

To order: 8:15 by John Kinney

Attendance: John Kinney, John Julian, Charlie Pike, Mike Snyder, Caroline Reynaud, Jim Patterson, Kim Korenwinder, Kirk Ansel, Dowain Wright, John McCann, Rick Klatt, Peter Williams, Shauna Rhea.

Secretary's Report: approved

Treasurer's Report: See emailed attachments – approved

President's Report (John Kinney):

- Surveying last 4 yrs, feels the effort to bring in new people is not as strong as hoped, need to continue
- Thanks to John Julian, Jim Patterson & Rick Klatt for helping maintain what we have and without we would have had extreme difficulties.
- LEAP Program: a program that has all LSC's on similar/matching organizational set up – similar by laws, mission statements etc. – referred to the need to have better communication between local LSC's and USAS – has talked to USAS (Sue Anderson & Bruce Stratton) regarding CCS's situation and our LSC needing help due to our smaller size and economically stretched LSC. The LEAP Program items still need to be completed – decision to delegate some duties for completion to board still to be decided.
- Has felt there was less animosity in his prior term of service as general chair but has felt this tenure has been putting out fires – need to remember we are here for the swimmer and what is best for them and to go forward with the dedication to working hard to make CCS run smoothly as possible to help each other, work together and put yourself in others shoes.

Election/Nominations (Rick Klatt):

- Nomination committee met via email several times – following are on the slate:

General Chair: Dowain Wright

Officials Chair: Jim Patterson

Secretary: Mary Flatman

Top5/Records Chair: Shauna Rhea

Safety Chair: Peter Williams

Sanction Chair: Ahmed Khieralla

Technical Planning Chair: John McGough

Treasurer: John Julian

- White Ballot was used for all – no nominations from floor – John Kinney 1st, Mike Snyder 2nd – Jim Patterson called a point of order for the Records/Top 5 position and made a motion to suspend the bylaws for this nomination as the position has been served for 4 yrs by Shauna Rhea and we need to waive term limit in order for her to continue serving - John Kinney 1st, Dowain Wright 2nd – approved – elections concluded and all approved.

New General Chair presiding over meeting (Dowain Wright):

- No report

Sr. Vice Chair (Rick Klatt):

- Junior Trials/Finals meet at end of month – hope for good attendance – standards relaxed to help attendance by “new” seniors – Meet Ref will be Jim Orr (John Julian/Sue Renna to assist due to 1st time for Jim) – Caroline Reynaud asked for wording to change on fact sheet regarding the relaxation of standards (Jim to publish & email out to constituents – see CCS web site/meet schedule for actual verbiage) – Rick Klatt made motion, Caroline Reynaud 2nd – approved.

Age Group Vice Chair: (Kim Korenwinder – appointed later in meeting by Dowain to this position but officially filed report at this time)

- All Stars – 40 on team to travel to Lodi on the 21st & 22nd of February with 4 certified chaperones and coaches – all three teams to have dinner (host team sponsoring) – next year in San Diego
- Zones to be held in Grand Junction, Colorado – hoping to fly to Zones via Fresno, CA – held in Aug. 2012.

Coaches Rep (John McGough): not present

Membership/Registration (Jim Patterson):

- Most coaches in shape with Athlete Protection but Officials are not and may be an issue. Meet Ref at All Star Q's had to keep out some officials that were not certified and had to ask some coaches off deck from warm ups. Dowain Wright asked how many coaches & officials had not complied, Jim to get number, not a lot of clubs registering either and CCS will be enforcing rep. registration or not vote in HOD.

Athlete Rep (Sam Hansen): not present

Sanctions Chair (Ahmed Khieralla): see email with attachment

Officials Chair (Jim Patterson):

- Would like to work on getting better at identifying/clarifying Meet Ref earlier and asking referees – would like to see older ref mentor more – seeing s/t trainees more (4 at Q meet) –

reminded Charlie Pike/BAC that this is their last year to be waived for officials and need to work on recruiting from their team

- This is referring to Technical Planning and needs to be discussed with them (John McGough & Jim have spoken some) – When CCS has meets with distance events and where there is a team that has a timing system like Tulare (2 button system & takes an average) and the swimmer provides only 1 timer, problems with times arise. Feels that team hosting meet should provide timers just like other events (assigned lanes etc.) so that times can be more accurate. Caroline Reynaud suggested that fact sheets state swimmers must provide 2 timers. Dowain Wright – same issue with touch pads when not touched correctly so not just for the other timing system set up. This should be universal throughout CCS regardless of timing system. Technical Planning needs to review this, distance events and the appropriate amount of timers needed regardless of type of meet or timing system are in place. Charlie Pike feels that distance swimmers need to feel more importance so that folks don't just leave etc. but there is the four hour rule to maintain – suggested by many to start meet with distance and ten four hour rule begins later.

Travel Chair= (Spencer Harris): see email attachment

Records/Top 5 (Shauna Rhea):

- All certificates and pins for Top 5 have been handed out or mailed. Swimmer of the Year Age Group winners have been tabulated and the committee is preparing to vote on Senior SOTY. Alumnus Award email to coaches requesting nominations will be going out shortly and once those names are collected the committee will be voting on winners. All names will go to George Christian and he and Shauna have chosen a trophy for the award. Once names go to George, he will have them engraved and ready for handing out at SC JO's in Clovis on Saturday, February 18th, 2012.
- Top 5 for the 2011/2012 SC is under way and updated through the first part of December.
- Records are all current and corrected and all new records for the 2011/2012 season are added to the season and current.
- Discussion was made regarding having a CCS Awards Night/Dinner (to be possibly held in November time frame?) and a proposal will be investigated by Shauna. Kim Korenwinder & Caroline Reynaud offered to help organize such an event.

Safety Chair (Peter Williams):

- No report

Scheduling Chair (Open):

- Dowain Wright asked John Kinney if position had been filled and it had not

- Talk of current scheduling issue with LC Jo's and Senior Zones – they overlap. Was noted by several that Jim Patterson brought this to the attention of people but was overlooked. John McGough was going to look at Technical Planning notes to see if there was a specific reason why dates were chosen. LC Jo's need to be moved to July 26th – 29th. Rick Klatt motioned to remove JO's from schedule and then resubmit. Kim Korenwinder 2nd – Approved. Noted this may conflict with B/C Championships and may need to be adjusted. Rick Klatt suggested moving B/C Championships to the 20th & 21st of July and JO's to the 26th 0 29th, Mike Snyder 2nd – check with Merced (B/C meet is currently SC and would this change it back to LC? – Tech Planning didn't want it to revert to LC but to stay SC – felt it better suited for those swimmers participating).

Old Business:

- Membership – (Jim Patterson): every LSC has an Outreach Program (and this is part of the LEAP Program) – CCS bylaws don't include but CCS has one – propose if clubs have formal scholarship program like the Outreach Program (swimmers qualify based on the free/reduced lunch programs through schools & they get a letter from school to be approved, \$7.00 instead of \$63 for USAS membership) then CCS will accept but we need verbiage for bylaws and LEAP Program. Clovis has existing program now, VSC & BAC have a few kids involved – Jim mentioned that CCS could possibly waive Splash fees etc - Jim Patterson to work on proposal.
- Jim Patterson reminded all to consider scheduling for the 2012/2013 season as Sectionals will likely be back in CCS for summer LC and to bear this in mind when Technical Planning meets for Scheduling.

New Business:

- Caroline Reynaud suggested the possibility of the All Star Qualifier meet be the December TNT meet. This is due to vacations etc that take place over the month of December – entries don't get in, swimmers not prepared. If meet were earlier, swimmers would know that they made the team and would likely remain to train and prepare for the All Star competition, Rick Klatt felt that many would go on vacation after qualifying, knowing they already made it and would not be ready to compete. Having the meet in early January proves that swimmers ARE ready to compete and ready to compete at actual All Stars two weeks later. Charlie Pike suggested that if the qualifier were earlier that it might give time for All Star team to practice together prior to competition. Jim Patterson stated that if the qualifier is not in first part of January, that there would be no reason to hold early January meet. Caroline brought the fact that the All Star Q meet is traditionally held on a large Clinic weekend for coaches and not having a meet would allow for more attendance by all CCS coaches to the clinics.
- Charlie Pike brought up issue of when BSC folded, BAC licked up approx. 6 families/15 kids. They all swam UN in Fall but 3 swimmers accidentally were still attached and swam as BSC at the TNT meet and now looks like they will have to wait another 4 months to register with BAC. Asked if those 3 swimmers (two 9 yr olds & one 13 yr old) to have the 120 waiting period reset back to the original time due to the accidental error. Jim Patterson stated that though BSC membership

was “still good” until 12/31/2011, BSC did not have a team as of July 31, 2011 and were disbanded with notification to CCS. Problem was that these swimmers did not properly begin the process to transfer to BAC and should have officially registered with BAC at the time of the switch and then they would have automatically swam UN until the 120 days were over and the membership would have automatically reverted to BAC. Rick Klatt stated he felt BSC made proper attempt to disband and that the transfer rules were not clear to the affected swimmers. He feels Charlie Pike is now aware of the rules. Jim Patterson stated, for the record, that: There is not a waiver for the 120 day rule when a club closes and a swimmer must switch to another club. It was approved that these swimmers revert back to their original 120 day start date and Jim Patterson can switch them to BAC beginning at the TNT – there is no impact on BSC. – Approved.

- Charlie Pike brought up, (after talking to Judd Clark of PUMA), some teams from that area are interested in moving into the CCS LSC. SoCal is not friendly to them leaving and now there is talk of making their own LSC then dissolving it to come to CCS. John Kinney and Dowain Wright both stated that this talk has been around for a long time and SoCal will fight this for a long time. Powerbase is in SoCal. Dowain Wright stated he has heard that Santa Maria was interested but not SLO (Tom Milich no - \$ too good in SoCal). Rick Klatt stated there was a lot of talk at the convention last September as well and thinks it would be a great idea.
- Dowain Wright stated that he had two appointments and one new position he would be dealing with. He is officially appointing Kim Korenwinder as the interim Age Group Vice Chair and Shauna Rhea as the interim Administrative Vice Chair. He is also creating for CCS the new position of Open Water Independent Safety Monitor and appointing Barry Schab to the position. Barry will work with Ahmed to monitor USAS Open Water Rules – not official but will help to control all Open Water events. No discussions – Dowain Wright made the motion to accept all appointments, Caroline Reynaud 2nd – Discussion: Rick Klatt asked of Barry Schab’s background and Dowain explained he is a registered anesthetist nurse (medical background), registered official, Masters swimmer and Masters Open Water competitor. John Julian asked if USAS provides training for this position yet. Explained that Barry is “self trained” through USAS. Wants to be prepared for the 2012/2013 season. John Julian stated that, for the future, this position be a nominated position. John Kinney stated that only Open Water officer approved by USAS is for Zones, at this point, but looking at future. Approved.
- Dowain Wright spoke about that fact that John Julian would like to retire from Treasurer position and would need someone to mentor for this next year. No need for commitment yet but if clubs could get some names to John.
- Dowain stated that an Age Group Committee has been formed, headed by Kim Korenwinder, and consisting of members Mike Snyder, Caroline Reynaud, Charlie Pike and Laura Mayer (Age Group Chair mentored member). Their charge is to review rules of age group travel and selection. Review the process of All Star meet (referred to the fact that Sierra Nevada has no

qualifier and swimmers are just chosen and San Diego/Imperial Valley has moved their qualifier to December). Develop report - 4 months.

- Dowain would also like to see above committee looking into an Open Water Swimming Clinic and/or Competition geared towards Age Group swimming. At this time most Open Water competitions are attached to Sectionals or Senior Zones. Charlie Pike suggested a POW Pool (Open Water swim) take place (placing buoys in pool etc.). Dowain suggested Clovis East as a possible location as it is the only 50 meter x 50 meter pool (no bulkhead) L shaped pool.

Next meeting (conference call) to be held March 21st (after discussion brought up by John Julian to change it from 3/14 due to difficulties in getting financial reports prepared by 2nd Tuesday of the month and meetings would be better the 3rd Tuesday of the month). Meeting time will be 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 10:20

Dowain Wright motioned

Caroline Reynaud 2nd

Approved.