attended, had some fast swimmers, and had lots of officials.

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2. Request for officials to support JOs, which will also be at Clovis North.

Admin Vice Chair (Dowain Wright) – no report

Senior Vice Chair (Rick Klatt) – no report

Age Group Chair (Patrick Ota) – no report

Coaches Report (John McGough) – no report

Membership/Registration (Jim Patterson)

1. Current number of CCS athletes is 1,250.
2. Number of registered athletes for all of last year was 1,460.
3. Athlete protections and background checks:
 - a. Some LSCs rebelled over the background checks, but CCS officials provided no resistance.
 - b. Coaches approved under the old program need a background check by April 30th.
 - c. House of Delegates members and meet directors need an L1 check (\$19).
 - d. Unclear whether meet marshals need a background check, but chaperones and others who are in 'close contact or proximity to athletes' must go through the check.
 - e. Club board members should be USA Swimming registered for liability coverage.

Athlete Report (Sam Hansen)

1. Senior Qs was well attended and run in an exemplary fashion.
2. December TNT meet went well.
3. Bakersfield meet was small but well run.
4. Only meet complaints are for one-day meets.
5. John Kinney reported that Sam did a nice job in the 1650 freestyle at the Q meet the previous weekend!

Sanction Report (Ahmed Khieralla)

1. Report submitted online.
2. No issues, since meet sheets are generally submitted on time.
3. Need to know early if meet sheets may have issues.

Officials Report (Jim Patterson)

1. Introduction to Officiating:
 - a. Working with Barry Schab of Clovis to give introduction to officiating presentation at JOs between preliminaries and finals on Saturday.
 - b. Encourage parents to attend.
2. BC Championships needs officials:
 - a. Need officials! Very few officials with younger kids are expected to attend this meet.

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- b. Most officials from the push a few years ago are dropping out as their kids graduate high school.

Travel Fund (Spencer Harris) – no report

Technical Committee (Rick Klatt) – no report

Records/Top 5 (Shauna Rhea)

- 1. Report submitted online:
 - a. George Christian will hand out 2009-2010 Swimmer of the Year and new Alumnus awards during Short Course JOs.
 - b. Jim Patterson has posted recognition on the CCS website for swimmers who broke CCS records or made national top 10.

Safety

- 1. John Kinney appointed Peter Williams as the interim safety chair with a vote to be held the next meeting when Peter can attend. Peter replaces Luanne Aakhus.

Schedule – no report, but need to start getting input for next year

New Business

- 1. TNT IMX LC Meet (John Kinney & Kirk Ansel)
 - a. Problem: The IMX Meet, which features distance events, is supposed to be held at the Porterville Granite Hills pool. The pool no longer has LC lane lines (they were cut and dismantled).
 - b. Possible Solutions:
 - i. Borrow lane lines.
 - 1. Lane lines are bulky and difficult to transport. No one volunteered lane lines.
 - ii. Run the meet at Merced.
 - 1. Merced board approved the meet and would like to host it.
 - 2. UC Merced needs to approve the meet. UC Merced normally only allows one major event at a time, and a Relay for Life event is already scheduled. They are expected to make a decision next week (week of March 14 - 18).
 - iii. Run the meet as a SC IMX meet.
 - 1. This would be a last-ditch solution.
 - c. Plan (recommended by Dowain):
 - i. Wait for UC Merced's answer.
 - ii. Review and present decision and options to members at large (sanction is not due until the 15th).
- 2. Junior Olympics Status (Dowain Wright):
 - a. 360 swimmers
 - b. 10 lines for prelims and 8 for finals
 - c. Thursday setup for teams at 5 p.m. on the grass

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3. Athlete Meet Registration (Dowain Wright):
 - a. Issue:
 - i. CCS registration allows athletes to sign up for meets and not pay; these entries go into a “pending” status.
 - ii. Some athletes do this and then attend a meet if the weather is good and pay at the meet—without a late fee. We do not have a uniform policy and need policy direction.
 - b. Resolution:
 - i. Determined that athletes should pay late fee, because the swimmer was not officially entered by the deadline due to no entry fee.
 - ii. Suggested changing the verbiage in the fact sheets to clarify this situation.
 - iii. Suggested adding verbiage to the online meet sign-up program to warn about the consequences of not completing the meet sign-up.
 - iv. Suggested that the policies be posted on the website, too.
4. Outreach Athletes (Jim Patterson)
 - a. Need to discuss what CCS can do for athletes who cannot afford to swim.
 - b. Need to generalize policies.
 - i. Now based on federal lunch program, but home school kids could fall into this category and never fill out federal lunch program paperwork.
 - ii. Only 1.5% of total USA Swimming swimmers fall into this category, but we have 5 or 6 swimmers in this category in CCS.
 - iii. Membership is least onerous part of problem.
 - iv. Should consider subsidizing meet entry fees in a way that is not publicly known that they are waived or reduced.
 - c. Discussed creating a task force.
 - i. Jim and John Kinney will discuss guidelines and requirements and publicize their findings.
 - ii. People with time and motivation can help.
 - iii. Programs are not free, and many have no swimmers.
 - d. John Kinney reported that attending an Outreach meeting last November was eye opening.
 - i. We don't need a huge amount of money to help.
 - ii. This program can help many youngsters avoid drowning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11th, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Flatman