



Minutes Board of Directors Conference Call Wednesday October 25, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Megan Hansley, Yolanda Jackson, Ginny Jasontek, Krista Karwosky, Erin King, Michele Kraus, Linda Loehndorf, Margaret Mahoney, Sheila McNabb, Lori Zabel	
Staff Members in Attendance: Myriam Glez	
Excused: Mariya Koroleva, Olivia Morgan, Britt Rooney, Jim Anderson	
Call To Order At: 9:50 PM EST	BY: Linda Loehndorf

Topic	Executive Director/HPD's Report	Presented by	Myriam Glez
Discussion	<p>Myriam Glez stated that her monthly reports has been email. She highlighted that the US Masters Nationals had a very good turnout at 330 athletes, which was more than expected. Additionally, the merchandize sales at US Masters topped expectations as well.</p> <p>The USOC has confirmed funding for 2018 at similar level as last year at \$87,500, with \$12,000 allocated for direct athlete funding, but it is our discretion as to how we use it.</p> <p>Last week Myriam had a brainstorming meeting with the National office staff in conjunction with the 9-month review which went very well.</p> <p>She also attended the annual NGB meeting with the USOC. At this meeting, the USOC focused on the 2028 Olympic Games and the youth sport and youth development programs. By accepting the 2028 BID for the Olympics the USOC will get money every year from IOC and they want to use it to support the grassroots and development levels of the sports. Expect that after 2028 some funding from proceeds at the Games will be provided to all NGB (hopefully).</p> <p>We have signed up for a new sponsorship with new scoring program that appears much better than old program. The software company will provide USA synchro a free license for national championships and one to each of the zones. They will also be sending technicians for each event, also provide hardware to go with software (i.e. cables, printers, touchpads, etc.) They will ship the products, but USA Synchro will cover the shipping fees. The assigned technician will set up and take down/package for shipping all the equipment. It will also include updates every year from FINA, it appears more user friendly, and the price to associations is the same as before.</p> <p>There are areas of the budget where we have more than anticipated and areas with less, but it should all balance out by the end of the year (DEC) with successful annual campaign. She will update the BOD on the annual campaign during the retreat in November in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>There was discussion about the meet Sponsor fees vs. rebate fees with the hotels. In 2015 we were working with a hotel partner, which gave us a rebate and therefore we were able to give the full sponsor fee went to host club/committee. Last year we increased the Sponsor fee by \$5 which would go to USA Synchro unless the host can get a hotel rebate for USA Synchro. There was some discussion about what is being put in place for the Junior</p>		

	Olympics at Miami of Ohio this coming year. Ginny Jasontek and Sheila McNabb will follow up with Myriam in a conversation to make sure the details are being worked out to the satisfactory of both USA Synchro and Miami of Ohio.
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Topic	VP Competitive Ops	Presented by	Sheila McNabb
Discussion	<p>Sheila is working on the Tech Talk summary of rule changes; however, it is taking longer this year due to amount of changes and that some rules are not finalized by FINA.</p> <p>Based on the preliminary entry for the combined US Nationals and US Collegiates, it looks like we will have good attendance for the meets. Technical routines will be competed on Saturday after Collegiate finals and free routines will be competed on Sunday.</p>		

Topic	VP Education	Presented by	Krista Karwosky
Discussion	<p>Krista stated the All-Star camps are coming up. As expected, the east camp is filling up better than west camp (15 vs.43).</p> <p>In November she will have a better handle on the assigned judges fee and how it will be charged and collected for the meets. Then it has to go to the zones for discussion and we hope implementation will be in effect for 2019.</p>		

Topic	VP Olympic International	Presented by	Ginny Jasontek
Discussion	<p>She is very excited to announce that we did get a World Series event again, the Synchro America Open which will be held in California in June. Over 20 countries submitted to be considered, so this is great news! Thank you to Myriam and all who helped submit our proposal.</p> <p>The FINA Judges certification school will be in Atlanta, GA November 10-13. She believes there are currently 17 judges signed up; which is very good considering the short time frame and the hurricane destruction in the Caribbean Islands. It will be the first school so those in attendance will get to help iron out any issues.</p> <p>The FINA TASC meeting in Budapest went well. The main points are that we are putting forth a plea for 10 teams in 2020 Olympics and both Myriam & Ginny think this will pass. Also, the TASC is going to try and get bureau approval for a 13-15 FINA international competition.</p> <p>Linda asked why five World Series events were granted to the European Countries? Ginny thinks that this is because the attendance at meet in these countries is very good, and because most of the countries that participate in the World Series are European.</p>		

Topic	VP Membership and Marketing	Presented by	Michele Kraus
Discussion	Michele is currently trying to build her committees. She made a presentation at masters to help try and generate interest.		

Topic	Old Business	Presented by	
Discussion	The BOD retreat is set for November 17-19 in Colorado Springs. Shari is working on a transportation schedule to and from the Denver airport. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express near the National Office.		

NEXT MEETING: Retreat in Colorado Springs, November 17-19, 2017

Adjournment at 10:30 PM		
Moved to adjourn by: Ginny Jasontek	2 nd by: Margaret Mahoney	Vote: unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin L. King
Secretary

Attachments: High Performance Director Report