

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2020
10:00 am
Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am

Approval of Minutes from May 9 board meeting

- The minutes from the May 9 board meeting were approved.

Updates from USA-S/LSC Communications

- No sanctions through June 30.
- Motivational time standards will be updated as normal likely in September.
- Insurance coverage – injury coverage does not cover COVID-19 because it is accident insurance.
- August regional meets
 - 17 potential sites have been identified.
 - Sectional level meet and above, but not considered Championship meets. USA S is currently discouraging the concept of Championship meets.
- The LSC does not need to approve team plans as they are developed in conjunction with local health departments.
- There were 318 grant requests from clubs representing over half of the LSCs. There will be a second round of grant requests for the national grant, but the date for that application period has not yet been determined.

30-60-90 Return to Play Recommendations

- The Joint Age Group & Senior Committee Return to Play Plan is attached. Highlights include:
 - Milestone I – establish RTP status of teams in each district (Southwest, Southeast, Central and North.) The clock will start when nearly 100 percent of teams in a district are practicing.
 - Milestone II – Hosting smaller meets (intrasquad, virtual, dual meets) designed to control the number of participants and spectators.
 - Milestone III – expansion of meet opportunities allowing for more participants and entries. Some regional participation may be possible.
 - Beyond 90 days – potential for LSC wide competition
 - Teams should share resources to help aid with return to play.
 - Coaching staffs discourage the acceptance of new transfers during the 30-60-90 recovery period.
- The plan will be sent out to clubs so they are aware of the LSCs plan. Mary will canvas teams to determine if they are practicing.
- Steve noted there may be a high desire to help, but there are limitations based on availability.
- The motion to accept the Return to Play Plan was approved.
- Steve thanked the coaches committee for their input. It was very much a part of the plan. The Age Group committee and Senior Committee worked hard to develop the plan.

Age Group Committee Meeting

- Mary reported about the meeting. The primary discussion was about the RTP plan.
- The committee created a Google Document for things to be considered when getting back to competition.
- A recurring theme was a desire of teams to work together as much as they can.

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Athlete Committee Request

- The Athlete Committee requests a third at large athlete member to the board for 2021.
- Jack spoke to the committee's desire to add the additional members. The new position would be a sophomore. Boone Fleenor is their desired appointed at large board member for 2021.
- Mary will check if bylaw change is required. She also asked how the third athlete will be selected.
- Mary provided background about why there are four athlete reps. It was born out of the downsizing of the board. When the size of the board was reduced, the number of required athletes (20%) was correspondingly reduced. A third athlete rep is permissible.
- Logan suggested having the third athlete rep serve for a one-year term.
- Steve commented about the desire of the committee to have a specific gender. He does not want to limit choices based on gender. Jack clarified that the position would be filled by the best qualified person. Jenni offered that have both genders represented makes it easier for other athletes of the same gender to speak to.

Administrative Division Meetings – no updates

There will be a Technical Planning meeting on May 20 at 7:00 pm. They will conclude the 2021 schedule, discuss the RTP plan and finalize the 8 and U SE meet host.

Swimposium 2020

USA-S will not send presenters for a face to face symposium in 2020.

Our options include:

1. Schedule the USA-S sponsored Swimposium for the Fall of 2021.
2. Hold the 2020 Swimposium virtually. A virtual meeting will allow the meeting to proceed as scheduled and save money for the LSC. The original meeting agenda would include the officials training, athlete leadership summit, safe sport presentations for parents (Liz Hahn), college panel. The athlete clinic is separate from the leadership summit. The status of the clinic is unknown right now. The virtual Swimposium does not need to be on the same weekend. The strategic planning session with Jane Grosser can be done at any time.
 - Bryan asked if we could still hold the USA-S in 2021 if we do a virtual version. Mary noted the honorarium is still paid to the clinicians so we may not be eligible in 2021.
 - The motion to hold the Swimposium virtually in September 2020 was approved.

Old Business

Meet Approval Guidelines/Covid-19 Task Force

John will work with Tech Planning to create guidelines for meets once sanctioning begins.

New Business

Morgan has drafted a letter to advocate for Virginia Phase 2 and swimming. She requests multiple signatures from the board and teams. Mary and Morgan will work together on getting the letter out to teams requesting their help in distributing it to legislators and other influential contacts.

Mary has communicated with a member of the Virginia Business Task Force who is working on including indoor pools in Phase 2 and is working to bring that to fruition. She has also sent a letter in support of this to the governor as well as additional legislators.

Adjourn

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

In attendance: Drew Hirth, Dave Henderson, Bryan Wallin, Chad Onken, Morgan Cordle, Maureen Tolliver, Emily Fagan, Bill Geiszler, Steve Hennessey, Mary Turner, Maddie Wallin, Jack McCann, Logan Euker, Jenni Ryniewicz, Bob Rustin, Jessica Simons

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 24, 2020 at 10:00 am.