

**Meeting of the Lake Erie Swimming Board of Directors  
Solon Police Station community Room  
February 18, 2012**

**Present:** Tom Stacy, Brian Peresi, Chuck Kunsman, Diane Finnerty, Julie Knurek, Jim Stacy, Dana Lautenschleger, Eleni Gill, Craig Yaniglos, Cindy Sapochetti, Kim Stewart, Frank Campbell

**Absent:** Bob Burwell, Paige Kelly, Henry Senkfor, Carl Shellenberger, Sarah Tobin, Katie Miller, Molly Washko, Pam Cook, Katherine Kleinert, Dale Craddock

**Conflicts of Interest** – none.

**Additions to the Agenda** – none.

Minutes from January meeting were approved.

**Announcements:**

1. Good Luck to all State Athletes
2. Officials Chair Workshop in Orlando, FL, May 17-19, 2013 – Bob Burwell would like to attend and we do have this budgeted.
3. Dave for Fall HOD is 9/29/2013 and Spire LESD and Piranha Aquatics have bid on this.
4. Safe Sort Handbook is now online
5. Starting LEAP over again, first submission due May 1, 2012. We need number of officials to equal at least 1% of our athlete number and we are on the short side of this number. Theoretically an official could be trained in a matter of a few months.
6. Athletes need to get ready for elections at Gold Champs. Only 13 and over can vote.

**Action Items**

1. **Forkapa Award** – This award is for someone involved in Lake Erie Swimming who no longer has children involved in the sport. We do not have to give this award out every year. Cindy says she needs a decision soon, perhaps in the next two weeks. Tom Stacy says his dad would be a good candidate. Motion to award Jim Stacy the Forkapa Award passed.
2. **Board Award Nominations** – This award is for someone involved in swimming not recognized under any of our other traditional awards. This award also does not have to be given out yearly. Frank suggests Andrew Green, who leads the canned food drive for the HEAT meet. Motion to award Andrew Green the Board Award passed.

**Discussion Items**

1. **CZ Open Water Funding.** This is a separate meet this year and will be held in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, on June 29-30, 2013. Funding is \$45 per athlete. This is not much of an incentive to attend the meet. Diane suggests taking a van to the meet and making it more like a team meet. Making it a travel meet also necessitates a male and female chaperone. The number of kids attending may or may not be an issue. There have not been very many swimmers attending the open water of the Zone meet when it was included. We have not budgeted to fund this meet in view of the fact that it is now a separate meet. Eleni will contact Kim and have her get a male and female coach and see what interest is among the athletes. This can be posted on the website. April 15 will be the deadline to have this information.
2. **BBSC wants to add a meet to the Summer Schedule, May 17-19, 2013.** This would be held in conjunction with Shaker Sharks. It would be held at Beachwood High School, a 25 meter pool. Beachwood did host a meet recently, but it was quite disorganized. Frank says there

are not that many meets in the summer, so this would be another opportunity. It would be a timed final meet without time cuts. Motion to allow BBSC to host a meet on May 17-19, 2013 passed.

3. **Need a task force to decide format for 2013 LC Champs.** Tom Stacy, Diane Finnerty and Brian Peresi would like to serve on this committee. Shannon Finnerty will serve if an athlete is needed. This information will be communicated to Sarah Tobin.
4. **Need LC Meet directors**
5. **New Diversity Chair** – Sam Seiple is stepping down, so a replacement is needed.

## Reports

1. **Athletes** – Dana says the athletes are working on a March newsletter. Application for the athlete clinic will be in Bronze heat sheet. There is information on this on the athlete Facebook page.
2. **Coach Reps**
3. **Admin**
4. **Senior**
5. **Age Group**
6. **Treasurer**
7. **Secretary**
8. **Finance**
9. **Legislation** – Zones legislation and Sanctioning Committee will be issues submitted. Dave Wohlfiel would like to insert some guidelines for dual meets.
10. **Safety**- Operational Risk committee will be having a conference June 17-19. Airfare will need to be covered but everything else will be paid by USA Swimming. Julie Knurek says she might have an interest in attending.
11. **Officials**
12. **Technical Planning**

Steve Wood, Caroline McDermott and Linn Grossman will be the Zones coaches this year.

There is a Hampton Inn one exit past Spire. Two room reservation need to be made for meet directors for LC champs. Cindy says that she is working with Kastaway and they may be interested in advertising on our website. We have had an agreement with Hastey Awards in the past, but this is over. We have never discussed ads in the Gold heat sheet. Ads will help defray the cost of printing.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.