

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, May 3, 2020
2:00 pm
Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

Updates from USA-S/LSC Communications

Recovery Plan for Clubs

- USA Swimming sent out by email direction with their recovery plan for clubs in the last week. Each team must submit a letter from the LSC although Bryan learned that the LSC Crisis Management Document will work in lieu of the letter. Bryan will update the document with the Safe Sport incentive and the dollar amount details for the first wave of grants.

Facility Re-Opening Plan Guidelines

- USA Swimming sent out a detailed plan for getting athletes in the water for practice titled Facility Re-Opening Messaging and Planning.

USA Swimming Updates

- National Team Members and Foundation Ambassadors are available for a virtual team meeting drop in.
- Teams will not have to pay the 5% fee for Swim A Thons this year.
- The 2020 Convention has moved to a virtual format.
- LSC return to operations and competition spreadsheet has been shared to the LSCs. Alaska has a motion to freeze all athlete transfers for 60 days but questioned whether this was against Rule 205.

Registration Update

- The 2021 registration year will start on June 1 instead of September 1 and will be good through December 31, 2021. Anyone who registers after June 1 will get three extra months of membership. Mary suggests initially registering new athletes as flex. Flex athletes can always upgrade. Instructions about how Team Unify and Active will handle the change in the registration start date will be forthcoming.
- Major changes to the flex membership which were announced earlier have been postponed until the fall of 2021 and good for the 2021-2022 season.
- Seasonal memberships have been extended through the end of August. VSI has no seasonal members at this time.

Summer Schedule

- Technical Planning, Senior Committee Task Forces and Coach Association met this past week.
- In Tech Planning, an agreement was proposed to handle the SE 8 and U district meet with two different locations.
- There was considerable discussion about whether the meet dates and schedule currently online should be removed for now. Unofficially, we have been told that meets at JRSSC have been canceled through September 1 because the facility will not hold any competitions. Championship meets in July do not allow for other meets to be held on those weekends. The Board needs to decide if VSI will offer Summer Awards. If the meets are held, the name "Summer Awards" needs to be changed so it is no longer a championship meet for flex membership purposes. The suggestion was made to eliminate the

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dates listed on the website. Discussion about at least holding an Age Group LC champs meet since those athletes lost their SC championship meet. Mike Salpeter recommends we wait for the work to be completed between the working groups of Age Group and Senior. The 30/60/90 plans need to be the priority. The Senior Committee should have a plan to present officially at next week's board meeting.

- USA Swimming will announce the next update about meet sanctioning on May 11.

Administrative Division Meetings

- **Website**

- Tech Planning and Senior Committee meetings were announced on the website as webinars.
- Mary asked if we should add board meeting dates to the website too. Board meeting dates will now be added to the website.
- The Coach Association will meet on May 14.

- **Coach Association Meeting**

Mike Salpeter reports:

- All clubs are forecasting the same issues with return to play.
- Transfers were discussed and met with slight resistance but appreciated the fair play argument.
- Odd Age Meets or meets with athletes who would have aged up to compete are important to coaches so those athletes will have a chance to swim in the age group they missed.
- Clubs are not on board with moving to a LC season in January. A SC progression is preferred with a possible separate LC meeting in December/January. Clubs with many younger age athletes report it will make it difficult for retention of those athletes if there is an extended LC season.

Grants – Second Stage

- Once the end of April financial reports are submitted, the finance committee will have a proposal to the board for the second stage of grants. They hope to have a proposal next weekend.
- Because there will be no additional convention expenses during the fiscal year, Chad asked if those funds can be moved to the stimulus fund. Bill expects it will be contributing to the phase two of the grants.

New Business

Hall of Fame: Karen Keenan is the new chair of the Hall of Fame committee. Thank you to Bob Herlinger for serving as the first chair. Recognition plans will be stalled. The information should be on the new website.

USA S Town Hall Meeting: There will be a USA Swimming hosted town hall on Wednesday, May 6 geared towards parents. The USA-S stance to get athletes back in the pool as soon as the localities allow will be emphasized. The USA Swimming CEO and Chairman of the Board are behind the Facility Reopening Plan. A VSI Town Hall meeting may occur later in the month once more information pertinent to Virginia. Chad suggested that VSI include a team on the program agenda that has already started practices.

Regional Meets: Mary asked if the Senior Committee should add other meets for travel reimbursement when the USA S regional meets are announced. Steve will add it to the Senior Committee agenda for their meeting this week.

HOD Minutes: Mary suggested we send the minutes to the clubs so they know what was approved.

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Zoom: Make sure that meetings are password protected and use the waiting room feature to avoid Zoom unintentional attendees on meetings. Mary will pay for webinars for another month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm

In attendance: Drew Hirth, Dave Henderson, Bryan Wallin, Chad Onken, Morgan Cordle, Maureen Tolliver, Emily Fagan, Bill Geiszler, Mike Salpeter, Steve Hennessey, Mary Turner, Maddie Wallin, Jack McCann, Logan Euker, Ben Eichberg

Our next meeting is Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 10:00 am