

Committee:	Swimming Saves Lives Foundation (SSLF)		
Chair:	Brandon Franklin		
Minutes recorded by:	Brandon Franklin	Date/time of meeting:	9/02/14; 12pm EST

Motions Passed:

None

Number of Members present: 11 Brandon Franklin (Chair), Debbie Malafsky (Vice Chair), Tom Holmberg, Nancy Ridout, Rob Copeland, Ted Haartz, Mel Goldstein, Jim Miller. Ex-officio: Rob Butcher, Ex-officio: Nadine Day; Ex-officio: Susan Kuhlman	Absent: 3 Doug Church, Diane Bartlett, Dia Rianda
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The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Brandon Franklin. Key issues discussed included the following:

1. Brandon asked the BoT if they wanted to increase the amount of Grants to be issued to an amount above the \$60,000 that was preliminarily agreed to during the June meeting but with an option to reconsider after the total number of applications and amounts requested were known. It was agreed that the \$60,000 would remain as the amount to be issued as Grants, noting it was an appropriate number given our total corpus.
2. Brandon then discussed the various types of Grant requests that were received. Specifically, we discussed the remit of USMS and agreed that the types of Grants to be approved would be those that fit the USMS remit which is “to serve as a resource for programs providing adult learn-to-swim lessons”.
3. Brandon then outlined the process that he and Debbie Malafsky went through when reviewing of the applications. The process entailed setting aside those applications that either did not fit the remit, did not meet the approval criteria or were it was readily disqualified for other reasons, a stratification was setup, putting the applications into groups to assist the Group with a more detailed review.

4. During the detailed review, several programs which members of the BoT had specific knowledge, were known to be more in line with the remit than others, etc. were highlighted for greater consideration for a Grant.
5. Brandon agreed he would take the information and input received regarding the Grants, review and update the sheet setting forth the Grants and disseminate to the BoT in advance of the September 9th meeting.
6. Also during the meeting, issues which are more long term in nature, were discussed. For example, several programs which received Grants last year, reapplied this year. Some level of resource to assist programs in reaching long term sustainability , such as a manual or other document, would be a valuable asset. This and other items were discussed that can be addressed subsequent to the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM EST. The next SSLF meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 12PM EST.