

**Minutes**  
**SD LSC House of Delegates**  
**September 28, 2014**  
**Chamberlain, South Dakota**

**Call to Order:** General Chair, Blake Waddell, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

**1. Roll Call and Seating of Delegates:**

The following Voting members were present:

Board of Directors: (15)     Blake Waddell (MAC), General Chair  
Guy Gniotcaynski (RCR), Senior Vice Chair  
Kyle Margheim (MAC), Age Group Chair  
Sarah Hogg (ASC), Finance Vice Chair  
Carolyn Theobald (PST), Secretary  
Robin Sorbe (BSC), Treasurer  
Clyde Smith (SFX), Coaches Representative  
Paula Gordon (SEAL), Safety Coordinator  
Chuck Baechler (WASC), Technical Planning Chair  
Bonnie Biel (HPRW), Seasonal Team's Rep.  
Sarah Mann (ASC), Officials Chair  
Kelly Schott (YST), Membership/Registration Coordinator  
Tevyn Waddell (MAC), Sr. Athlete Representative  
Will Bierschbach (WASC), Athlete Representative  
Josh Sorbe (BSC), Athlete Representative

Club Delegates: (22)     Elyce Kastigar (ASC)  
Michele Nielson (BSC)  
Kay Freibel (BST)  
Holly Evans (CST)  
John Tridle (DL76)  
Kirk Hall (GOLD)  
Liz Willis (GRE)  
Rita Baszler (HPRW)  
Kaden Huntrod (MSC)  
Mark Wilson (MAC)  
Kent Huckins (PST)  
Leigh Warmbrand (RCR)  
Kelly Dierks (SEAL)  
Kelly Rose McCullough (SFX)  
Donna Bierschbach (WASC)  
Deb Finnesand (WST)  
Brian McGinnis (YST)  
Hannah Tietjen (WASC), Athlete Delegate  
Wyatt Rumrill (PST), Athlete Delegate  
Tucker Iwerks (ASC), Athlete Delegate  
Sean Hurley (SFX), Athlete Delegate

Molly Hogg (ASC), Athlete Delegate

*Total Voting Delegates Present = 37*

The following Non-Voters were also present: (5)

Tehra Scott (MAC), Records/Top Times Coordinator  
Roger Theobald (PST), Sanctions Coordinator  
Duncan Olney (GREA)  
Chad Dillon (SFX)  
Kathy Gile (BSC)  
Claudia Cochrane (BSC)  
Alex Boerema (SFX), Athlete  
Rusty Bernstein (BSC)  
Louse Henderson (BSC)  
Ashley Theobald (PST), Athlete

*Total Attendance = 47*

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

**Baechler moved to approve agenda, seconded Gordon.**

**Addition to agenda: New Business, Item 11.g - Approval of 2014-2015 Budget.**

**New Business Item 11.f. - LEAP Certification Task Force.**

**New Business Item 11.h. - Central Zone Championship Update.**

**Proposals became Item I in New Business.**

**Motion approved.**

**3. Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Hogg moved to approve September 28, 2014 Minutes, seconded by Tridle. Motion approved.**

**4. Welcome Newly Elected Athletes to BOD**

Thank you to Deb Finnesand (ASC) for your work as Technical Planning Chair for the SD Swimming. Chuck Baechler (WASC) was appointed as her replacement.

- **Will Biersbach (WASC)**
- **Josh Sorbe (BSC)**

**5. Welcome newly Elected Athletes to HOD**

- **Hannah Tietjen (WASC)**
- **Wyatt Rumrill (PST)**
- **Tucker Iwerks (ASC)**
- **Sean Hurley (SFX)**
- **Molly Hogg (ASC)**

**6. Reports of Officers:**

**a. General Chair – Blake Waddell**

- Thank you to the athletes, coach, House of Delegate and Board of Directors.

- b. Administrative Vice Chair – Russ Miller (No Report)**
- c. Senior Vice Chair – Guy Gniotcaynski (No Report)**
- d. Age Group Vice Chair – Kyle Margheim**
  - Reported on All-Star Change on January 9-11, 2015 in Elkhorn, NE.
- e. Finance Vice Chair – Sarah Hogg**
  - All financial audits are complete
- f. Secretary – Carolyn Theobald (No Report)**
- g. Treasurer’s Report – Robin Sorbe**
  - Hogg assisted Sorbe in presenting the Reviewed September 28, 2014 Financial Report (Committee Reports - Attachment 3.g.). Discussion took place.
- h. Coaches Representative – Clyde Smith (No Report)**
- i. Athlete’s Division – Tevyn Waddell (No Report)**
- j. Seasonal Member’s Representative – Bonnie Biel**
  - Provided update on recent Summer Team’s meeting.
  - Seasonal teams are looking for a location to host the 2015 Summer Seasonal Meets.
- k. Technical Planning Chair – Chuck Baechler (No Report)**
- l. Safety Coordinator – Paula Gordon (Attachment 6.l.)**
  - Update on diving certification.
  - Reminder for safety boundaries for athletes and non-athletes.
  - Make sure Meet Marshalls are visible and accessible at all meets.
  - Awareness of air quality needs to be a priority. USA Swimming is a great resource. Discussion took place.

## **7. Reports of Committees and Coordinators**

- a. Membership/Registration Coordinator – Kelly Schott**
  - Reported on date of vacation.
  - Please send fees at time of registration.
  - For 2014, there were 1,236 year-round athletes and 451 of seasonal athletes. Total number of coaches, athletes and non-athletes is 1,915.
- b. Officials Committee – Sarah Mann**
  - There are 8 Administrative Officials currently certified.
  - There are over 50 certified officials in SD Swimming.
  - Thank you to all officials for your dedication and to teams for their awareness in obtaining volunteers to become officials.

**c. Board of Review – No Chair**

**d. Records/Top 16 Coordinator – Tehra Scott**

- Presented update on status of records and top 16 activities.
- Please send meet reports to Tehra ASAP for her to be able to update the activities.
- Notify Tehra of activities out of state also.

**e. Sanctions Coordinator – Roger Theobald**

- Contact information is located on website.

**Consensus of the House of Delegation is to waive the \$100 late fees due to the transition of Sanction Coordinators. Waiver will not apply from this date forward. Finance Committee will follow through on applying late fees with notification from Sanctions Coordinator.**

**f. Nominating Committee – Kelly Rose McCullough (No Report)**

**8. Unfinished (old) Business**

**a. USA Swimming Strategic Planning Milestones**

- Gordon reported on update of progress of educating delegation about SD Swimming at the B Championship and A Championship meets.

**9. Elections (None)**

**Gniotcaynski moved to have a 10 minute break at 1:17 p.m., seconded by T. Waddell. Motion approved.**

**10. Appointments to Open Positions**

Chairman Waddell reported on applications received for the All-Star Coaching positions, Wendy Ahrendson, Kelly McCullough, and Kyle Margheim.

**Gordon moved to appoint Wendy Ahrendson, Kelly McCullough and Kyle Margheim, seconded by Willis. Motion approved.**

**11. New Business**

**a. Update from delegates who attended USA Swimming Convention**

Margheim, Hogg and General Chair Waddell presented reports from the USA Swimming Convention. Discussion took place.

**b. Update of notification of 2014-2015 Short Course Meet Schedule**

Review of the 2014 - 2015 Short Course Meet Schedule (Attachment 11.b.).

**Tridle moved to approve the notification of the 2014-2015 Short Course Meet Schedule, seconded by Gniotcaynski. Motion approved.**

**c. Approval of notification of Long Course 2015 Meet Schedule**

Reviewed 2015 Long Course Meet Schedule (Attachment 11.c.).

**i. 2015 Long Course State Meet Dates**

General Chair Waddell reported on status of 15 & Over Senior Central Zones Meet. Meet is to be replaced by a “Futures or Legends” meet. This meet will be the same weekend as our state meet. The recommendation from the BOD is to move the State Championship meet to the weekend of July 24 – 26, 2015, current location is Huron, SD; B Championship would move to the weekend of July 17- 19, 2015, current location is meet located in Rapid City, SD. Discussion took place.

**Gniotcaynski moved to ratify the Board of Director’s recommendation of moving the State A Championship meet to weekend of July 24 – 26, 2015, and State B Championship meet would move to the weekend of the July 17 – 19, 2015, seconded by T. Waddell. Discussion took place. Gordon moved to call the vote, seconded by Kastigar. Motion approved.**

General Chair Waddell reported on a potential ND/SD Dual meet for the 15 & over athletes on an annual basis with the location being rotated. It is undetermined which athletes would be eligible. Tentative would be August 7 - 9, 2015.

**D. Bierschbach moved to move forward with the ND/SD Duel meet, seconded by Bierschbach. Motion approved.**

**Margheim moved to approve the notification of the 2015 Long Course Meet Schedule, seconded by Margheim. Motion approved.**

**d. Approval of notification of 2015-2016 Short Course Meet Schedule**

Reviewed 2015-2016 Short Course Meet Schedule – Not Available

**e. Update/Populate All Standing Committees**

General Chair Waddell reported on importance of having active committees and each club needs to participate.

**Margheim moved to appoint Donna Bierschbach and Brian McGinnis to the Nominating Committee, seconded by Tridle. Motion approved.**

**Baechler moved to appoint Chad Dillon and Rusty Bernstein to the Coaches Committee, seconded by Finnesand. Motion approved.**

**Margheim moved to have Sarah Mann fill the Official’s Committee as Official’s Chair, seconded by Gordon. Motion approved.**

**General Chair Waddell will contact Russ Miller asking him bring names to BOD for approval of Committee.**

**Gordon will obtain an athlete for the Safety Committee bringing the name to the BOD for approval of Committee.**

**f. LEAP Certification Status (11/1/2014)**

**i. LEAP Certification Task Force (Attachment 11.f)**

General Chair Waddell provided status of the LEAP Certification. General Chair Waddell will assemble a task force to complete certification.

**g. Approval of 2014-2015 Budget**

Hogg reported on the 2014 – 2015 South Dakota Swimming Proposed Budget.

**Mann moved to approved the 2014-2015 South Dakota Swimming Proposed Budget, seconded by Rumrill. Motion approved.**

**h. Central Zone Championship Update**

Four Senior Central Zones Championship meet records were broken for 2014. The House of Delegates will submit a letter to USA Swimming requesting Tevyn Waddell to be entered onto the All-Central Zone Team.

**NOTE: Gordon moved for a 5 minute break at 3:01 p.m., seconded by Margheim.**

**i. Proposals**

**i. Proposal: Championship Meet Format (Attachment 11.i.i)**

Baechler presented proposal to have the State A Championship meet in a pre-lim finals format.

**Baechler moved to consider the HOD Body electing to have the State A Championship Meet as a Pre-Lim Final allowing the Technical Planning Committee and Coaches Committee to set the format beginning with the 2015 State Meet, seconded by Finnesand. Discussion took place.**

**Gordon moved to call the question, seconded by Gniotcaynski.**

**Gordon moved to withdraw calling the question.**

**Baechler withdraws his written proposal as noted in Agenda Attachments.**

**Baechler moved to consider the HOD Body electing to have the State A Winter Championship Meet as Pre-Lim Final allowing the Technical Planning Committee and Coaches Committee to set the format beginning with the 2015 State Meet to be clarified by December 1, 2014 pending ratification by the HOD, seconded by Margheim. Discussion took place.**

**Theobald moved to table discussion until the Spring 2015 HOD meeting, seconded by Margheim. Theobald moved to amend motion to tabling with Technical Planning and Coaches Committee for implementation for the 2016 Winter State Championship, seconded by Hogg. Discussion took place.**

**Mann called the question, seconded by Finnesand. Motion to table failed.**

**Discussion took place.**

**Gniotcaynski moved to call the question, seconded by D. Bierschbach.**

**Motion approved.**

**ii. Proposal: Championship Age Group (Attachment 11.i.ii)**

**Withdrawn**

**iii. Proposal: Championship Time Standards (Attachment 11.g.iii.).**

Margheim presented the changes to the time standards for the State A Championship meet.

**Gordon moved to consider time standards for State A Championship meet, seconded by Gniotcaynski. Discussion took place.**

**Gordon moved to call the question, seconded by Gniotcaynski. Motion approved.**

**iv. Proposal: Championship Meet Scoring (Attachment 11.g.iv.)**

**Withdrawn**

**v. Proposal: Championship Meet Scoring. (Attachment 11.g.v.)**

**Withdrawn**

**Gniotcaynski made a point of order referring to Robert's Rules of Order for 11.i.i., seconded by Gordon. Discussion took place.**

**Hogg moved to direct the Technical Planning and Coaches Committee to submit a finalized proposal for a Pre-Lim State Finals meet, including changes to all Policies and Procedures to HOD, by December 1, 2014 for the HOD to vote via a mailed ballot to take place upon receipt of proposal by General Chair and Secretary, seconded by D. Biersbach. Motion approved.**

**12. Resolutions and Orders:**

- a. Margheim moved to have the Spring House of Delegates meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2015, seconded by Theobald. Motion approved.**

**Theobald moved to adjourn, seconded by T. Waddell. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Theobald, Secretary

For the purpose of continuity, the minutes may not be in chronological order.