

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Patty Miller	Date/time of meeting:	2/19/2018 8:30pm ET
Minutes recorded by:	Greg Danner		

Actions Taken:

1. Approved: The recommendation to implement a College Club Swimming (CCS) scholarship program.
2. Approved: The recommendation by the SSL Board of Trustees to change the SSLF mission statement: *The mission of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation is to reduce drowning by helping adults learn to swim through education, financial support and community outreach.*

Number of committee members present:	22	Absent:	5	Other Delegates:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Patty Miller - President; Peter Guadagni - VP of Administration; Chris Colburn - VP of Local Operations; Donn Livoni - VP of Programs; Frank (Skip) Thompson - VP of Community Services; Greg Danner - Secretary; Ralph Davis - Treasurer; Maria Elias-Williams - Legal Counsel; At-Large Directors: Tom Moore (Breadbasket); Dave Diehl (Colonies); Rob Copeland (Dixie/Past President); Dan Cox (Great Lakes); Leianne Crittenden (Oceana); Ed Coates (South Central); and Sarah Welch (Northwest); Dawson Hughes - CEO; Past Presidents: Nadine Day (Immediate Past President), Nancy Ridout, Jim Miller, Tom Boak, and Ted Haartz; Dale Ammon (USA Swimming Liaison to USMS).					
Not present: At-Large Director: Laura Winslow (Southwest); Past Presidents: Jeff Moxie, Mike Laux and Dan Gruender. Mel Goldstein is recused from the Board due to his contractor position with USMS.					
Guests: None.					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm ET.

1. Agenda review and conflict of interest declarations (Patty): No conflicts reported.
2. Update on College Club Swimming and USMS membership (Rob): As previous discussed at the Winter BOD Meeting, some USMS sanctioned events may not be held if CCS members are not able to compete. A solution has been devised: an individual membership fee scholarship program. \$7,000 in funding would cover the \$43 USMS registration fee for CCS members who request USMS membership. **Motion: Proceed with the scholarship program as described in further detail outlined in an email to the Board.** Discussion: The \$7,000 figure is considered conservative. The scholarship is intended to cover CCS members that used to register and compete with USMS. Nancy asked that the Board consider helping students who don't have the opportunity to be members of CCS. Patty stated that the proposal is not meant to subsidize all college swimmers; rather, we don't want to double charge swimmers already being charged for CCS membership. Ralph indicated that this has no impact to the bottom line and that no budgetary process is necessary for this proposal. Dawson said that a long-term solution proposal will be prepared no later than the summer (July) BOD meeting. **Motion passes unanimously.**
3. Swimming Saves Lives mission statement (Patty): The SSL Board of Trustees recommends the following mission statement: "The mission of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation is to reduce drowning by helping adults learn to swim through education, financial support and community outreach." The Chair and VC wanted a clearer mission statement and think this is an improvement to that end. **Motion to approve the mission statement.** Discussion: Patty and Dawson both spoke to the importance of having a mission for SSL that is separate from the core purposes of USMS. With a mission that is different from USMS, it helps direct the focus of the body of committed volunteers focused on outreach and development. Also, they can be educated specifically on this mission. Ralph was concerned that by narrowing the focus of the mission statement, we may narrow the ability to fundraise (e.g. on fitness related concepts). **Motion passes unanimously.**
4. E-postal results (Patty and Donn): Results from one swimmer were challenged. After a review by the Long Distance Committee (LDC), the times were nullified. When discussing a penalty for the swimmer, the BOD determined that this should come from LDC. The BOD would ultimately hear any Board of Review filings and would be in conflict if it set the penalty.
5. New business for next meeting: Fire Island OW sanctioning. Although located in Metro LMSC, this will be sanctioned by New Jersey. Nadine asked if the National Office could consider hosting/sanctioning some of the OW national events. Rule changes might be necessary to accommodate that ability.
6. Date/location for Summer Board meeting. Sarasota, FL. Holiday Inn (on the beach). July 14-15, 2018.

7. The next Board call will be 8:30pm ET on Monday, March 19, 2018. The next EC call will be 8:30pm ET on Monday, March 12, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm ET.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Danner, Secretary