



Mission: Developing, Improving, and Supporting Competitive Swimming in the Inland Empire

Vision: Provide a safe and positive atmosphere for swimmers of all abilities to achieve and sustain lifelong success

March 30, 2020

2:00 pm Special meeting via Blue Jeans

Present: April Walkley, Don Hougardy, Holly Howard, Jade Sobek, Jeff Sutton, Jennifer Tonkyn, Jody Rash, John Pringle, Keith Lambert, Laurel Skorina, Riana Scott, Russell Whitaker, Todd Stafek.

Agenda: Discuss further the scheduled HOD meeting in April.

Don discussed that WA Law allows for video meetings to take place and that is allowed per the bylaws. A quorum is needed and this is indeed a special situation. Keith has been working on a method to allow the voting to move forward.

It was decided that there would be no penalty for teams that are not in attendance. However each team should designate the person representing the team and those names need to be submitted. The votes would be submitted and John Pringle and Don Hougardy would be counting and recording in real time. The issue will be if there are any nominations from the floor [but Keith thinks it can be addressed by instructing the voting members to “write in” the name on the electronic ballot.]

The current slate of nominations is full. There is a need for the Junior Athlete and that position must be voted on at HOD, a change from having it at SC Champs. Keith Lambert suggested that the Athlete Group convene to select a person. The criteria in the bylaws section 6.2.1 states that the member must be at least a sophomore and 16 years of age. Riana Scott and Laurel Skorina will connect with the club teams athlete representatives to gather names/nominations. The names will be placed on a Google Form and a link sent out for voting to athletes on committees and team representatives.

The coaches representative needs to be voted upon by the coaches- there is not an HOD vote. Jody discussed setting up an online/Blue Jeans coaches meeting where coaches can talk and then vote. After discussion it was decided that, as the Coaches Rep, Jenn would handle setting up the online meeting for the coaches.

Keith Lambert expressed concerns about bids for the 2021 year. At this point he has heard from: MRA, TCCC, Vandals, Velocity, CAST and SWAT. If other teams do not step forward then there is a possibility that they may lose their set dates. Keith mentioned that he had not heard from YYAC, Ellensburg, Pendleton, WWSC, Baker, LCN, Sandpoint-West.

There was conversation about moving the Short Course Junior Champs to a different weekend. The weekend suggested was the same one as Washington State High School Boys State Meet, 2/20/21. There is considerable overlap regarding officials and coaches. Therefore the decision was to leave the meet the same weekend and not switch.

Long Course Junior Olympics is hosted 2 years by TCCC and 1 year by a different host – this year that host is SWAT. If the long course season is cancelled will SWAT lose the meet this year, or will it just bump into next year. It was decided that the LC Junior Olympics Meet would rollover to next year with SWAT.

The HOD will be held still on Sunday, April 19 at 11am. The purpose will be to vote on the slate of candidates and to vote on the swim meets for 2021.

Keith and Jody and John are participating in bi-weekly virtual meetings with the Mighty 2500. This has been a check in to see how teams are doing and how can the LSC help. Jody mentioned that she was sending out a survey to all team leaders to ask some basic questions and to see if there were areas that IES could help. Concerns about not only losing staff, but also losing swimmers after this situation has loosened.

Todd Stafek spoke that there are two (2) major meets (TCCC-Tri-Cities Open and VS- Apple Capital) on the last weekend in May and that approximately 20% of the IES budget comes from those fees. If those meets are cancelled, that will be a drag on swimmers, clubs and the LSC. In contrast we are not saving on expenses in the LSC when meets are cancelled as most LSC expenses are incurred for the Zone workshops, Conventions and National Travel Reimbursement Fund. However, the Zone Workshops were cancelled and there may not be much paid out for the National Travel Fun if there are fewer National meets this summer. Whether the meets go forward will be dependent on the Governors of the states for the local meets. Meets held at Zones or above level will be held as determined by USA Swimming.

In summary the HOD will be held as planned, except it will be on Blue Jeans as set up by Jody. There is a limit of 50 phone lines in per meeting. Teams will log in and roll call will be taken. The teams will designate who will be voting to represent their team. Those people will then be sent a link to be able to vote. There is also the possibility of a straight voice vote if there is no opposition to the slate of candidates for the board. The votes will be cast and counted and John and Don should announce in real time. The discussion on the following years meets will take place during the counting. The reports will be compiled and sent out to all teams before the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 1:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Holly T. Howard, Secretary