

**Minutes**  
**SD LSC Board of Directors**  
**September 14, 2015**  
**Conference Call**

**Attendance:** Blake Waddell, Kelly Schott, Kyle Margheim, Paula Gordon, Bonnie Biel, Sarah Hogg, Chuck Baechler, Guy Gniotcaynski, Donna Bierschbach, Will Bierschbach (last 45 minutes)

**Approval of Agenda:** Kyle moved to add 7 C as discussion of State A Location. Agenda approved 1st by Sarah, Second by Chuck.

**Previous (July) Minutes** Approved with no changes - 1st by Chuck, 2nd by Bonnie

**Reports from officers:**

Blake Waddell - no report

Donna Bierschbach - no report

Guy Gniotcaynski - no report

Kyle Margheim - no report

Carolyn Theobald - no report

Robin Sorbe - no report

Chad Dillon - no report

Josh/Will - no report

Chuck Baechler - no report

Sarah Mann - no report

Kelly Schott, Membership Registration Chair reported that she hasn't really received any registrations yet, but that October is always very busy. Kelly also requested to attend the seasonal club's meeting (before the HOD meeting) to talk with them about registrations.

Sarah Hogg, Finance Vice-Chair reported that the audit was done at the state meet and that all was good. Sarah also mentioned that we will need to approve the budget before the HOD meeting.

Bonnie Biel, Seasonal Membership Representative reported that the summer state meet went well and they all wanted to thank MAC and especially Kyle for helping to make the meet run well.

Paula Gordon, Safety Coordinator reported that the wrist band for coaches and officials worked well at the state meet. She will have bands available for all meets this upcoming season and hope that

all teams will use them. Paula also reported that background checks are taking longer so be sure and get members to renew their memberships as soon as they can instead of waiting until they are close to expiring. It can take up to 3 months. Paula also wanted to remind clubs to send their accident reports to her. Be Pro-Active rather than Re-Active with Safety in mind.

#### **Unfinished Old Business:**

a. Athlete Travel Reimbursement Funds (Finance Committee) Sarah would like to have the athlete travel reimbursement as part of the budget so that it is approved for the upcoming year. Sarah stated that this way the increase will be factored into the budget.

b. Update on Pre-lim format for State Meet Proposal. Chuck reported that no proposal was presented as he was without connection on vacation in Washington at the time of the deadline.

c. USA Swimming Video Project. Blake reported that he thought the video would be completed in time for the convention.

d. Media Outlet Follow- Up. Josh is checking with other LSC's on how they handle releases, etc.

e. Club Leadership and Business Management School. Blake reported that Randy Julian will come and present the 201 course - Sat, Oct 10th from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. The LSC will cover the rooms for 2 maximum from each club and cover the cost of the meeting room. This was moved by Paula and seconded by Chuck. There are 10 rooms currently being held in a block under the name of SD Swimming at the Comfort Inn. The first course can be done online and takes about an hour so potentially all clubs could be ready for this 201 course.

f. State B Bid Process - Blake reported that there are 3 teams who have submitted a bid for the B Championship this winter - Watertown, Aberdeen, and Pierre

g. USA Swimming Convention - We have 4 people who have indicated an interest in attending the USA Convention - Kyle, Donna, Chad, and Jon Sommervold. We have 5 votes available and 6 votes if we bring a student athlete. The hotel at the convention is full and so is the backup hotel. The plan would be for everyone to meet in Sioux Falls and carpool together to save on mileage paid by the LSC. Leave on Wed and return on Sunday. Sarah felt it was important that we attend the Central Zones meeting, Regional Meeting and stay for the banquet on Sat night.

**New Business:**

a. Athlete Rep Appointments - Blake appointed the following swimmers to the HOD and BOD to fill vacant positions. Board unanimously approved.

1. BOD - 2 to appoint - Grace Hofmann (RCR) and Tevyn Waddell (MAC)
2. HOD - 1 to appoint - Meghan Hoffman (Seals)

b. HOD Meeting Location - Blake reported that there was a double booking in Chamberlain so we can't use our normal location for our HOD meeting. He also checked at Cedar Shores and they did not have a room large enough. So the meeting will take place in Mitchell at the Highland Conference Center. HOD meeting is late due to waiting for the National Convention before having our meeting.

1. The Seasonal Clubs will meet before the HOD meeting. (Probably at 10)
2. The BOD will meet at 11 to approve budget before the HOD meeting.

c. State A location - Concern was expressed by multiple board members about having the winter short course meet held at the EmBee pool in Sioux Falls. Concerns are size of the pool, air quality, size of the gym and camping areas, deck space, and fire codes. Sarah suggested that perhaps Aberdeen and Sioux Falls trade years by hosting in each other's pools. Blake stated that they can't just trade years without it going out to a bid to the HOD. Blake will speak with the Snowfox board and express the concerns.

**Additional thoughts:**

Kyle suggested that we get Strategic Planning goals and objectives listed on the sds swimming website so that they are easy to find. We should check in with Russ Miller and be sure we have all the notes saved on the website or somewhere.

Chuck Baechler said that he would get the updated meets schedule to Clyde so he can post something on the website.

Next BOD Meeting will be October 11, 2015 at 11 a.m.