

VIRGINIA SWIMMING
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, September 29, 2019 1:00 pm
Double Tree Hilton Midlothian, Virginia

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 12:16 pm

Steve Hennessey has the Hammerhead caps and will get back to Gordon with feedback.

Committee chairs and coordinators for 2020. There were no changes to chairs from 2019. Motion to approve chairs was voted on and approved.

Chair/Coordinator Description	Committee Chair
Officials Chair	Dan Demers
Operational Risk Chair	Gordon Hair
Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator	Peter Maloney
Disability Swimming Coordinator	David Strider
Open Water Coordinator	Stephanie Suhling
Rules/Legislation Coordinator	Kevin Hogan
Safe Sport Chair	Maureen Tolliver
Technical Planning Chair	Jessica Simons
Times and Recognitions Chair	Terry Randolph
Webmaster	Jill Rhyne
Zone Team Manager	Maureen Tolliver
Equipment Coordinator	Michael Braum

Bryan sent out the USA Swimming Affiliation Agreement to the board before the meeting. The affiliation agreement is necessary so we can formally fall under the 501c3 status. The agreement puts into place what is there to begin with, but it was not. There are financial requirements that Bob Rustin will review. There is also a "Use of Logo" component to the agreement.

Coach Committee – Mike Salpeter

- The committee reviewed the voting process for Coach of the Year and adopted a similar process for the upcoming year.
- The committee wants to bring camps back to Virginia.
- Camps and Club Development will go through the business office.
- Coach Mentor will now fall under the Coach Committee, not club development and business office. If a coach needs help in any way, the coach committee can send an experienced coach to help with any issues a club may have. A younger coach may also be mentored by a more seasoned coach. The topic needs to be revisited so get more participation.
- The coach committee will promote Zones to other coaches so they will recommend the team to their athletes and consider serving as coaches for the team.

Senior Committee – Steve Hennessey

- The committee charted an ambitious agenda for the next year. No action items for the board.
- The committee discussed rotation of events at Senior Champs. The number of events will stay at six. There are no qualifying times for bonus events. There is a new structure for bonus swims.
- Zoom meetings will be held throughout the year discuss one topic.
- The committee will revisit the senior circuit with a better format.

Age Group Committee – Drew Hirth

- The committee voted to go to three qualifying times for Zones instead of four qualifying times.
- Recommendation for zones format is to have 11-14 prelims/finals and 10 and under timed finals.
- The deadline to apply to for the Zone team will be moved a week later because 15 and overs are no longer in the meet.

Technical Planning – Jessica Simon

- The committee introduced the new members. Jessica is contacting an additional athlete to finalize the committee.
- The committee discussed recommendations from Senior and Age Group committee. Are there weekends that need to be reserved for Senior Circuit?
- Jessica will send out a proposed schedule in February that includes closed weekends and Championships meets.
- Awards weekend will not be a protected weekend on the schedule.

Athlete Committee – Maddie Wallin

- The athletes discussed a session time limit, but prefer a minimum time between prelims and finals.
- The Scholarship Selection Task Force will be comprised of one coach, two adults and two athletes. The board will recommend the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Meeting Attendance: Chad Onken, Bill Geiszler, John Stanley, Bob Rustin, Steve Hennessey, Maureen Tolliver, Dave Henderson, Jill Rhyne, Gordon Hair, Stephanie Suhling, Morgan Cordle, Drew Hirth, Mike Salpeter, Jessica Simon, Jack McCann, Logan Euker, Maddie Wallin, Jenni Ryniewicz, Mary Turner, Emily Fagan