

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.  
Executive Board Meeting  
20 July 2019

**In attendance:** Mike Falati, Joie Stanley, Billy Newport, Rick Whitey, Sarah Landreneau, Warren Lind, Dave Geyer, Ross Hedrick, Chris Prator, John Janszen, and Joan Casseri.  
A **motion** was made, seconded and **passed** to accept the minutes as posted.

**I. General Chair Report**

- \*The meeting was called to order on 20 July 2019 at 12:12 pm between sessions at LSU.
- \*Any board members terming out should express their intentions to Mike.
- \*12 and Under State meet due to the move to Sulphur has 251 swimmers entered with a 2.5 hour prelim session and 1.5 finals session.
- \*A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Judy Ramirez \$1,500 for setting up the new Louisiana Swimming Website.
- \*Wrist bands or deck tags will be distributed to coaches with proper credentials at the meet sites. \*Efforts will be made to separate parents and those non-certified from the swimmers at meets.
- \*Other items are listed under considered topics for the Board of Directors Meeting.

**II. Treasurers Report**

- \*Warren Lind now handles sanctions. \*There is a liability concern when teams hosting meets that are not sanctioned. \*All necessary LSC Treasurers reports will be submitted to USAS prior to the convention. \*Warren is looking for a Financial Chairman for the LSC.

**III. Officers Reports**

- \***Vice Chairman**, Jimmy Jones was absent but expressed his concern about the liability of non-certified assistant coaches on deck. \*Coaches need to go through the report and remove coaches that no longer are part of their program. \*Once named on the report, a coach will have a 30 day grace period to get credentials up to date.
- \***Age Group Chairman**, Joie Stanley reported on the findings of the Zone Meet Task Force Report. Ideas were presented to make the meet more appealing for all LSCs and increase participation. \*Input from Louisiana Swimming included shortening the meet, adding more heats to finals, and single age group participation. More ideas will be advanced at the HOD meeting.
- \***Officials Chairman**, Rick Whitney reported that there is need for more qualified officials as many are aging out. He would like an incentive program at the club level to encourage more participation.
- \***Technical Planning**, Ross Hedrick reviewed the Top 3 Swimmer Camp that will be held at UNO on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. The top 3 times in all events in the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups will qualify for attendance. \*Emails will be sent with State Meet final results and should be returned with ideas for meet improvement.

**\*Safe Sport Chairman**, John Janszen believes that guidelines should be in place for trans gender athletes before it occurs. There is a possibility that testosterone levels may be used to determine sex. \*There cannot be group housing at meets or events, no texting, tagging or following with 18 and under athletes.

#### **IV. Items for the House of Delegates Meeting**

\*Zone Meet input.

\*Sanctions. Requests should be made 2 months prior to a meet start date.

\*Open Water Meets. Reimbursement will be suspended at this time.

\*Top 8 Camp will require a \$300.00 deposit with a \$200.00 reimbursement for any swimmer completing all events offered in the three day format.

\*State Meet proposed dates: February 7-9, February 14-16, March 6-8, and March 13-15.

\*Officials incentives at the club level.

\*Report from other LSCs on what procedures they have in place or fines for uncertified coaches.

\*All 18 and over swimmers must complete the background check with USAS or their times will not count.

\*Reimbursement Meet Policy starting with Senior Nationals and Olympic Trials of \$1,000 an event with a \$3,000 maximum with documentation not to exceed expenses.

\*Ideas on separating swimmers from parents and non certified coaches at meets.

\*Team Safe Sport Certification.

#### **VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary