CALL TO ORDER: 1:35 pm, April 21, 2012, by John Degnan, General Chair.

ROLL CALL:
John Degnan, General Chair, Greg Dozer, Admin Vice Chair, Mike Chasson, Coach Rep, Scott Lathrop, Sr Chair, Samantha Kramer, AG Chair, Erin Shields, Secretary, Starre Haney, Safety Chair, Sharon Campbell, Treasurer, Kaitlin Zelina Athlete Rep, Aubree Allen, Athlete Rep, Amy Bilquist, Sara Borendame, Heather Coghill, Ron Corbin, Glen Coy, Charlie Cunningham, Cris Dilworth, Teresa Dozer, Lori Earl, Keith Ellis, Russ Ewers, Ben Fitch*, Art Gramer, Bill Haney, Paul Jacobs, Mary Kramer, Mike Laubacher, Tim Leo, Alice Martin, Laney Maxwell, Erin McGee, Carla Morelli, Sabrina Newell, Anthony Pederson, Michael Polak, Maureen Rankin, Martin Reichgott, Melissa Ripley, Steve Roth, Joy Russell, Kevin Russell, Gayle Schurz, Duncan Scott, Janine Simioni, Paul Smith, Coley Stickels, Liam Stinely, Mike Stinely, Stan Valacer, Catherine Vorrasi, Lisa Walls, John Womack, Kevin Zacher, and Joe Zemaitis.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- The bid meeting for the 2012-2013 short course season will be held May 9 at the Arizona Swimming office. Those who cannot attend will be able to call in.
- John Degnan congratulated Monica Olloren, Sarah Borendame and Sydney Burner who are the 2012 scholarship recipients.

MINUTES:
- Please see the minutes posted to the web
  Motion: Approve the minutes from the November 2011 House of Delegates meeting. M/S
  Discussion: none
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

- Please see the minutes posted to the web
  Motion: Approve the minutes from the March 2012 Board of Directors meeting. M/S
  Discussion: none
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT:
- Sharon Campbell presented the current statements which reflect the first 7 months’ worth of financial activity for the LSC.
  Motion: Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report M/S
  Discussion: John Degnan noted that most of the year’s revenue is now in and that most of the activity for the remaining months will be expenses.
  Vote: Approved Unanimously
MEMBERSHIP REPORT:
- John Degnan reported that retention is up in the LSC and presented statistics on LSC demographics.
  
  Motion: Acceptance of Membership Report  
  Discussion: None  
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

SAFETY REPORT:
- Starre Haney announced that the meet marshal training is now available online and asked those in attendance to encourage participation within their clubs. She also informed the house that USA Swimming is now requiring Reports of Occurrence forms to be submitted online but asked that everyone continue to submit reports to the office.
  
  Discussion: None

GENERAL CHAIR REPORT:
- John Degnan reflected on a number of items and activities that have taken place within the LSC in the past year, including:
  - Actions of USA Swimming that are pushing administrative items down to the LSC level, creating more work for the LSC and clubs. John noted that this may put liability on the LSC and clubs and asked that everyone remain diligent in these processes.
  - Progress in training within the LSC, including the online meet marshal training and the creation of an administrative official training and test.
  - Continued increases in online services such as reporting and registrations.
  - The success of the new photo IDs for non-athlete members. As many as 40% of members have participated so far and photos will be mandatory for 2013.
  - Progress has been made in the area of high school swimming and the LSC is continuing to work with the AIA. High school athletes may now compete attached to their clubs until the date of their first dual meet and may continue to compete in USAS meets unattached throughout the high school swim season. The LSC is still working on the issue of possibly allowing a few high school invitationals to be USA Swimming observed meets.
  - Announcements have been made about upcoming changes to the competition platform on the national level, including strict limits on championship meet participation. This will impact the LSC on a large level and it is the LSC’s responsibility to provide competition in areas that will not be served under this new system.
OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion- Ratify the proposed 2013 AG Time Standards as show on attachment. **M/S**
  
  Discussion: Russ Ewers explained the process of creating the standards utilizing state results from previous years and that the new standards should allow for about 500 participants at the Age Group State Championship.
  
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

- Motion- Adopt the Proposed Competition Platform as described in attachments for the next Quadrenial period. **M/S**
  
  Discussion: Concerns were expressed over the fact that region being eliminated and faster state time standards that too many athletes will be displaced. It was suggested that two state meets will be financially taxing on smaller teams who may have to travel twice. Greg clarified that the “B” meet would have only timed final events. There was additional discussion that AzSI could offer a Copper Classic, NTS Qualifier meet before a Silber (B) and the AG State Meets. The qualifier would be set up so that a swimmer could either qualify for Silver or Age Group States and would be open to all. It was suggested that rather replacing the region concept with this new platform that they work on fixing the region meets, possibly by not allowing those with state qualifying times to compete or making the meets prelim/ final. It was asked if it was even possible to plan a new platform when we have not seen the effect of the new time standards yet.

  Friendly Amendment #1: Retain the region meets with the adjustment that athletes who have achieved the state qualifying in an event are not allowed to compete in that event at the Region Championship. The qualifying time will be the National Motivational BB standard.

  Result: Accepted
  Vote: Amendment Approved

  Friendly Amendment #2: Bifurcate the original motion into two motions, including the A-B Championship concept and the regionals portion as revised by FA #1.

  Result: Accepted
  Vote: Amendment Approved

Motion 1: Original motion as presented for A-B Championships only.

  Action: Tabled until the November 2012 House of Delegates meeting
Motion 2: Continue with the current championship platform with regionals as amended in friendly amendment #1.

Vote: Approved

• Motion- Reconsider the minutes of the November 2011 House of delegates meeting and eliminate the sentence “Each member received a new BMW”. M/S
  Discussion: None
  Vote: Approved

NEW BUSINESS:
• Motion- Eliminate the 50s of stroke from the listing of events for Senior Short Course and Long Course Arizona Swimming State Championship meets. M/S
  Discussion: None
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

• Motion- Create a Senior Circuit of meets for the 2012-13 seasons within Arizona Swimming. These meets will be designed to foster both grown and competitive swimming by our senior athletes. For the next fiscal year, the Senior Committee will propose incentives, both monetary and other, be added to these meets to enhance participation and the status of the meet. M/S
  Discussion: There were multiple statements of support for this motion.
  Friendly Amendment #1: Limit athletes to 3 individual events per meet.
  Result: Accepted
  Vote: Amendment Approved

Original motion with friendly amendment #1.
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

• Motion- Remove 50s of stroke for 13-14 year old athletes at the Arizona Age Group State Championship meet. M/S
  Discussion: None
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

• Motion- Approval of 2013 Age Group State Championship flyers as presented. M/S
  Discussion: Clarification that the 50’s of stroke will be removed.
  Vote: Approved Unanimously

• Motion- Adoption of the Fiscal 2012 Arizona Swimming Budget as presented. M/S
  Discussion: None
  Vote: Approved Unanimously
• Motion- Creation of a Travel Endowment Fund subject to the terms provided in the attached documents.  
  **M/S**
  **Discussion:** There are 2 HOD meetings to create a policy by May 1, 2013. It was agreed upon that the Senior Chair and Coaches Representatives would work to create such policy.
  **Vote:** Approved Unanimously

• Nominations for Officers/ Directors- General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair and Secretary- Received so far are Erin Shields for Secretary, Greg Dozer for General Chair and Tom Oliver for General Chair. These positions are open to nominations from the floor at the House of Delegates. Additionally, nominations can be sent to Joy Russell.

• Motion- Add to 201C 2(b):
  **M/S**
  - In the event a team doesn’t pay the $10 mailing fee and/or pick up their awards at a meet, a fine will be assessed of $50 by the LSC. The host club will be reimbursed for mailing the awards and the LSC will retain the difference.
  - If the club, which didn’t pick up the awards, doesn’t pay the host club within 14 days, then the club’s registration for the next year will be put on hold until they pay the host club. The host club will mail the awards once they receive the postage money or the 14-day period has passed.
  **Discussion:** Clarification that this only applies when awards are ready for distribution at the end of a meet. Concerns were expressed over the necessity of such a policy.
  **Friendly Amendment #1**: Strike the condition that a club’s renewal will be withheld.
  **Result:** Accepted
  **Vote:** Amendment Approved

Original motion with friendly amendment #1.
  **Vote:** Accepted with a vote of 26 yes, 18 no

• Motion- Approval of updates to Arizona Swimming bylaws to reflect the recommendations and requirements of USA Swimming.  
  **M/S**
  **Discussion:** Explanation was given as to the type of changes proposed and their potential effects which were extremely limited.
  **Vote:** Approved Unanimously

• Motion- Approval of updates to Arizona Swimming policies and procedures.  
  **Withdrawn**
ARIZONA SWIMMING INC.
Minutes of the
House of Delegates Meeting
April 21, 2012

- General Chair: Greg Dozer and Tom Oliver nominated. Greg Dozer elected.
- Administrative Vice Chair: Ron Corbin and Kelly Logan nominated. Ron Corbin elected.
- Secretary: Erin Shields nominated and approved by acclamation.
- Coaches Representative: Kevin Zacher nominated and approved by acclamation.
- Nominating Committee: Glen Coy, Maureen Rankin, Alice Martin, Jessica O'Donnell, Janine Simioni, Ben Fitch and Paul Jacobs nominated. Alice Martin, Glen Coy, Janine Simioni, Maureen Rankin and Paul Jacobs elected.
- Athlete Representative for BOD: John Womack

GOOD OF THE ORDER:
- Bids for meets hosted during the 2012-2013 short course season are due May 1st.
- It was asked that the day of the November HOD meeting be reviewed as it may be viewed as unfair to out of town delegates to hold the meeting on a Wednesday night.
- It was asked that the process for awarding LSC scholarships be reviewed in light of the problems with the availability of college swimming scholarships.
- The contest for the USA Swimming safety posters is still open.
- It was suggested that biographies for those nominated for Coach of the Year be handed out at the state championships and that voting take place at that time.
- John Degnan was recognized and thanked for his years of service to the LSC as he finishes his last term as General Chair.

Motion to destroy election ballots- M/S
    Vote: Approved Unanimously

Motion to Adjourn- M/S
    Vote: Approved Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETING:
Board of Directors, Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at the AzSI office, 7:00pm

Submitted by Erin Shields, AZSI Secretary
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