



# Oregon Swimming

## News

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### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR – MARK RIENIETS**

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**F**or the last few weeks I have experienced what our swimmers experience during a mid season slump. i.e. Lots of hard work; didn't seem to be getting anywhere, and at times I was not totally convinced the effort was ever going to pay off.

I am happy to say that the worst of that slump now seems to be behind us and the Oregon Swimming Board can once more get the focus back to creating opportunities and ensuring that our athletes are provided with the best of all the aspects of their sport.

I will not reiterate the list of items the board was focusing on this year which I included in the last newsletter. Suffice to say with the combination of the distractions to the board's focus and the workload which comes from our championship season, very little has been checked off that list. Instead we are now ready to start working on these with eagerness and energy.

While dwelling on the OSI Boards 'to do' list, it has actually expanded a little. At the 11-14 SC Championships a number of discussions took place about "Why do we do.....and not .....". Since we have a committee in place to examine the format of the 11 & Over Championship, it seemed prudent to utilize their insights and experience and include the 11-14 SC Championship meet in their "Deliverables" as well. Unlike the 11 & Over Championships which we have agreed the format must change, the 11-14 Championships are not in that same mandatory change category. The committee will review the format to determine if there is room for improvement to the format before we document all aspects of the two OSI Championship meets and include the complete information in the OSI Handbook. If you have any suggestions regarding this meet, please feel free to forward them to the OSI Office and Coby will ensure they reach the committee members.

Over the coming month the clubs will receive forms from Coby to bid for their meets on the OSI Swim Calendar and also allow interested clubs to bid to host the OSI Championships. We are changing the format this year so that every club will receive one vote which will be cast over the web at the OSI web site. Thanks to Robbert van Andel, each club will receive a password which will enable them to log on and cast one vote per club for the championship(s) host. This year we are also including extra information on expected costs, etc so that a more informed decision can be made prior to voting rather than just the water the athletes will swim in.

We hope this method of site selection will ensure that all clubs are given the opportunity to participate without having to travel to the scheduling meeting or risk getting caught in a traffic snarl and missing the vote, which has happened in prior years.

Yours in Swimming, Mark Rieniets

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## JEFF GUDMAN –OREGON SWIMMING AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER

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The championship meets from the short course season are done, the break between short course and long course is complete and the swimmer and coaches are back in the water again, training for the next cycle of improvement and excellence. A time for reflection and a time for setting new goals. Good luck to all the swimmers during the upcoming summer season.

Recently at a championship swim meet, a swimmer was observed doing a non simultaneous touch during a turn on the breaststroke. The official raised their hand and the swimmer was disqualified. It is always unfortunate when a swimmer is observed doing a stroke or turn infraction, but it does happen. The swimmer, the coach, the official and the parents all learn from these actions. If that was all there was to the situation, it would be the end of the story. Unfortunately, it was not.

Later in the meet, the same swimmer who had been observed doing a non simultaneous touch, was along with some teammates, cheering on another member of the team during their race. It happened to be in the same lane as the swimmer had been earlier in the meet. Unfortunately, the swimmer made some inappropriate comments to the official at the end of the pool who had made the previous call. The official reported this to the meet referee, who in turn spoke to the coach of the swimmer. The coach was appalled with the action of their athlete, apologized to the meet referee and immediately spoke to the athlete in question. The athlete subsequently apologized to the official. Kudos and compliments to the official, the meet referee and the coach for their actions in this matter.

What a great sport swimming is...the coaches, the officials, the parents and at the center, the swimmers. At a recent meet I was asked by a parent about why do coaches talk to swimmers about trying to make the Olympic Team. There are over 225,000 competitive swimmers in the country and every four years only 50 of those swimmers will have the chance to compete at the Olympics. Shouldn't the focus be on having fun and doing your best instead of trying to compete at the highest level of competition? That is a good question.

When a swimmer first starts out in competitive swimming the focus is on having fun, mastering the strokes, doing your best and some occasional competitions. Many times the competition will be strictly within the club. But as time goes on and the swimmer develops (and this is where the role of coach and parent is so important) the swimmer will start to set their goals higher. Most coaches believe that it is better for a swimmer to strive for the highest goals. Through coaching and on their own swimmers come to understand that only a few will achieve the dream of Olympic competition. But in striving for the highest goals the swimmer will not only be a better swimmer but also a better person. Every program I am aware of has room for swimmers of all abilities. What coaches like to see is effort. Just as every coach will not coach an Olympic swimmer, not every swimmer will make the Olympic team. The goal of reaching for excellence remains regardless of the level achieved.

See you at the next meet.

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## OREGON SWIMMING RECORDS

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### 11-14 Championships

Several records were set at 11-14 Championships by HEAT swimmers. **Austin Ringquist** lowered the 13-14 boys 200 backstroke swimming 1:54.72. The old record was held by Logan Storie at 1:54.80. HEAT's 13-14 relay of **Tomas Mendez-Beck, Connor McDonald, Will Gunderson, and Austin Ringquist** swam 7:22.38 for the 800 free relay, bettering the old record held by THSC at 7:24.64.

### Speedo Championship Series Northwest Section

This year's Speedo Championship Series Northwest Section proved to be a very fast meet. **Nick Morrell** from BEND went 1:54.27 to establish a new record in the 13-14 200 backstroke, set the week before by Austin Ringquist.

**Morgon Henderson-Kunz** of Tualatin Hills started his record breaking streak off in the prelims of the 100 freestyle. His time of 45.67 bettered his old record of 46.17 set at the CAT Senior Open in December. Then in finals, he dropped an amazing 1.12 seconds to stop the clock at 44.55. Morgon bettered the 200 freestyle record, but not before **Brett Nagle** of Parkrose bettered the 15-16 record in the prelims. Brett's time of 1:39.68 bettered the 1:40.03 set by Logan Madson in 2003. In the finals of the 200 freestyle, Morgon bettered the OSI record by over

three seconds swimming 1:37.14. Brett also bettered the old record. Going for the sprint freestyle trifecta, Morgan twice bettered the 50 freestyle record. In prelims, he swam 20.99, bettering Greg Menton's 1992 time of 21.06. In the finals, he shaved off four hundredths of a second, swimming 20.95. Proving he's not just a fast freestyler, Morgan also bettered the 15-16 boys 100 fly record with his 50.01, bettering the 20 year old record set by Mark Thompson at 50.15.

**Morgan Scroggy**, also of Tualatin Hills bettered several 17-18 and open records. In the finals of the 100 free, Morgan's time of 49.63 bettered the time of 50.13 set way back in 1981 by Susan Habernigg. She bettered both backstroke records, swimming 1:57.76 in the 200 to better the 17-18 and Open record of 1:58.14 set by Tammy Shannon in 1993. For the 100 Morgan's time of 54.54 bettered the 17-18 and Open records of 55.18 set by Tammy Shannon in 1993.

One more Tualatin Hills swimmer bettered an OSI record. **Jordan King** bettered the 15-16 girls 200 fly record, swimming 2:00.59. The old time of 2:01.83 was held by Melissa Greene set in 2000.

**Tori Simenec** of Bearcat Swim Club set a new 13-14 OSI record with a time of 56.15, previously held by Jordan King at 56.20. Leading off the 200 freestyle relay, Tori set a new 13-14 girls 50 free record, swimming 23.75. The old record stood at 24.05 held by Bethany Pendleton since 1997. **Kaylin Bing** of Roseburg also bettered the old record swimming in the finals of the 50 free on Sunday. Her time was 23.95.

**Lauren Thies** of MAC and Tori Simenec of Bearcats set a record each. Lauren lowered the existing Women's Open 200 Freestyle record, swimming 1:45.37, bettering the old record of 1:46.46, held by Morgan Scroggy.

The Tualatin Hills 13-14 girls relay team of **Taylor Lakey, Taylor Scroggy, Sarah Cruzan** and **Abby Lindstrom** bettered the 800 freestyle record swimming 7:41.30, bettering the 2004 record of 7:45.81.

#### LOSC vs TDPS Duel Meet

At a dual meet between Lake Oswego and TDPS, the LOSC 11-12 boys relay of **Daniel Chen, Nick Bode, Luke Marshall** and **Matt Nachreiner** set the OSI record swimming 3:43.49. The old record stood at 3:44.30, set in 2002. In the same relay, **Daniel Chen** lead off with a time of 51.72, bettering the 100 freestyle record held by Seth Johnston since 1984.

#### NCSA Junior Nationals

Two OSI records fell at the NCSA Junior Nationals held in Orlando, Florida. **Garth Summers** of Hillsboro HEAT lowered the 17-18 boys 100 fly record twice. In prelims, Garth's time of 49.17 bettered the record of 49.53 set by Kyle Maese in 2006. In finals, Garth lowered the record again in final, swimming 48.83. **Tori Simenec**, swimming for Bearcats, bettered the existing 13-14 girls 200 IM of 2:04.06 set back in 1997. The new record stands at 2:03.56.

#### Northwest Section Age Group Championships

Many Oregon Swimmers aged 18 and under made the trip up to Federal Way to compete at the Age Group Sectionals. The meet was very fast and saw several new OSI records bettered.

**Daniel Chen** of LOSC bettered two 11-12 records. Leading off the 200 free relay, he bettered his own record by 0.25 seconds, swimming 23.25. An hour later, swimming in the final of the 12 year old boys 50 free, he became the first 11-12 year old swimmer from Oregon to go below 23 seconds, swimming 22.99. Daniel twice lowered the 50 backstroke, swimming 27.07 in the prelims and then 27.05 in the finals, bettering Preston Lane's 1992 record of 27.15.

Also representing LOSC, **Brenda Cha** bettered a 19 year old record by swimming 1:06.61 in the 100 IM, bettering Lonnie Nadal's 9-10 girls 100 IM record of 1:07.86.

**Steven Ung** of Tualatin Hills was the other Oregon Swimmer bettering two records this weekend. In the 13-14 50 freestyle, he bettered Michael Mpitsos' record of 21.91 by the narrowest of margins swimming 21.90. The old record had stood since 2004. Steven also bettered the 100 free record, breaking Bryan Addleman's 1989 record of 48.07 by swimming 47.72.

**Gabriel Rooker**, also representing Tualatin Hills, bettered Liam Wong's month old record by over 2 seconds. His time of 2:22.03 bested the record of 2:24.25. Swimming in the same final, Liam Wong also went under his old record by swimming 2:23.65.

Swimming in the finals of the 200 backstroke, **Austin Ringquist** swimming for HEAT, bettered Nolan Morrell's record in the 13-14 boys 200 backstroke. Austin's record of 1:52.17 bettered the week old record that stood at 1:54.80.

### USA Swimming Spring Championships

**W**ith the world's attention pointing to Sydney and the incredible world records being set, USA Swimming's Spring Championships, which are going on this week as well, have gotten little attention. Several Oregon swimmers have made the trip to the meet, however, and have done an outstanding job representing Oregon.

**Lauren Thies** of Multnomah Athletic Club won the womens 200m free Thursday, her second title of the week after winning the 100m free on Wednesday. A member of the 2007 U.S. Pan American Games team that will be competing later this summer in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Thies broke out to an early body-length lead and finished about two seconds ahead of the rest of the field in 1:59.81. Lauren set the old open record way back in 1995.

**Logan Storie** of CAT, also having a great meet at the Spring Championships, lowered his 17-18 boys 200 freestyle record posting 1:52.13 to place 8th. His old record was set last year and stood at 1:52.21.

Great job swimmers.

## FEBRUARY NOTICES

- **Board of Directors Meeting:** The next OSI Board of Directors Meeting will be held Wednesday April 4th, 2007, 7:00PM in the Eugene Hilton. An officials meeting will start at 6:00PM.
- **Club Leadership and Business Management School:** The next CLBMS is scheduled for April 21, 2007 at Willamette University in Salem. Sue Anderson from USA Swimming will be hosting. Mark this date on your calendar. Details will be posted on the website as soon as they are available.
- **2007 Award Ceremony:** Oregon Swimming is looking for a volunteer to Chair the Award Ceremony. This year the ceremony will be held November 18 in Corvallis. Contact the OSI office if you are interested.
- **Athlete Membership Requirements:** According to Oregon Swimming Standing Rules the Membership Requirements are: All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned or approved competition are to be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.
- **Athlete Registration:** Athletes competing in OSI Championships must be USA Swimming athlete members registered in OSI. Registration forms and fees must arrive in the OSI office prior to an athlete's participation in an OSI Sanctioned or Approved meet. Athletes competing in Sectional Championships, Western Zone Championships, or any USA Swimming Championship level competition shall be full year athlete members. (i.e., not Seasonal)
- **Enforcement:** The person signing the entry form will be required to verify that all athletes entered are members (in the appropriate category) of USA Swimming.
- **Penalties:** per Article 302.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, OSI may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the person signing the entry form.

## ATHLETES CORNER - APRIL ROBINSON & MAILENE LESLIE

**S**ome old and some new business to mention:

First and foremost congratulations to everyone that has competed in a championship meet this past month; 10 and Unders at Springfield, 11-14's at Corvallis, Senior Champs at the Mac, and Senior Sectionals up at Federal Way.

Also a good luck and swim fast to those of you competing at Nationals!

Speaking of national swimmers, RYAN LOCHTE will be coming to Oregon on May 26th and 27th! We would love to have as many people show up as possible- these visits from Olympians is a great way to interact with a

variety of swimmer, learn from the pros, and just to have fun! If we do get a good turn out, then the greater of a change to have top quality swimmers come back in the future!

Long Course season is also just around the corner. And we all know what that means..... getting tan! And of course getting even faster!

Hope to see a lot of you guys at the Lochte camp,

Mailene and April

## ALL STAR TEAM REPORT

The following athletes were selected to represent Oregon Swimming in the 2007 Island Long Course Invitational in Victoria BC, Canada, April 19-22, 2007.

### 11-12 Girls

Abigail Catt, MSC  
Alyssa Fuji, TTSC  
Alex Kronberger, ECSC  
Brooklyn Neubig, MSC  
Alyssa Nguyen, DDSC  
Krissy Peterson, CB  
Emma Redwine-Hixson DDSC  
Breanna Sapienza, SSS

### 13-14 Girls

Casey Briggs, MAC  
Kelsye Coyle, CB  
Rachael Heaney, SCAT  
Alison Mand, UN  
Paige Nibley, MAC  
McKenna Spieth, CRST  
Paula Tran HEAT  
Aly Viles, LCSC

### 11-12 Boys

Marshall Allen, BEND  
Stuart Chauvin, MSC  
Brandon Deckard, BEND  
David Leavy, TTSC  
Jacob Porter, MSC  
Max Stuntzner-Gibson, GCST  
Matthew Valentine, MSC  
Liam Wong, EY

### 13-14 Boys

Gavin Burgess, HEAT  
Callum Mackintosh, CRST  
Connor McDonald, HEAT  
Tyson Polack, CB  
Austin Ringquist, HEAT  
Anhton Tran, HEAT  
Kevin Waller, SCAT  
Kyle Wicks, BRSC

## COACHES CORNER

### Vicki Gordon - Age Group Coaches Representative

Another championship season in the books! Willamalane hosted a successful 10& Under Championships, Corvallis ran a great meet (as usual) for the 11-14 year olds and MAC did a great job with the Senior Championship meet. The Senior and Age Group Sectional meets in Federal

Way were bigger and faster then ever this year.

Congratulations to all participants! We saw a lot of extremely FAST times and many state records broken along the way.

Preparation for these meets began way back in September. These swimmers earned their success through hard work and determination. Success and fast times happen as a result of what you do in practice on a consistent/daily basis. It also helps to have good coaching and supportive parents.

Now is the time to evaluate the season you had. Were you happy with it? Did you want to do better? Ryan Lochte had a great quote in the recent issue of Splash magazine...."You have to understand that at my level, it takes a lot of hard work, dedication and commitment. Most people want the success, but they're not willing to work at it. Or if they are, it's not for the long haul. You constantly have to push yourself to a higher limit than others. That's the difference in great athletes."

Start making your goals for long course season now! Everyone is having a few days off now, but VERY soon it will be time to go back to work.

One last mention of THANKS to all of our hard working officials and meet volunteers. We can't do this without you!

Have a good break all.....

Swim Smart, Swim Fast, Vicki

## December 11, 2006 - USA Swimming Launches Background Screening Program

This past September, the 2006 House of Delegates adopted legislation to require background screening as a condition for coach membership and approved implementation of this requirement for the 2007 membership year. After completion of a successful pilot program during the month of October, USA Swimming is ready to launch the national rollout of the new Background Screening Program. In order to successfully accommodate the 10,000 individuals that must be screened over the next few months, each LSC has been given a specific deadline by which to complete its Background Screening Process. Each LSC has been assigned a specific time period and deadline. In order to maintain their USA Swimming coach membership in good standing, all coaches are required to initiate the USA Swimming Background Screening process on or before the deadline assigned to the LSC in which they are registered.

On Monday, December 4, USA Swimming will hold a three-week open period during which members from all LSCs may initiate their background screens. Starting in January, there will be five specific periods to which LSCs have been assigned. In addition to these assigned periods, there will be one more open period.

Members are asked to adhere to the schedule and initiate their background screen only during the period assigned to their LSC or during one of the two open periods. All members subject to the requirement must initiate a screening on or before their LSC deadline.

As of Monday, December 4, all members subject to the new screening requirement can take advantage of an initial three-week open period to complete a background screen. Starting in January, there will be five specific periods to which LSCs have been assigned. In addition to these assigned periods, there will also be one additional open period during which all members may initiate a background screen. Members are asked to adhere to the schedule and initiate their background screen only during the period assigned to their LSC or during one of the two open periods. All members subject to the requirement must initiate a screening on or before their LSC deadline.

The dates for each scheduled period are as follows. [Click here](#) to view the rollout schedule. Oregon will be subject to the screening requirement during period 5.

- Open Period: December 4 - 22, 2006
- LSC-Specific Period 1: January 8 - January 19, 2007
- LSC-Specific Period 2: January 29 - February 9, 2007
- Open Period: February 19 - March 23, 2007
- LSC-Specific Period 3: April 2 -13, 2007
- LSC-Specific Period 4: April 23 - May 4, 2007
- LSC-Specific Period 5: May 14 -25, 2007

The following USA Swimming members are required to undergo regular background screening. Cost for the 2007 swim year is \$20. This fee will be paid to TC logiQ, Inc., our third-party screening provider, by the applicant at the time that he/she goes online to initiate a background screen.

- All coach members and prospective coach members.
- All non-athletes on national team staffs or working with USA Swimming sponsored camp programs.
- All USA Swimming Board members.
- All candidates for office at the Annual Convention.
- All USA Swimming HQ staff. Requirement includes pre-employment and regular staff screening.

This communication includes three additional attachments that provide more information about the new program. The attachments are as follows:

A general program announcement that summarizes all components of the program.

Directions for initiating a background screen (includes link to TC logiQ website to start process).

A FAQ document that answers the most frequently asked questions from the pilot program.

We hope that you will take a moment to review this information. It will answer many questions that you might have about the program. Once you review the attachments, go to <http://www.usaswimming.org/bgpilot> to initiate your background screen.

Please remember, that in order to maintain your 2007 USA Swimming coach membership in good standing, coaches are required to complete the new USA Swimming Background Screening process on or before the deadline assigned to their LSC. Please check the schedule published in the separate document titled "LSC Rollout Schedule" in order to find your LSC deadline.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation in implementing this new requirement which will ensure the ongoing quality and safety of our sport.

For more information, please visit [USA Swimming's website](http://www.usaswimming.org).

**OREGON SWIMMING INC**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007**  
**MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB, PORTLAND, OR**

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**T**he meeting of the Board of Directors of Oregon Swimming Inc. was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by General Chair, Mark Rieniets.

Present were: Jacki Allender, Stan Benson, Jody Braden, Andy Carlisle, Dave Eden, Eamon Ford, Vicki Gordon, Jeff Gudman, Terry Johnson, Kyle Kimball, Don King, Judy L’Roy, Marilyn Loitz, Bruce Ludwig, Gene Mielke, Jason Moore, Kevin Nagle, Linda Postma, Allison Rhodes, April Robinson, Joel Scroggy, Bud Taylor, Coby van Andel, Robbert van Andel, Gwen Woods.

Mark introduced Lew Delo, who will be OSI’s Legal Counsel for the Board of Review.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 1, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer (Jacki Allender)**

**M/S/P** Motion to accept Treasurer’s written financial reports for December 31, 2006 and January 30, 2007 as submitted

**Board of Review**

Mark reported that he has received a written protest regarding an incident that took place recently during a swim meet Involving Mr. Condorelli and Mr. Gudman. Per the OSI Bylaws, the Board has no power or right to address the protest, and he will forward it to the Chair of the Board of Review for action.

As a result of the incident, concerns were expressed about the safety of swimmers and parents on deck at future swim meets. Our membership wants to know what is being done and what can be done.

Mr. Delo noted that the Board of Review must and will observe the procedural safeguards that are in place through USA Swimming and our Bylaws. The only procedure to address this incident by OSI is through its Bylaws. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction beyond the Bylaws. The Board of Review will start meeting in the near future. Jeff announced that he will still be attending meets and that he is also exploring pursuing other action.

Mr. Delo recognized that the issue of safety is not a procedural matter, but a real matter of concern facing the members. He suggested that one avenue to explore would be to look at putting security guards in the facility during a meet.

At this point, members of the Board of Review who were in the room excused themselves.

**M/S/F** Motion that OSI will provide private security on deck for the 11-14 Championship meet in Corvallis on February 22-25, 2007.

Further discussion was held regarding member safety concerns and alternatives which could be examined.

**M/S/P** Motion to empower Mark Rieniets to work with Lew Delo to pursue and take whatever actions are needed and deemed appropriate to protect our swimmers at the 11-14 Championship meet.

## **REPORTS – ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR—JODY BRADEN**

**Age Group (Vicki Gordon)** No Report

**Senior Report (Kyle Kimball)** Three or four coaches have asked that the Board look into raising the meet entry fees and surcharge to offset the increasing costs of pool fees. Mark appointed an ad hoc Meet Fees Review Committee to look into this issue. Committee: Gene Mielke, Chair; Jackie Allender; Jason Moore; and Mailene Leslie

**Coaches Report (Bud Taylor)** Bud commented on how watered down the high school state meet has become and asked that we be more diligent about giving input when it comes up for review again. Principals and athletic directors are notified, and OSI somehow needs to be included in the loop.

**Athlete Reps (April Robinson & Mailene Leslie)** April mentioned being somewhat disappointed in the 4A, 5A, 6A high school meet and would like to see us have more input when the opportunity comes up again. She is keeping in touch with Mailene and bringing her up to speed for convention.

**Scheduling (Jason Moore)** The process for this year was reviewed. It will be done on the web with each team having one vote. Information will be sent to the webmaster and posted on the website. An application form needs to be done and deadlines need to be set for both regular and championship meets. All teams will receive notification of the process.

**Time Standards (Andy Carlisle)** No Report

**Technical Planning (Alex Nikitin)** No Report

**Web Site (Robbert van Andel)** Online newsletter notification want to approximately 130 who have registered their e-mail address. About 10 percent of those still need to verify their address. So far, 127 February newsletters have been downloaded, but there is no way to know how many have read it online. (Note: previously mailed out about 600.)

**Safety Chair (Jeanine Serrano)** No Report

**Camp Coordinator (Scott Kerr/Mark Maxwell)** A written report was submitted. Ryan Lochte will be coming Memorial Day weekend. He will be in McMinnville on Saturday and in Eugene on Sunday. They are working on BC and elite camps also. Additional information will be available at the 11-14 Championship meet.

**Officials Chair (Bruce Ludwig)** Bruce announced the following meet assignments:

**10 & Under SC Championship:** Jeanne Lansing, Referee; David Twenge, Assistant Referee

**11-14 Championship (Limited Qualifying Meet for officials):** Mark Rieniets, Referee; Kathy Coddington, Assistant Referee; Stan Benson, National Evaluator

**Senior Championship (Qualifying Meet for Officials):** Howard Jones, Referee; Julie Carpenter, Admin Referee; Bill Rose (SN), National Evaluator

**High School District and State Meets:** 17 district meets all have referees; Judy L’Roy, State 6A Referee; Bill Boyce, State 5A Referee; Kathy Coddington, State 4A/3A/2A/1A Referee

**Summer Sectionals:** Howard Jones, Referee; Tim Stevenson, Admin Referee; Judy L’Roy, National Evaluator. This selection process was great and involved Robert Broyles, WZ Officials Chair; Bob Maese, Meet Director; and Bruce.

An ad hoc Training Committee chaired by Kathy Coddington is reviewing, updating and streamlining the training process and materials. Officials training materials have been updated and the Referee training process has been updated and streamlined.

Area Officials Chairs have some new duties—reviewing meet reports, identifying problems in their local areas and addressing them there, and mentoring officials in their areas.

The ad hoc Scratch Rule Committee is working on the scratch rule revision.

**Disability (Gene Mielke)** No Report

**Office Manager/Registration (Coby van Andel)** We currently have over 4000 athletes, 700 non-athletes and 63 clubs registered. Two new clubs have been approved by USA Swimming; the Sandy Marlins Aquatic Club in Sandy and the Rose City Swim Club in Portland. Children of the Sea name has been changed to the Adam Farber Swim School. All anti-recruiting materials go out to all new clubs.

One of the new spinner medals for OSI championship meets was shown.

Applications and information for the Club Business School, April 21 in Salem will be out in about a week. Sue Anderson from USA Swimming will be giving the class and clubs are encouraged to attend. The only cost to clubs should be their transportation and lunch.

**Sanctions Chair (Terry Johnson)** Terry and Coby have made up a list of teams from last year who have not yet submitted financial reports and paid OSI their meet fees. They will be following up on this. All teams are reminded that outstanding financial reports must be in before they get another sanction.

**Awards Ceremony (Cheslah Barkdoll)** Cheslah is getting married and is unable to continue as Chair for the Awards Ceremony, but has already done most of the coordinating for 2007. Mark is looking for a replacement.

**NTV Chair (Jacki Allender)** It's been a busy time getting enough officials to observe at the high school meets. Some will be observed in their entirety, others partially and one, Southern Sky in Ashland (5A) not at all. The times will only go into the Swims database this year and only for swimmers who are registered at the time of the meet. The times will not go into the OSI database as the high school results aren't compatible with the OSI program because they use a swimmer's grade, and we use a swimmer's age.

**Records (Cyndi King)** No Report

**All Star Team (Jeanine Serrano, Mgr/Greg Bostrom, Head Coach)** A written report was submitted.

It was pointed out that the Pacific Coast meet in January was not supported by many clubs. They are looking at changing the spring meet (Canada) from May to April and attending an Island Swimming meet (on Vancouver Island).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Scratch Rule Committee:** Work is in progress.

**11 & Over Championship Format Committee:** Kyle is chairing this. The members have been reviewing the format that Rick and Kyle proposed before October meeting and are exchanging ideas. The biggest issue at present is where to put the relays. It will be done for this summer.

**Travel Policy Checklist:** Kyle has spoken to Jeanine and discussed how unexpected zone problems are handled. The only issue right now is finalizing the process/procedure of how decisions for the unexpected will be made once a trip has begun.

**Record Recognition Procedures:** Bruce and Robbert will be working on this.

Equipment for Championship Meets: Legislation (P-4) held over from convention will be addressed at a later meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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OSI members who have been appointed to USA Swimming National Committees were recognized.

- Jeff Gudman - Governance Committee, Chair  
Larry Leibowitz - Senior Development  
Marilyn Loitz - Credentials/Elections
- Judy L'Roy - Convention Education, Chair
- Eamon Ford, Logan Storie, Robbert Van Andel - Convention Education
- Stan Benson & Gene Mielke - Championship Evaluation
- Felicia Castanada - Club Development/Senior Development
- Mark Rienets – Officials Committee (Evaluation sub-committee)

The USA Swimming Convention has been shortened. Athletes who are not on committees do not have to be there until Thursday afternoon. April asked that she and Mailene travel with the OSI delegation. Based on a recent scientific research study, Jeff reported that USA Swimming has adopted a recommendation that for the teaching of starts the pool depth must be six (6) feet. It was very specifically notes that this does not impact competition starts or training. As more information is gathered and more research is done, there may ultimately be a certification process where coaches will certify that swimmers have been properly taught starts.

The next Executive Committee Conference Call will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 7, 2007. Mark announced that the call is open to everyone. It is not mandatory, but he would like all board members and committee chairs to call in.

The next OSI Board Meeting will be at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene at 7:00 p.m. on April 4, 2007.

New USA Swimming language on consolidated events needs to be updated in our Policies and Procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Loitz, Secretary