

Oregon Swim Coaches Association

Annual Meeting

Minutes- September 30, 2006 Inn at Seventh Mountain- Bend, Oregon

Attendees	AAA BRSC BEND BDST CB CAC CST	CRST CWY CAT GCAL DDSC DAC EA	ECSC FGSC GCST GPAC HEAT HRST KING	BASN LGSC LOSC LCSC MSC VALY MHST	MAC NST OSU WOLF PRSC PAC PS	RAC RRSC RVST SLST SST SCAT SSS	SHSC TOR TTSC TY THSC VSC YTS WHAT
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/ RECOMMENDATION						ACTION/ FOLLOW UP
1.0~ Call to Order/ Roll Call							
Call to Order	OSCA President Bud Taylor called the meeting to order and conducted the Roll Call. Seasonal teams are not required to attend; some teams were excused.						None
1.1~ Review/ Approve Minutes/ Announcements							
Past minutes-2004	The minutes from the October 1, 2005 meeting at Lincoln City (Inn at Spanish Head) were approved as presented.						None
2.0~ Treasurer's Report							
OSCA Treasurer's Report- Rick Guenther	Rick Guenther (CAT) reported on last year's expenses and submitted a printed report. Our current balance is \$3,840.65. If we look at last years expenses we are at about where we were in September 2005. Rick has written money out this weekend for two scholarship repayments, and had paid an additional \$100.00 to each Zone coach in 2006 above what is paid by OSI (as we agreed to last year). We will need to pay out \$1,800.00 for today's clinic. As before we are basically breaking even. A motion was made and passed to shed any treasurer's paperwork that was older than 10 years.						Motion passed to shred treasure's paperwork older than 10 years.
3.0~ President's Report							
OSCA President	Bud Taylor (MHST) -OSCA President- thanked all the helpers and speakers for a great day's clinic. Bud attended the ASCA Convention; the interview there with coach Eddie Reese was a wonderful thing. Coach Reese emphasized Kicking, Kicking and Creativity in that order. Bud also attended the USAS Convention and spoke about what coach Mark Shubert had to say. Coach Shubert is asking everyone to join in to create a better and better Olympics. He was really inspirational and got everyone motivated to win medals. Bud said that at the LC Champs and other recent meets he (Bud) has been talking with many on deck about what we want for goals and meet focus, particularly for championships. We need to make decisions and focus the goals of USA Swimming and Oregon Swimming in a transparent way; give everyone the opportunity to serve. Yesterday we also had an ASCA Level 2 Course made available at the Mini Expo. Bud then went on to read some of Oregon Swimming's Mission Statement. He also asked that in discussions we limit comments so everyone gets a chance to add their input- just a few minutes per person.						Informational

4.0~ Chair Person's Reports		
Senior Chair	<p>Kyle Kimball (MSC), OSI Senior Chair reported that his take from the USAS Convention was that coach Mark Shubert was very inspirational, and expressed the desire for USA to have gold in every relay in 2008- to win every race in Beijing.</p> <p>Kyle has flyers from the USAS Convention; there will be a new program for Background Checks done soon on all certified coaches. This will begin to roll out starting this quarter- the trial run by USAS will be done by the end of 2007. Every LSC will do a background check of coaches - looking for felony history and sexual misconduct charges.</p> <p>Kyle said that another inspiring component of the USAS was a trip that some of the coaches went to was to watch the Club Wolverine swimmers at the University of Michigan for practice. Phelps, Sandeno, Vendt and others were there training. Bud Taylor (MHST) said that they had a lot of homemade training equipment which was absolutely awesome.</p> <p>In terms of our OSI Altitude Camp, we need to make a decision as a body whether we want to continue to support it or not. Not every team in OSI is supporting this camp; do we want to keep doing it? It has been a really good experience for the kids that have gone. It will be brought up tomorrow at HOD.</p> <p>Mark Maxwell (YSC) asked- do you fill it each year? Kyle responded that this year 32 applied and we take 20 swimmers.</p> <p>Mark Maxwell said that if we fill it we should keep doing it.</p> <p>Mark Bernett (BEND) asked- what about the teams that don't support it? Bud Taylor (MHST) said that we haven't talked about it recently and we are busy this time of year, so he failed to mention it to his team.</p> <p>Amy Emmett (NST) said maybe the deadline date is difficult i.e. in September? Kyle replied that arrangements need to be made with the travel agent and the Olympic Training Center.</p> <p>Andy Carlisle (TTSC) said that for his team the date is also an issue- lots of their swimmers are busy with cross country. Kyle said that we are looking into having it a little later.</p>	Bring up Altitude Training Camp at HOD tomorrow- K. Kimball (MSC)
Age Group Chair	<p>Lissa Parker (LCSC), OSI Age Group Chair, handed out a USAS Convention Report which included notes from several workshops. All LSC Age Group representatives held discussion groups divided by LSC size with topics that included dealing with the four- hour rule, getting into meets- especially LC summer, and retention of older athletes. Open water swimming is also a newer focus.</p> <p>Another focus overall from USA Swimming is on distance swimming and overall well- rounded swimmers with IM experience. Long term planning vs. faster performance at younger ages was an ongoing topic. The Virtual Club Championship and IMX program has been used and USAS now has stats per LSC for participation and ranking in these programs. Jonty Skinner presented Dartfish / video for the Sports Science national program, along with Genadi Sokolavas for seasonal training plans. A new parent CD is now available for clubs to use which will be sent out soon and is available to purchase for teams to hand out.</p>	Discuss other AG Chair topics in Old Business- L. Parker (LCSC)
Zone/ Allstars Head Coach	<p>Greg Bostrom (CAT), Allstars and Zone Head Coach thanked everyone for contributing to the third place at this year's Zone competition Fourteen relays placed in top three places. The format was changed to have the days shorter, however we did have some maintenance issue i.e. the air conditioning and quality of the hotel was not up to our standards.</p>	

Zone/ Allstars Head Coach (contd.)	Previous recommendations for choosing the Zone coaching staff (originally from Suha Tokman, previous Zone head coach) was for coaches to apply to go. We had to choose from twelve coaches to fill eight spots this time. Nominations for the Zone staff would be an easier way to putting a staff together.	Recommend Nominating Zone Coaching Staff from OSCA or HOD meeting- G. Bostrom (CAT)
Technical Planning Chair	Alex Nikitin (MAC), OSI TPC Chair had no report.	None
Camps Coordinator (s)	Scott Kerr (ECSC) and Mark Maxwell (YSC) were OSI Co-Chairs for Camps this year and reported on this year's camps. They held six camps, three were for elite swimmers and three for developmental- which served over 100 swimmers overall. Scott did most of the footwork- and we moved some around to figure out where the best place was to hold them. For the BC level camps they do a better job to serve the kids if they are held in their areas. We will plan to take over the HOD athlete camp for next year and use a Speedo sponsored athlete. Lot of that will depend on timing and if they are available.	Informational

5.0~ OSCA Nominations/ Elections

OSCA Officers Elections	Nominations were taken for the position of OSCA Treasurer and OSCA Secretary whose terms are up. Nominated for Treasurer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Guenther (CAT) (unopposed) Rick was again re- elected as OSCA Treasurer. Rick has been Treasurer since at least 1994 (do not have any records in file previous to this date at present). Nominated for Secretary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Phifer (BRSC) • Junia Calhoon (VALY) (declined) Both positions are two- year terms. Bud Taylor (MHST) will be serving in his second term as OSCA President.	Officers elected
Ballot Nominations- Discussion	Bud Taylor opened the discussion for athlete and coach nominations for recognition with a proposal that by 2012 Oregon has another swimmer on the Olympic team. Sean Taylor (MHST) spoke to the topic of including college athletes in the nominations for swimmer of the year as well as outstanding age group athletes. Restrictive measures to exclude college athletes should be looked at by the entire body rather than as housekeeping measures. Mark Bernett (BEND) said that we have never looked at college athletes before and he has been in this LSC for 23 years. They should be competing here for the entire year. Amy Emmett (NST) said – what about Chris Thompson? Mark said that that was in his freshman year. Eric Laitinen (CB) said then make a motion to include all athletes i.e. college swimmers. Sean Taylor <u>made a motion that all athletes in good standing be allowed to qualify for athlete of the year.</u> Eric Laitinen said that it should be the same standard- they should have swam consecutively for a year in Oregon. Andy Carlisle (TTSC) said that we should nominate college swimmer but we don't have to vote for them. Jason Mills (GCAL) we should be able to have college athletes as they get kudos for their teams i.e. at nationals.	

<p>Motion made to include all athletes in swimmer of the year nominations</p> <p>In favor- 27</p> <p>Opposed- 35</p> <p>Motion fails</p>	<p>Rick Guenther (CAT) we are talking about age group athletes; I don't even want one of my college athletes to come and get an award if they are not with my age group program.</p> <p>Bud Taylor said – what about swimmers of all ages? What about the college kids that are here some of the time?</p> <p>Linck Bergen (THSC) said he doesn't think these kids should be shut out- they choose to come home.</p> <p>Tim Hamlet (FGSC) said – can't college kids get their own awards?</p> <p>Mark Maxwell (YSC) said that kids are coming home regardless and they are not swimmers here year' round.</p> <p>Skip Runkle (MAC) said that there has not been a fast rule that we can't nominate one, but usually they haven't been chosen.</p> <p>Mark Bernett said that this came up when I first joined this LSC as an award, at that time coaches agreed that college athletes should not be given this by this LSC.</p> <p>Jeanine Serrano (TTSC) said that we need to include in bios that swimmers are in college.</p> <p>Brandon Drawz (MHST) said we should legislate common sense here- nominate them – but don't leave them out- are we recognizing them if they make records?</p> <p>Jill Black (CWY) said- why penalize older swimmers?</p> <p>Linck Bergen said that we are just talking about nominations, not voting for them. Some are extraordinary circumstances.</p> <p>Rick Guenther said that some year we will vote for a college athlete instead. If you vote for this motion to include college athletes then they will be nominated.</p>	
<p>New Motion for Collegiate Swimmer</p>	<p>Burt Stratton (DDSC) <u>made motion that we have a separate award for an Oregon Collegiate Swimmer of the Year.</u> They must be in our LSC for at least one year and swim with a team in Oregon in the summer.</p> <p>Kate Phiher (BRSC) said that this helps our age groupers see that success continues into college.</p>	<p>Motion Passes for Collegiate Swimmer of the Year</p>
<p>Athlete of the Year Nominees</p>	<p>For Female Swimmer of the Year the following athletes were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libby Brooks (MHST) • Brittney Iverson (CAT) • Hannah Points (TTSC) • Morgan Scroggy (THSC) <p>For Male Swimmer of the Year the following athletes were nominated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Maese (MHST) • Daniel Nyardi (BEND) • Logan Storie (CAT) <p>Votes were handed in by paper ballot. Winners will be announced at the Top 5 Ceremony. Lissa Parker (LCSC) made a suggestion that ballots are all on one page for next year, along with bios.</p>	<p>Votes handed in- announce winners at Top 5</p>
<p>Age Group Coach of the Year</p>	<p>Nominees for Age Group Coach of the Year were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Nikitin (MAC) • Ben Swinehart (THSC) • Coley Stickels (LOSC) • Greg Bostrom (CAT) • Jim Bowe (DDSC) • Nacim Bouferrache (TDPS) 	<p>Votes handed in- announce winners at Top 5</p>
<p>Senior Coach of the Year</p>	<p>Nominees for Senior Group Coach of the Year were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Carlisle (TTSC) • Bud Taylor (MHST)- withdrawn • Linck Bergen (THSC) • Mark Bernett (BEND) • Rick Guenther (CAT) 	<p>Votes handed in- announce winners at Top 5</p>

Zone Staff Elections	<p>Greg Bostrom (CAT) Head Zone Coach asked if we should nominate coaches for the Allstars and Zone Meet. Jeanine Serrano (TTSC) Zone Team Manager explained that this is for three meets: two Allstars – January and May, and then Zones in August.</p> <p>The following coaches were nominated for the 2006- 2007 Zone Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Meyer (HEAT) • Cindy VonWeller (MAC) • Eric Smith (BEND) • Greg Amorelli (SSS) • Jill Black (CWY) • Jody Braden (PAC) • Rhonda Reed (RRSC) • Tim Le Doux (BRSC) 	
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6.0~ OSCA Scholarships

Nominations for Scholarships	<p>The following coaches received scholarships for this year (2006):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Emmett (NST) • Eric Laitinen (CB) • Greg Amorelli (SSS) • Jill Black (CWY) • Jody Braden (PAC) • Lissa Parker (LCSC) <p>Scholarships are for \$350.00 for one year, to be used for educational purposes. Refer to the OSCA Bylaws posted on the OSI website for details. Same club or individual can receive another scholarship only every three years. (see below)</p>	Ongoing process
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<p><i>2005 Scholarships</i></p> <p>Brian Holm (RST) Eric Smith (BEND) Jason Mills (MSC) Jennifer Visser (SST) Rhonda Reed (RRSC) Todd Bush (TY)</p>	<p><i>2004 Scholarships</i></p> <p>Dan Zimmer (BASN) Jared Plahn (SLST) Jason Moore (OCST) Jim Bowe (DDSC) Kate Phifer (BRSC) Mark Maxwell (YSC)</p>
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7.0~ Old Business

OSI Developmental Coach of the Year Award	<p>Discussion was held about the OSI Developmental Coach of the Year Award, which we voted to have a subcommittee work on in the last year. Sean Taylor (MHST) brought a proposal/ handout, and explained the USAS IMX program and how it works along with the USAS databases. Part of what he would like to see used as criteria for this award includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimmer retention- first measurable criteria • Meaningful criteria; how fast the coaches swimmers are in events – using Power Points and IMX scores • Nominations- with more subjective criteria • Then voted upon <p>Amy Emmett (NST) commented on the graphs presented- looked at this example as numbers of swimmers are descending. Jim Bowe (DDSC) said that he likes the meaningful data but how does this work for senior swimmers?</p> <p>Mark Maxwell (YSC) asked- how does this work if kids move to another club, how is it measured? How can we extrapolate this into nominations for people, not clubs?</p>
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<p>OSI Developmental Coach of the Year Award (contd.)</p> <p>Passed-award for next year</p>	<p>Sean then explained it more, and how to keep it simple with a shorter time frame window. Jeanine Serrano (TTSC) said- how is this quantifying? A committee does not know the structure of clubs and other situations.</p> <p>Rick Rodriguez (PS) said that retention is harder for clubs with seasonal swimmers.</p> <p>Linck Bergen (THSC) said that for Short Course Meters they are not retained yet in USAS database, so scores are incomplete for some teams, should be performance based. It's hard to come up with criteria.</p> <p>Dan Zimmer (BASN) said that he thought original intent of this award was about longevity especially for small teams in rural areas.</p> <p>Alex Steger (THSC) said – what about making it based on fewer DQ's at meets? This proposed format for selecting the developmental Coach of the Year was defeated.</p> <p>Linck Bergen said that we should take nominations to recognize this award from either small clubs or developmental coaches in big clubs.</p> <p>Jeff Vallie (CAC) said that it doesn't matter how small or big the club is, why do we have a number designated? It is to recognize that person.</p> <p>Lissa Parker (LCSC) said that last year we recognized coaches for longevity and awarded several at Top 5.</p> <p>Jeanine Serrano said that should be at least working for three years within LSC. Mark Maxwell asked- within the same program or LSC?</p> <p>Jeanine said that the longer they stay with the program the more effective they are.</p> <p>Alex Steger said that Pat Hogan of USAS says that a small club is defined as 60 kids or less.</p> <p>Ben Swinehart (THSC) asked- can the same coach be voted in multiple years? Mark Bernett (BEND) asked- should we have a subcommittee to work on this?</p> <p>A motion was made to create a Coaching Excellence Award using this criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One time award 2. Three years within the club 3. Assistant or small club head coach <p>Thirty one passed this motion in favor, no opposed. Kyle Kimball (MSC) asked if this should be started for next year? Yes.</p>	
<p>11 and Over LC Champs Meet</p>	<p>Lissa Parker (LCSC) OSI Age Group Chair, explained the proposal developed to correct timelines for the Long Course 11 & Over State Championship Meet. This has been a year- long work in progress and most everyone has had opportunity for input – a survey was conducted at this year's 11 & Over Champs.</p> <p>Amy Emmett (NST) said that it became a problem when senior swimmers were added later in the season. A handout was given out to explain the proposal.</p> <p>This will be voted on tomorrow at the HOD meeting.</p>	<p>4 Day Proposal to be voted on at HOD tomorrow</p>
<p>8.0~ New Business</p>		
<p>Officials Travel Fund</p>	<p>Mark Rieniets –OSI President/ General Chair brought up the topic regarding legislation to be proposed tomorrow at the HOD. This involves reimbursements and officials attending the USAS Convention. We cannot attend without representation from officials, but will be changing the criteria, so that two positions will be available. Mark is asking coaches not to 'lock up' those positions, and to remember that officials and folks in clubs that have served for many years will go to bring information back to our clubs, and other legislation. The intent is to get people from around the state an opportunity to participate in this process and share the expertise.</p>	<p>Informational</p>

Tier III Funding – topic for HOD	<p>Another proposition brought up by Mark Rieniets is the topic of removing Sectionals from Tier III funding, which is hurting us. It would save us \$98,000 which was spent on Sectionals alone.</p> <p>Skip Runkle (MAC) said that this is an attempt to legislate coaches' decisions when we fund that, and the argument regarding money is not valid. If we do that then we should delete Tier III funding completely, and not dictate to all of us how we will develop our kids.</p> <p>Linck Bergen (THSC) said that the original intent was for Junior Nationals in the Spring, but now it's being used for other meets.</p> <p>Mark Rieniets then explained that what we budget for officials is based on swimmers going to Nationals.</p>	Discussion- topic to be entertained at HOD tomorrow
9.0 ~ Adjournment		
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.		
Submitted: Lissa Parker, OSCA Secretary	Next Meeting: October 14, 2007	