

**Louisiana Swimming, Inc.**  
**General Membership**  
**House of Delegates Meeting**  
**22 August 2020**

**In attendance:**

Mike Falati, Jimmy Jones, Dave Geyer, Butch Jordan, Joan Casseri, Warren Lind, Billy Newport, John Janszen, Ty Dolese, Jack Aldridge, Ellie Fritscher, Ross Hedrick, Chris Prator, Sarah Landreneau, Judy Ramirez, Cam Brandao, Emily Johns, Angie Carter, Wally Fall, Colleen Barczyk, Courtney Roedel, Thomas Schmall, Robby Fritscher, Debra Harper, TJ Natal, Shawn O'Neil, Kier Braendel, Allan Anderson, Reed Robelot, Sarah Herrington, Tyler Lloyd, Mason Beach, Ashley Gill, Patrick Murphy, Colin Candebat, Garrison Allen, Katherine Kramer, Sarah Holt, Chris Chelette, Jayme Cramer, Laura Fox, OJ Messina, Scott Robinson, Travis Theriot, and Timmy Sims.

**I. Call to Order:**

The Zoom Meeting was called to order by Mike Falati at 10:30 am on Saturday, 22 August 2020.

**II. Review and Approval of the Minutes from 24 August 2019.**

\*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to accept the minutes as posted.

**IV. Treasurer's Report:**

\*Warren Lind reported that income and expenses were reduced due to COVID-19. The Executive Board placed an order with Ashley Ramirez to promote the openings of our USAS swim teams by area. \*Ashley reported on the marketing campaign that included the following advertisements: welcome back, the 2020 senior class recognition, keep your skin healthy, and community involvement. Teams were grouped on the web site according to their area of location in the State. The ads ran in their targeted areas from 5-13 days. \*Mike Falati stated that the promotions over social media will continue in September or after the State moves into phase 3. \*The Executive Board passed a temporary halt to travel reimbursement for swimmers and coaches except to Olympic Trials. This ban will be addressed again as changes are made in the State. \*An emergency program was put in place by the Executive Board to assist State Clubs with financial aid due to COVID-19.

**IV. General Chairman Report:**

\*Mike Falati reported that there will be **one vote** for each eligible voting member as well as one vote for each athlete in attendance. \*The swim meet scheduling meeting will take place after the Convention and when more local information is available. \*There are concerns about scheduling a coach's education clinic at the end of the House of Delegates Meeting each year. Discussion followed on how to make the coaches education better attended and more meaningful. One idea would be to possibly reimburse coaches for attending in person or online a clinic of their choice. The other would be to keep the clinic within the State with coaches attending in person on a date other than during the House of Delegates. It was decided to keep the clinic together for LSC coaches and look for a new date when more information becomes available. A new date will be

studied and reported on at the scheduling meeting in September. **\*Billy Newport, Senior Vice Chair**, reported that the Pro-Series meets have Olympic Qualifying times. There are presently 1200 qualifiers for Olympic Trials, and it may be difficult to divide this meet. Juniors in December may be held at multiple sites due to the number of athletes. **\*Right now**, Outreach athletes are given a reduced fee for membership. The association will investigate possibly reimbursing Outreach athletes for a practice suit and goggles at a fixed reimbursement fee.

## V. **Officer's Report:**

**The Administration Vice Chairman \*Jimmy Jones** reported that the LSC will need the help of all to complete Leap III which will commence in two years. The second round of funds requested from USAS should be on their way. **Judy Ramirez, Registration and Membership** reported that any new athlete registering on or after 1 June 2020 will remain registered through 30 December 2021. Athlete transfers have no changes. Club registrations require the completion of a new form and begin early on 1 September at a reduced rate. Coaches CPR and Safety Training that expired between March and June will be extended through the end of the year. All Club Board members will need to be members of USAS and complete background checks. One Seasonal membership is allowed yearly. All 18 and over athletes must complete the Athlete Protection Training or their times will not count if entered in a meet. Judy reminded everyone to pay their invoices promptly upon receipt. **\*The Officials Chairman, Ty Dolese** reminded everyone that the new suit standards for 12 and under swimmers is now in effect. Suits with the Fina logo worn in competition by 12 and under swimmers must have a green check. If noticed prior to their swim, they can change. Once a 12 and under swimmer completes a race without the green check, the swimmer will be disqualified. A 12 and under swimmer is allowed to wear the suit without the green check while completing in Juniors, National Championships, US Open, and Olympic Trials. Ty will send out an update on electronic whistles when he is able to test them. He would also like all officials to have their own headsets in order to keep social distancing practical at meets. He will send out descriptions of the three types available. **\*Safe Sport Chairman. John Janszen** reported that there is a great deal of information coming out on Safe Sport. Everyone should check with the USAS web site for updates. MAPP information that is distributed to your team members should include your team name. All teams will soon be required to become Safe Sport certified. **\*Safety Chairman, Chris Prator** reported that Safety would like to track all swimmers and clubs that contact COVID-19 in the State. Make sure that all guidelines are followed to help control the spread. All high school coaches need to complete a COVID-19 course through the NFHS prior to coaching this season. **\*Billy Newport, Senior Vice Chair** reminded all that the new sanction forms for swim meets will contain a Covid-19 clause. **\*Dave Geyer, Coach Representative**, will give his report under new business. **\*The Athlete Representatives Ellie Fritscher and Jack Aldridge** are making plans to elect a sophomore athlete representative by way of Instagram very shortly. **\* Joie Stanley** was absent with no report submitted. **\*Ross Hedrick of Technical Planning** is moving forward and preparing for a High-Performance Camp to be held under a new protocol in late November. This protocol could include a north and south camp, one day camp, and single age groups. Derek Zang of WAVE was selected to attend the National Diversity Camp which will be held in Colorado Springs in December. **\*Randolph Shannon Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion** was not present due to surgery and submitted no report.

## VI. **New Business:**

### **General Proposals:**

\*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (92% to 8%) to **reimburse coaches** once the reimbursement is able to resume in the following manner: Winter Junior Nationals/ Junior Nationals/ US Open/ Nationals/ and Olympic Trials will reimburse 1 coach for 5 athletes and fewer, 2 coaches for 6-14 athletes and 3 coaches for 15 or more athletes with a maximum of 3 coaches reimbursed. Sectional Competition and NSCA will reimburse 1 coach for 10 or fewer athletes, 2 coaches for 11-20 athletes and 3 coaches for 21 or more athletes with a maximum of 3 coaches reimbursed. A coach can only be reimbursed for one meet per season. This reimbursement only pertains to the size of the team taken to the meets.

\* A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (97% to 3%) to include **Mixed Relays in State Records** for the 200 and 400 Medley, 200 and 400 Freestyle with all the appropriate age categories (10 & Under (200s only), 11-12 (200s only), 13-14, 15-18 and Open. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (91% to 9%) to go back **retroactively** at meets since recognized by USA Swimming and honor those times if those times were reached at sanctioned meets during the fall of 2019 through the last sanctioned meet of 2020 in the spring.

### **\*Age Group State Championships Proposals:**

A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (71% to 29%) to **eliminate Prelims/Finals for the 500 free and 400 IM** and move all to timed finals. The proposal to have only the top 8 in the 500 Free and 400 IM swim in the final's session was **PULLED** due to the previous proposal passage. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** (17% to 83%) to reduce finals for 10 and Under swimmers to the top 8 (only one heat). A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** ( 97% to 3%) to move the **start time** for the finals session on the last day of the Age Group Championship meet (Sunday) to an earlier time at the discretion of the facility and meet director if time permits. This will be included in the meet invitation. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** (36% to 64%) to eliminate the 14 and Under 400 Free and 400 Medley Relays in the Age Group Championship Meet.

### **\*Senior Championship Meet Proposals:**

\*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (88% to 12%) to move the Thursday events **start time** earlier than 6:00 pm when possible. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** (86%-14%) to run all **Senior PM relays** slowest to fastest. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to change the **Friday meet order of events** to either: A. 100 Back, 200 Free, 100 Fly and 400 IM 62% For or B. 200 Free, 100 Back, 400 IM, 100 Fly 38% For. The order will follow the **A choice**. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** (82% to 18%) that will allow all time finals **1650** swims on Sunday to compete in one pool only, slowest to fastest with the top four female and top 4 male seeds to swim the last heat just prior to the start of the finals warm up session. Beginning swim times will be backed up from the start of finals warm-up start time. Alternating girl's heats and boys' heats or mixed sex heats will swim in order to expedite the event. \*A Proposal to modify the Open State meet to a Senior State Meet and only allow athletes 15 years of age and older to compete was **PULLED**. \*A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** (34% to 66%) to allow eligible swimmers to compete in a full complement of individual events at both the Senior State Championships and the Age Group State Championships during both the SC and LC seasons. This does not restrict relay swimmers from competing in both meets.

**Colleen Barczyk** reported that there is a possibility the Scholastic All America committee may alter the dates for qualifying meets due to COVID-19. Look for the possible changes.

**VII. Age Group Quarantined Swimmer of the Year:**

Swimmers were chosen from their seed times changed to their finals times.

10 and Under Girls

Molly Mayo CRAW  
Mary Roberts CRAW  
Jemia Thomas CRAW

10 and Under Boys

Lincoln Driesse TAQ  
Conor Samuels SLST  
Aubrey Winn CLAC

11-12 Girls

Charlotte Driesse TAQ  
Sadie Huenefeld BAC  
Ava Sims WAVE

11-12 Boys

Carter Diecidue HSC  
Roy Kelly TAQ  
Eric Ring HSC

13-14 Girls

Cailyn Bradford CLAC  
Marie Landreneau COLA  
Lillie Tichenor CLAC

13-14 Boys

Joseph Capo WAVE  
Avery Henke CRAW  
Ari Li SLST

**Senior Swimmers of the Year:**

Female: Riley Moore  
Male: Jacques Rathle

**VIII. Election of Officers:**

Were elected by acclamation

Mike Falati General Chair  
Jimmy Jones Administrative Chair  
Billy Newport Senior Vice Chair

A runoff between Sarah Harrington and Joan Casseri was held for Secretary. Elected to the Office was Joan Casseri.

**IX. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary