

CCS House of Delegates Meeting  
July 13, 2011

**John Kinney called the conference call meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

Kirk Ansel (TNT), Mary Flatman (IWV), Spencer Harris, John Julian, Ahmed Khieralla (TNT), John Kinney, Jim Patterson, Shauna Rhea (TNT), Dan Rhodes (Kings), Mike Snyder (Clovis), Dowain Wright (Clovis).

**Secretary's Report** (Mary Flatman) – approved

**Treasurer's Report** (John Julian) – approved

1. The CCS Financial Reports for the interim 10 months ending 6/30/11 were sent via e-mail.
  - a. Looking better financially. The last report was missing an entry, and the correction improved the registration numbers.
  - b. Balance sheet: Have unallocated funds that need to be processed (probably have at least three meets to process).
  - c. Behind last year's income:
    - i. Registration: Approximately \$3K behind last year.
    - ii. Meet Revenue: Approximately \$7K behind last year (but have meets to process).

**President's Report** (John Kinney)

1. Informed the group that Gil Williams, former CCS general chair in the 1980s, died.
  - a. Remembered as a retired Air Force pilot and "tough nut" who championed amateur athletics.
  - b. Part of a successful movement (that included "sit-ins") to get USA Swimming to recognize LSC chairmen and zone directors.
2. Bakersfield Swim Club will officially disband as a team on July 31.
  - a. President John Ramos sent a note to the CCS board of directors and coaches.
  - b. Cal State Bakersfield (Hillman Pool) hiked pool fees 15% and would only provide late swim times.
  - c. Want help letting Cal State Bakersfield College know their actions are hurtful to swimmers and the community.
  - d. Would like suggestions to turn this around and avoid it in future.
3. Nominating committee and elections in November:
  - a. Some open positions include General Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sanctions Coordinator.
  - b. Looking for good replacements.
  - c. Treasurer is a particularly difficult and time-consuming job. John Julian had a mess when he took over and has done a super job.
4. Future Meetings:
  - a. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20, due to many of the CCS board attending the USA Swimming convention in Jacksonville, FL on September 14.
  - b. November elections meeting will be in Tulare Wednesday, November 9, from 8 to 10 p.m.

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**Admin Vice Chair** (Dowain Wright) – no report

**Senior Vice Chair** (Rick Klatt) – no report

**Age Group Chair** (Patrick Ota) – no report

**Coaching Representative's Report** (John McGough) – no report

**Membership/Registration** (Jim Patterson)

1. Athlete registrations: 1,650 (versus 1,737 last year)
2. Non-athlete registrations: 154 (versus 170 last year)
3. Clubs: 15 and soon to be 14 (versus 19 last year)

**Officials Report** (Jim Patterson)

1. Heavy period of meets coming up and want to reach out to officials to help.
  - a. Senior Q on July 15 – 17:
    - i. Jim Patterson is meet referee and expecting a small meet (< 150 kids)
  - b. Sectionals on July 20 – 24 (Open Water on the 25<sup>th</sup>):
    - i. Large swimmer turnout (Dowain Wright reported 1,272 swimmers so far).
    - ii. Many people have applied for assigned positions and very few for stoke and turn.
    - iii. John Julian is meet referee and will rotate people into stroke and turn.
    - iv. The Kinneys will hold a get-together for officials on Saturday evening of the meet with chicken kabobs and homemade ice cream!
  - c. Western Zone Senior Meet on August 3 – 6.
    - i. Renee Patterson is meet referee and expecting a small meet.
    - ii. Need stroke and turn officials.
  - d. Western Zone Age Group Meet on August 9 – 13:
    - i. Sue Lorimer from Colorado is the team lead and getting the officiating applications.

**Sanction Report** (Ahmed Khieralla)

1. Sanctions Report submitted via e-mail.
2. Ahmed requests that clubs submit the official sanction application from the CCS website when getting a meet sanctioned. Please submit on time with the meet information sheet.

**Athlete Report** (Sam Hansen) – No report

**Travel Fund** (Spencer Harris)

1. Sent travel report via e-mail.

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- a. Approved \$500 (5%) in championship fund for Tristin Baxter to attend Open Water Championships in Florida last month. She swam very well (placed 8<sup>th</sup>).
  - b. Paid \$3,900 from development fund (53% of plan).
  - c. Total budget is \$17,800 and given 24.7% of total budget.
2. Sent draft proposal of suggested amendments to the terms and conditions travel fund document (called *Central California Swimming Championship & National Development Fund General Terms & Conditions*).
- a. Added Open Water Championships to match funds supplied for other national-level championships.
  - b. Swimmers can get travel funds to swim both one (1) open water championship meet AND one (1) non-open water championship meet per season (separate funding is dependent upon concurrent meets being more than 50 miles away from each other).
  - c. Discussion:
    - i. Open water meets that are > 50 miles away usually require a secondary hotel and additional flight leg, which makes them a good candidate for travel funds.
    - ii. Sectional open water meets do not qualify for the travel fund, since the swimmer must be registered for the sectional meet to participate in the open water swim, so it is not a separate meet.
    - iii. Jim Patterson suggested the travel committee consider senior development funds for open water. Spencer and the travel fund committee will evaluate. Spencer thinks high level senior open events should be already covered, but the wording may need to be clarified.
  - d. Since this is a monetary change, clubs will be notified and the vote will take place at the next meeting on September 20.
  - e. The new suggested wording (with friendly amendment) is the following:

Swimmer(s) participating in both USAS Open Water Championships and one of National, Junior or Sectional Championships during the same season may be eligible for funding for two championship events for that season. Funding tier for Open Water Championships will be the same as for National Championships.

If the Open Water Championship event is held concurrent with and within 50-miles of the National, Junior or Sectional Championship event, funding eligibility shall be limited to one event.

**Records/Top 5 (Shauna Rhea)**

1. Records and Top 5 are updated through the current date for short course (including high school championship meets) for meets known to Shauna.
2. For long course, waiting for June meets to be uploaded to USA Swimming website. Once meets are uploaded, Shauna will work on Top 5 and records. Jim Patterson mentioned that loading high school meets and the June Bakersfield meet have been problematic. The Bakersfield meet alone had 20 – 30 unregistered swimmers to be resolved.
3. Scholastic America:

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- a. August 1 is last date to submit for Scholastic America. High school swimmers must have both a higher GPA and faster times for this USA Swimming honor.
- b. Last year Cary Wright, MacKenzie Schuler, and Loreen Whitfield earned this honor for both years (it is only available to juniors and seniors). Michael Rowe also earned the honor. Shauna likes to recognize these swimmers on the CCS website.

**Technical Committee** – no members present

1. John McGough sent report via e-mail regarding 2012 Proposed Meet Schedule. No committee members were present, but Shauna Rhea attended the June meeting and explained the four new proposed meets to the group (they were highlighted in the schedule).
2. Jim Patterson expressed concerns about the level of support (especially from the larger clubs) and putting clubs in financial jeopardy for two of the newly-added meets.
  - a. Meets of Concern:
    - i. 3/17 - 3/18/2012 Kings Swim Club SCM meet – since this meet is in a *short course meter* pool, swimmers cannot earn JO cuts or other time standards.
    - ii. 7/28 -7/29/2012 BC Championships JO Max Q SCY Merced Skimmers meet –this meet is scheduled the weekend before long course JOs in a *short course yard* pool and is the only short course meet in the summer. The concern is that swimmers are not likely to attend a short course meet in preparation for long course JOs.
  - b. Many of the CCS meets, including the BC Championships after short course JOs had very poor attendance.
3. A motion was made and passed to accept the proposed schedule without the four highlighted meets as proposed by the committee. The four highlighted meets will be discussed at the September 20 meeting when the scheduling committee can provide clarification and answers regarding whether the larger clubs will support these meets.

**Safety** – no report

**Schedule** – no report

**New Business** – none

**Old Business** – none

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, starting at 7:30 p.m.** (The date change from the normal second Wednesday is due to a USA Swimming convention.)

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Flatman