

Club Representatives in Attendance: ABLY-Jeremy Bannon; APSC-Mary Comden; BASH-Bill Whatley; BGSC-Gary Layne; CAC-Chip Carrigan, Benson Spurling; CLPR-Sidney Day, Jason Roberts; CM-Melinda Cooper, Chris Wolford; COPS-Chris Hadden; COSA-John Reynolds; DR-Brent Peaden; FAST-Jeff Wobser; GCST-Steve Nye; GTAC-Keith Kennedy, Jen Hazel, Chris Pierson; KAC-Ed Bachman; KCST-Kevin Pendergast; MAC-Jon Saxton; MAKO-Brent Bader, Chris Harsh, Tim Myers; MAST-Kate Brown; MUS-Pete Lindsay; NAAC-Matt Wilson; NAC-Jay Finn; OHST-Jennie Goodson; PAC-Pat Nunan, Mike Wenert; PCY-Mike Leonard; RAYS-Ken Heis; REST-Craig Leonard; SFF-Dave Lienesch, Tom Agoston; UASC-Todd Saltus, Pat Whittington; WAC-Jim Peterfish; WOR-Scott Colby; WPST-Sara Chambers; WTRC-Mark Davis

Club Representatives not present: BKHY (Laurie Karr); BSC (Dave Filon); BVCY (Toby Boedeker); CHY (Amy Miller); CRC (Tammi Morris); CY (Brad Isham); DUBS (Steve Shoefeld); DUST (Becki Fields); DYBD (Todd Hall); EST (Sam Fattah); KEY (Gary Galbreath); LTPY (Steve Temple); LYST (Kevin Yates); MCY (Clint Bostick); MHSW (Aaron Dorfman); MYAC (Rick West); OU (Greg Werner); SAK (Peggy Ewald); SOS (Phil Moran); SPY (Larry Bishop); SYL (Joe Plane); TCY (Chris Konerman); TYS (Dave Stannert); UC (Monty Hopkins); WAUS (Tony Schuette); YWSC (Mark Cadle); YWTW (Cheryl Bath)

Additional Board Members Present: Al Kurth, Carolyn Strunk, Dan Wendorff, Cindy Roberts, Tom Burt; John Pristash, Alice Harker, Dick Boettcher, Erin Schwab, Dan Wendorff, Jr., Megan Alexander, Dave Olson. **Not present:** Cindy Kolbe, Virginia Bay, John Hojnacki

1. A. Kurth: The meeting was called to order at 1pm at the Quality Inn, Cincinnati.

2. A. Kurth: October, 2004, minutes were approved and archived at www.ohioswim.org

3. A. Kurth, General Chairman's Report (akurth@buckeye-express.com)

-A motion was made to levy a surcharge of \$120 per club for each HOD meeting at which that club is not in attendance. Discussion included an amendment to only require each club to attend one HOD meeting per year. This amendment was approved. A second amendment was proposed in which individual Board members would also be included in the motion. This was voted down. The final motion would allow OSI to levy a \$120 surcharge on each club which does not send a representative to at least one HOD meeting each year. This was approved by those voters present and will take effect beginning this October. The secretary will send a certified letter to each club representative who was not in attendance to inform them of this change.

-A motion was made to examine the feasibility of a permanent office for the LSC. This was approved and an ad hoc committee was created to investigate: It will include the LSC treasurer, Chris Wolford, Al Kurth, Dave Olson, Dick Boettcher, Erin Schwab and two athlete reps.

4. T. Burt, Treasurer's Report (burto@alltel.net): Up to date report of expenditures and income was distributed at the meeting and can be obtained from Tom via e-mail.

5. E. Schwab, Registration and NTV Chair's Report: (ohioswim@cinci.rr.com)

All coaches were reminded to stay on top of their credentials. The dates in which their various credentials expire are stated on each coach's card. It was also noted that while Swim Connections is a helpful tool, it is not the official verification site for times. Those would be found at Swims. If your club is having any difficulty or questions regarding the electronic registration or verification, please contact Erin.

6. D. Olson (Dolson@fbtlaw.com) **(New e-mail address) Report of Nominating Committee and Election of New Officers for a two year term (to take office October 1):**

Treasurer: Tim Myers; Age Group Vice Chair: Chip Carrigan; Senior Chair: Chris Hadden; Official's Chair: Dick Boettcher Technical Chair: Steve Nye

Special thanks to Tom Burt for his 25 years of service to the LSC as treasurer.

New Board of Review Members: Pat Nunan, Ken Heis, John Reynolds, David Olson and two athlete reps.

7. Administrative Reports

a) C. Strunk, Administrative (cstrunk@bgnet.bgsu.edu):

All of the Grey Book changes will be on the website; she is still updating forms. You can e-mail her with specific questions.

b) D. Boettcher, Officials and NTV assistance (boettlnd@iac.net):

We will be rolling out a training package for Deck Referees to all our recertifying officials in 2005. This material, while focusing on the role of the deck ref, is good information for all officials. This training, coupled with the situational training we introduced last fall, will help develop our officials in both competence and consistency.

The second area of emphasis in 2005 has to do with officiating integrity. There have been some instances in the past year of less than objective, unbiased behavior on the part of some officials both on and off the deck. This is totally unacceptable and reflects negatively on the whole officiating community. I will personally address this at all the clinics this year. The Commission Chairs will review our professionalism standards that we developed in 2000 at these clinics, also.

The non USA-S meet observation process went reasonably well this past SC season. One concern that I had was the heavy drain on resources in the Columbus and Dayton Commissions. This was probably a function of NCAA and YMCA championship meet activity in those geographies. Erin, the commission coordinators and I will be refining the observation process over the next few weeks. One area of emphasis will be to communicate to coaches and meet directors to make sure that swimmers' correct names and USA-S ID numbers are entered into the meet results so that they can be entered into the national database. We may consider levying a penalty for having to manually document and enter swims from those meets.

c) B. Peaden, Top 16 Records (bpeaden@woh.rr.com):

Ohio Short Course Records

- * Updated and posted on the OSI website in April 2005
- * Copies available at the HoD meeting
- * Coaches should verify the records listed on "New Records for 2004-2005" (some reports not submitted to Records Chair)
- * Any updates or corrections must be submitted to Records Chair
- * Senior Meet Records have been updated. The host of the 2006 Senior meet should note there are a few corrections to the 2005 backup.
- * USA-Swimming will be consolidating the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups, but they are in transition mode at the moment. Once USA-Swimming has outlined its age group handling of records, the Ohio Records Chair will brief the OSI membership on if & how we (OSI) should follow suit.

Ohio Long Course Records

- * 14 & Under age group records updated
- * 15-over records updated by July 2005. Reason for delay? Records were not updated 1996-2000. We have been waiting for USA-Swimming to post the "All-Time 100" times on their website to cross-check our current records. USA-Swimming has now completed their "All-Time 100" times so we can proceed with the update.

National "Top 16" Certificates

- * All certificates from long course 2004 and prior are in. Distributions were made at the Ohio Age Group State meet and at the May 2005 HoD meeting.
- * All certificates are awarded based on times in the USA-Swimming SWIMS database.
- * USA-Swimming will be implementing a "mythical" point system based on top 16 times for each age group.

SWIMS

- * All Ohio Sanctioned meets from 2004-2005 have been uploaded to the official USA-Swimming database called SWIMS (report attached). Senior meet still pending.
- * All results can be viewed in the public-access "STARS" database at www.usaswimming.org, select "Times/Time Standards" from the main menu. (FYI – "STARS" is the database that public visitors access to view the official "SWIMS" data).
- * Coaches and team managers should know that Hy-Tek "result files" for every meet an Ohio swimmer attends, whether in-LSC or out-of-LSC, are always available at Ohio's "SWIM CONNECTION" within 24 hours after the conclusion of the meet, as long as you request and gain approval for "meet manager privileges" when you logon. Go to www.swimconnection.com/oh/ ...no more waiting around after a meet to get your results file!!

d) J. Pristash, Safety: (jpristash@sev.org): See Adolf Keifer Safety Award Nomination Form attached at the end of these minutes.

1. 2004-2005 Approved Coach's Course List.
 - a. Currently still in effect.
 - b. To be revised by USA Swimming in July 2005.
 - c. Will be posted on the Ohio Swimming Inc. web site as soon as it's available.
2. Reminder that the Safety/Loss Control Manual is available in the club toolbox.
 - a. If your club does not have a toolbox, and would like to get one, they are available from USA Swimming.
 - b. Please contact Christine at 719/866-4578, or at cschemmel@usa-swimming.org.
 - c. If you would just like to receive the manual, please contact Mary Illich at the same phone number or via e-mail at millich@usa-swimming.org.
3. 2004 Year-End Accident statistics.
 - a. 835 accidents reported nationally (up from 799 last year).
 - b. 12 accidents reported in Ohio (down from 19 last year).
 - c. Summary/statistics available: contact John Pristash
1. Recent updates to CPR and First Aid.
 - a. Information from the USA Swimming Safety Committee indicates that there may be some changes to CPR, ECC, and first aid that will effect how rescuers both professional and the lay person will respond and treat patients in the field. AED Training and ways of teaching CPR and first aid have and are changing to meet the new science and to give people learning these important skills a better understanding of what they are learning and how to utilize their skills effectively. The following websites might be good to look over:
 - i. 2005 International Consensus on CPR and ECC Science with Treatment Recommendations <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3022512>
 - ii. 2005 Consensus on Science for First Aid with Treatment Recommendations <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3023090>
2. Updates from USA Swimming Safety Education Committee:
 - a. The Committee recommends that swim clubs develop a policy on cell phones and video recording devices. They feel that these should be prohibited from locker rooms. Please inform your LSC club safety coordinators of this recommended change in policy.
The USA Swimming Safety Loss Control Manual is also on the website and contains a wealth of information. The manual can be found by going to www.usaswimming.org. Click on Swim Clubs at the top, then on the left side click on "Insurance/Risk Management", then "Risk Management". Please make use of this valuable asset. This is a work in progress and changes are made as deemed necessary

e) V. Bay, Masters: No report.

f) C. Kolbe, Adapted: (Kolbe_c@yahoo.com)

2nd Annual GTAC Disability Meet a Success

Over 60 swimmers competed at the 2nd Annual GTAC Disability Meet at Eastern Michigan University last weekend, doubling the attendance of the 2004 inaugural meet. The numbers of Ohio swimmers also increased over last year. It was the first Paralympic meet for the following: Amber Salsburey (Buckeyes), Maggie Hunt (GTAC), Mary Bigiala (GTAC), and Abbey Simmons (GTAC). Welcome swimmers!

It was an exciting meet with 4 World Records, 22 Pan-American Records and 24 U.S. Records set. Jessica Long from Maryland, US Paralympic Elite Team member, earned the first World Record during Saturday morning's prelim session. Swimmers traveled from all corners of the country and included the US Paralympic National and Elite Teams. Two swimmers from Eastern Europe also participated.

Other than two US Paralympic meets/year (National, Open Championships), the GTAC meet is the only International Paralympic Committee (IPC) approved meet for swimmers with a disability. This adds significant expense to the meet cost since international officials must be paid to attend, but it also adds significant benefits for swimmers since the times count for all records and rankings. Official IPC classification was also offered. Thanks go to Keith Kennedy and Cindy Roberts of GTAC for their continuing commitment to adapted swimming!!

National Meet Information

USA Swimming has officially turned over the annual Disability Nationals to US Paralympics, so the National meet for 2005 is the US Paralympic National Championships in Portland, Oregon this July 15-17. The meet packet, classification request form/procedure, and qualifying times for this meet may be found on the following website: www.usparalympics.org Click on 'sports' then 'swimming' then 'events'. Qualifying times for this meet are easier than the Open Championships in December, so even some beginning swimmers may find that they qualify in an event for the July meet. Any Ohio LSC swimmer with a disability (S1-S13) with at least one qualifying time is eligible for Ohio Swimming travel funds.

Ohio Swimmers Continue to Excel

Beth Riggle (S9), Greater Toledo Aquatic Club, our Ohio two-medal winner at the 2004 Games in Athens Greece, was named to the US Paralympic National Team. She will join the team at the Olympic Training Center in

Colorado Springs this November. Elizabeth Kolbe (S3), Seneca Aquatic Klub, reclaimed National Team honors at the GTAC meet as well as a new American Record in the 100 Free. She is also one of ten USA swimmers who will be competing at the World Cup in Manchester England next month. Congratulations also to Keith Kennedy for his selection as a National Team coach at the World Cup event!

Coaching Swimmers with Disabilities

Plan to attend two new sessions at the Ohio Swimposium this fall on 'Coaching Swimmers with Physical Disabilities'. One of the sessions will be held poolside while Ohio Northern University Coach Peggy Ewald leads a practical workshop that includes swimmers with physical disabilities in the water. During the classroom session, new adapted swimming information packets and other materials will be provided free to all session participants.

QUESTIONS? Contact Cindy Kolbe, 419.618-8957, kolbe_c@yahoo.com

g) T. Morris, Outreach: (BGCSwimming@aol.com) No report.

8. D. Wendorff, Age Group Chair: (dwendorf@columbus.rr.com)

2005 Short course championships: Statistics were reviewed. The committee discussed attempting to more evenly distribute teams, especially concerning the Cincinnati and Dayton Regionals. It was noted that part of this years unequal size was due to large growth of some teams.

2006 Long Course Championship Meet dates: Considering the USA sectional meet scheduled for July 25-29, 2006, the committee set dates for the 'A' meet and Age Group Championship as follows:

'A' Meet: July 21-23, 2006

Age Group Championship meet: August 3-6, 2006.

These dates are contingent on the Central Zone meet date which will be set at the USAS convention in September, 2005.

2006 Short Course Time standards: Time standards bases on entry times to the 2005 Short Course Championship where discussed and amended. The accepted time standards will be posted on OSI web site.

Championship Meet Series Task Force: The Age Group committee received a report and proposal from the Task Force regarding reformatting the Long Course A/B meet. The committee accepted the following reformatting to take effect with the next (2005) Long Course season.

- A/B meet will be combined into one meet called the Ohio Swimming Long Course A Meet.
- Time standards will be established for events 100 m and longer for 10 and under and 11-12 age groups and for 200 m and longer for 13-14. Time standards will be available for LC meters; SC meters and SC yards. Entry verification will be post-meet.
- The 10 and under age group events will be timed-finals in their own session between Prelims and Finals of the other age groups. Award ceremonies are anticipated during this 10 and under session, time permitting.
- 11-12 and 13-14 age groups will be prelims-finals.
- 800 freestyle will be timed finals all swum in prelims
- 400 freestyle and 400 IM for 11-12 and 13-14 will be timed finals with two fastest heats swum with finals.
- All relays will swim with prelims.
- Awards for relays will be extended to the same number of places as individual events. We will continue to award participation plaques and event tags as awards, along with heat winner and State Qualifier ribbons.

The Northern Kentucky Clippers have agreed to host the first running of this meet and the format will be reevaluated based on data from this meet.

The Age Group committee agreed with a proposal to hire an announcer at LSC expense for the finals sessions of the AG championship meet.

The committee passed a proposal that time trials at the LSC championship meets shall be open to any swimmer entered in the meet without time restrictions.

9. Senior Chair, C. Hadden (coachhadden@swimcops.com) His report follows:

2005 Short Course Senior Meet at University of Toledo was a great success

Thanks to Greater Toledo Aquatic Club for hosting a fine meet

Swimmers had a great time

Negative feedback was minimal

2005 Long Course Senior Meet July 15 – 17 at CT Branin Natatorium in Canton

All Ohio Senior Championships with Lake Erie LSC

Hosted by GTAC, COPS, Akron Firestone and Canton City Schools

Team Awards and scoring both combined and separate for each LSC

Meet info to be out by Mid-May, still finalizing merge details

This will become an annual event if all things go well and feedback is good

2005 LC Sectional Meet will be Tuesday – Saturday, July 26 – 30 in Bloomington, IN

2006 SC Senior Championships are March 3 – 5 at Miami University in Oxford

Athlete numbers have been on the increase over the last 2 years. Energy is definitely higher and they are having a good time competing.

I am seeking a meet sponsor to assist with Goody bags and extras for the swimmers to make the meet feel more like a National meet. Please get any interested parties to me.

I want to personally thank our host teams from this past year. Your dedication to the athletes of our LSC is greatly appreciated. Coaches continue to support this meet with all of your athletes!

Please get any feedback, ideas or concerns to my new email address at coachhadden@swimcops.com

Remember Coaches, let's get our best athletes participating in our LSC Senior Championships.

10. Technical Chair—No Report

11/12. Coaches/High Schools, M. Davis (wtrcsharks@aol.com)

John Pristash will work with Mark Davis to coordinate coaches' training at the next meeting/swimposium. Coaches recommendations regarding meet structure and cut times were discussed and made at the Age-Group committee meeting. Those decisions are included in the Age-Group minutes.

13. Athletes Report: Both athletes appreciated the opportunity to attend the convention and to learn about swimming operations. They will continue to encourage positive support among athletes for OSI at meets and in its operation.

14. Sanctioning/Scheduling, A. Harker (Aharker@yahoo.com) See meets now posted on the Ohio Swimming website.

15. B. Peaden, Zone Report (bpeaden@woh.rr.com)

Congratulations to Jen Hazel for her selection as Quad Coordinator for OSI

2005 Central Zone Championship Meet Details

Teams: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Lake Erie, Missouri Valley, Ozark, and Minnesota

Location: Ann Arbor, MI (University of Michigan)

Dates: Registration Thu Aug 11th, Pool Events Aug 12-14th, Open Water Mon Aug 15th

Transportation

Two charter buses (Buckeye Charters) reserved

Lodging

* Swimmers & Coaches: Lodging on campus near pool.

* Parents: Hotel block (60 rooms) at Best Western Executive Plaza, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor (MI) 48103 (734) 665-4444, \$89 released July 11th, reservations under "Ohio Zone Swim Team".

Time Standards

National Time Standards have been updated for 2005-2008 and the "AAA" standards for the zone meet will use these new standards. (Open Water even is National "A" in distance freestyle).

Coaches

Ohio Coaches list for Zones is updated and 2005 coach candidates will be contacted in May 2005.

Meet Packet

Will be available once U of M provides cost for lodging & meals and travel itineraries are complete. Estimated available date to Ohio LSC: June 23, 2005.

Website

Links & updates will be available on the Ohio LSC website. Meet details posted at:

http://www.daytonraiders.com/zone_team/2005/2005_ohio_zone_homepage.htm

E-Mail Distribution List

Parents & swimmers wanting to be added to the "Ohio Zone Team" e-mail distribution list can send an e-mail to bpeaden@woh.rr.com

16. Old Business-None

17. New Business: Chris Pierson presented a proposed alternative to Swim Connection. The group voted to have him follow through with a more detail examination of the possibilities and report back.

18. Adjourned: Next meeting will be held in conjunction with the Mid States Swimposium to be held at University Plaza and Hotel in Columbus on Sunday, October 2 at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C.M Roberts, Secretary

Attachment to May, 2005 Minutes

DATE: April 28, 2005
TO: LSC Safety Chairs
FROM: Carol Burch, Director, Member Services
SUBJ: Safety Commendation Nomination Form

Attached is the nomination form for the Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation. The Safety Education Committee presents this award to an individual or organization that has made a significant contribution to safe swimming in the United States. The committee will review nominations each August, for presentation at the USAS Convention. (Some years the committee has determined that no award recipient will be named.)

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Burch, Member Services Director, at 719/866-4578 or via e-mail at cburch@usaswimming.org.

We encourage you to nominate any individual or organization that has had an impact on safety in your city, state, swim club, LSC or nationally.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2005 SAFETY AWARD, NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2005.

Previous Winners

1990 Deborah Packard
1991 Priscilla Davis
1992 Dan Mazzei
1993 Askia Bashir
1994 Moon Aqua Club
1996 Steve Gordon
American Red Cross
Kristi Elliott
Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation
George Young
Adolph Kiefer
2004 Mike Stromberg

cc: Safety Education Committee



Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation Nomination Form

I would like to nominate the following individual or group for the USA Swimming Safety Commendation:

Name: _____
(can be individual, group or organization)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Criteria for selecting someone for this award will include how they have made swimming a safer sport. This can be as an individual act, what a club or organization has done, or at the Local Swimming Committee (LSC) level.

Write an explanation as to why you feel this individual or group should receive the USA Swimming Safety Commendation. Use a second sheet of paper and/or send newspaper articles, documentation, etc. if appropriate.

Explanation:

Your name and daytime phone, if further information is required:

Name _____ Phone _____

Return to: *Carol Burch* Member Services Director
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