

Hawaiian Swimming Board Minutes
April 14, 2007
Delegates Meeting
Chaminade University

Present: Jon Hayashida, Lynne Nakamura, Lynn Liu, Dave Coleman, Marcelle Arakaki, Kenny Chew, Ken Suenaga, Glenn Pang, Ray Orikasa, Pat Takeshita, Larry Oshiro, Kelsey Kawano, Nicole Miyahira, Dean Schmaltz, Deborah Solis, Victor Wales, Gwenn Tomiyoshi, Tammy Miyashiro

I) Announcements: General Chairman - Jon Hayashida
Meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m.

A moment-of-silence was held in memory of Mrs. Lynette Chew who was currently the Registrar for the LSC Board. Mrs. Chew will be missed as she provided a lot of support to the LSC.

The following appointments were made by the General Chairman and approved by the LSC Board and delegates:

- Registration/Membership Coordinator – Gwenn Tomiyoshi, for the remaining term
- Secretary – Tammy Miyashiro, for the remaining term
- At-Large Representative (Maui) - Kelsey Kawano, for the remaining term

II) Reports:

A. General Reports:

- i. Secretary's Report – Gwenn Tomiyoshi – Minutes of February 11, 2007 were approved.
- ii. Treasurer's Report – Lynne Nakamura – The LSC Board approved to amend proposed travel subsidy program to allow a \$50 per day per diem for swimmers attending both USA Nationals and USA Juniors that are held in the same location.. The per diem will be for the number of days the swimmer participates at the swim meet (i.e., if the swimmer participates the first 2 days, the swimmer is eligible for a per diem up to \$100. If the swimmer participates in the first and last day of the 5-day meet the swimmer is eligible for per diem of up to \$250). Lynne Nakamura will revise the subsidy form and present to the LSC Board for approval. Swimmers are eligible for the travel subsidy for meets approved by the LSC Board if their travel initiates from Hawaii. The meets eligible for travel subsidy are approved by the LSC Board at the beginning of the fiscal year and is dependent upon the availability of funds.

It was suggested to subsidize coaches attending the LSC approved meets with their swimmers. Victor Wales will contact Scott Chase, Sr. Chair, to find out why it took so long to start subsidizing coaches and what criteria they use for subsidizing coaches.

- iii. Registration Coordinator – Gwenn Tomiyoshi
 - As of March 31, 2007, Hawaiian Swimming has registered
 - 2,077 Athletes
 - 24 Outreach Athletes
 - 192 Non-Athletes, individual
 - 36 Family 1
 - 36 Family 2
 - 29 Clubs
 - 2 Organizations

B. Administrative Vice Chairman – Dave Coleman

Proposed a change to the By-Laws to change the voting of Board members to December to align procedural aspects to changes the LSC's change to a calendar fiscal year. This was done to streamline the auditing and financial tax requirements and was suggested by the LSC's tax consultant. There was a question regarding the Athlete's Rep. regarding By-Law 4.5 Annual and Regular Meetings and the inability to attend meetings if they enroll in college and are not able to complete their term. It was noted that if the athlete representative continued as a current Hawaiian Swimming athlete, they could continue to serve by coordinating with the junior athlete representative via email.. It was also suggested that the incoming junior athlete representative be a sophomore so that the end of the second term would be in December before graduation. This change will allow the Finance Vice-Chair to prepare taxes once instead of December and August. The LSC Board moved to approve By-Law 4.5 to allow officers' to terminate on December 31 and By-Law 4.5.1 Term Extensions during transitions because of changes to operating and fiscal years. (Aye - 8, nay - 3, abs. - 3) The LSC Board moved to approve By-Law 15.2 Fiscal Year to move the fiscal year-end to December 31 instead of August 31. (Aye 12, nay – 0; abs. 1) Administrative Vice Chairman will update the official By-Laws on the web with a date of when the changes were made to replace previous copies.

C. Senior Chair – Victor Wales

A 2007 Hawaii Swimming "All Star" Camp will be held on June 14-17, 2007. Swimmers will be selected by a performance based process and will be held at Central Oahu Regional Park pool. Steve Borowski and Brian Lee have been selected as head coaches for the Camp. Swimmers will be provided accommodations at UH-Manoa. Reid Yamamoto will send invitations to the swimmers and make travel arrangements for neighbor island participants. The camp will be held Thursday through Sunday). Swimmers have the option to decline and the focus will be on Senior swimmers who are still focused on swimming after the June Age Group Championship.

D. Age Group Vice Chair – Kenny Chew

Meet schedule for State Age Group Short Course Championships will be held on December 14-17, 2007, on Maui. Long Course will be held on June 6-9, 2008, on Oahu.

- A suggestion was made to add a Sr. Meet for swimmers to obtain their Olympic trial times after the State Age Group meets.
- Waiting to hear from Big Island (Harry Canales), Maui (Malcolm Cooper), and teams on Kauai to submit their meet schedules for 2007-2008.
- The classified East meet hosted by BOWS will be moved from May 12 to May 5, 2007, at the Kaneohe pool.

- The State Age Group Long Course Championships schedule of events for June 7-10, 2007, was approved by the LSC Board. The schedule of events will be similar to the December 2006 Short Course Championship with minor adjustments. It was suggested that awards for distance and relays would be awarded the next morning, and the graduating senior awards will be presented on Saturday prior to the start of the finals.
 - Kenny Chew will ask BOWS if they would 1) provide the manpower and all expenses for hospitality while retaining the profits from printing t-shirt sales or 2) receive a fixed nominal monetary amount (\$750) and provide the sales of the t-shirts and manpower for hospitality and the LSC will provide all refreshments and goods and will receive profits from t-shirt sales. Kenny Chew will inform the LSC of the team's decision.
- E. Finance Vice Chair – Lynn Liu – The LSC is now a Business in Good Standing by the Better Business Bureau for the years of 2005, 2006, and 2007.
- F. Peer Elects: (Athletes, Coaches, Official's Rep.)
Jr. Athletes Rep. - Kekoa Tapparra – reported that the medals for this year's long course championships will remain the same design.

Sr. Coaches Rep. - Larry Oshiro reminded coaches to get their Background check completed from May 15-25, 2007. The new color of the coach's card with the completed background check is green. Gwenn Tomiyoshi will put this information on the web. Coaches are reminded if they did not receive their updated Coach's card, they should keep their current certifications (i.e., CPR, First Aid, Swim Safety for Coaches cards to use as proof of current credentials to receive check-in sheets and heat sheets.

Official's Rep. – Marcelle Arakaki and Jon Hayashida are working on scheduling a clinic for the Colorado Timing System's. While at the Pan Pacific, Marcelle received an autographed t-shirt from Grant Hackett, the Australian swimmer who won a Gold Medal in the 1500 in 2000 and 2004 Olympics. The t-shirt will be framed and presented to a swimmer who enters in the 1500 meter event at the June 2007 State Championships. The drawing will be held on the last day of the meet. Kenny Chew announced that that his mother's service will be held on Friday, April 27 at Hawaiian Memorial, in Kaneohe – viewing 8:30 a.m., service 9:30 am. to 10:00 a.m., burial at 11:00 a.m. Kenny indicated that the service is aloha attire and that the family has requested no flowers. Kenny approved to accept a wreath from Hawaiian Swimming.

- G. Club, Athlete, Special Program Coordinator – Char Tester (Absent)
- H. Technical Planning Chair – Dean Schmaltz (No report)
- I. At-Large Representatives:
Big Island – Harry Canales (Absent)
Maui Rep. – Kelsey Kawano was appointed by Chairman and approved by the LSC Board.
Coaches Rep. - Ray Orikasa reported that a HIAA championship meet will be held on August 4 and 5 at the Maui Kihei pool.
- J. Special Committee Reports:
Time Administrator – Fred Tester (No report)
Team Hawaii Administrator – Pat Takeshita – Western Zones will be held in Farmington, New Mexico. Team Hawaii is currently working on scheduling air travel to the championship, which has been difficult and costly. Packets will be prepared and sent to coaches and last year's zone swimmers for distribution.

Safety Coordinator – Glenn Pang –Presented the “Meet Marshall Check List of Responsibilities and Duties” from the USA Swimming Control and Lost Manual. These responsibilities need to be implemented as soon as possible to. Meet Marshals must be registered with USA Swimming and need to enforce rules set by USA Swimming and the respective facilities to prevent liability to Hawaiian Swimming Marshals need to sign in and be verified by the Head Referee for the record. Observations of Coaches and Meet Directors serving as marshals are NOT adequate. Marshals need to be able to focus on their responsibilities and it was suggested that Coaches actively coaching or other officials not be used a marshals. It was noted that the Officials Coordinators on the outer islands track and keep a paper record for verification if rules are being enforced. The LSC Board discussed that the Meet Director will brief the Safety Marshals ahead of time and the Head Referee will follow up before the start of the meet. Glenn Pang suggested scheduling clinics to inform the marshals of their responsibilities and liabilities. He will work with Marcelle Arakaki regarding the details of this process and develop a schedule for the clinics on Oahu and the neighbor islands. The Hosting Club is in charge of assigning Safety Marshalls. Through the help of Char Tester and Dave Coleman, a safety and liability link is on the LSC website. A copy of the Safety and Control Manual and two safety bulletins have been posted for teams to become aware of safety issues Glenn also asked Keith Arakaki if safety and liability information can be posted on the HSC website, too.

III) Old Business: None

IV) New Business:

A request directed to the Board from Mokihana Aquatics to hold “closed” sanctioned meets, was read aloud at the meeting. The LSC Board denied Mokihana Aquatics request. The Chair stated that Mokihana Aquatics Head Coach will be notified of the LSC Board decision and that they may appeal to the Hawaiian Swimming Board of Review. If they are denied an appeal they may then forward their complaint to the National Board of Review. Mokihana requested to hold intra-club timed trials for its own swimmers. The request stated that Mokihana Aquatics will be fully timed per USA swimming rules and fully officiated by USA swimming officials. Requested that times be eligible to be entered into the LSC database of times. Mokihana Aquatics applied to the USA Board of review to address this issue. The USA Board denied his request because he needs to address this issue to the LSC Board, the LSC board needs to deny it by the Board of Review, and then be sent to the USA Board of Review. Bruce Stratton, Head of Rules Committee, responded to the Chair that “for a time to be valid and eligible for any entry to be in the swim database, it must come from a competition that was sanctioned or approved or an undisturbed swim. Times from a closed competition that was not sanctioned, approved, or the swim observed, are not considered official times under Article 102.164a (1) and are not eligible to be entered in a swim.” It is believed that USA Swimming allows the respective LSC’s the authority to make the decision if there are certain circumstances deny a sanction. Currently Hawaiian Swimming has a moratorium not allowing sanctions for intra-club meets through July 2007. Currently, the moratorium is in place to increase support for scheduled meets and to alleviate the potential overburden on officials to participate in scheduled and non-scheduled meets.

Victor Wales suggested adding an additional heat to each State Champs event to allow swimmers a chance to qualify for Olympic Trials. This request was denied stating that the LSC will not sanction an event inside of the State Champs event.

Victor Wales announced that Bob Gillette of the National Championship Swimming Association (NCSA) will be having a swim meet in Hawaii on June 6-8, 2007 (similar to the McDonald's All-American event). The NCSA was formed after the deletion of Junior Nationals. The meet proposes to have the Top 100 USA swimmers 18 & under split into two teams for a dual meet. Swim times will be sent to USA Swimming. The NCSA is asking to use the CORP pool for 2 to 3 hours after the June 2007 State Age Group Championships (6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) and asking for a Sanction. The NCSA will be providing their own officials and coaches, with the possibility of ESPN coverage. As a future note, NCSA would like to continue to have this event annually. It was questioned if this organization and meet have the support of USA Swimming and should our LSC be associated with NCSA? The LSC Chairman will take into consideration comments that are made and will follow-up. A comment was made that this event may take away from the Hawaii swimmers who have just made State qualifying times and the need to recognize the Hawaii swimmers.

V) Final Comments:

An Officials' Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007, on Maui.

Next LSC Mtg. will held on May 12, Saturday at 10:30, Chaminade University Rm. 107.

VI) Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, Tammy Miyashiro