

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
Executive Board Meeting
19 August 2021

In attendance:

Mike Falati, Joan Casseri, Sarah Landreneau, Billy Newport, Warren Lind, John Janszen, Randolph Shannon, Chris Prator, Ty Dolese, Butch Jordan, Judy Ramirez, and Ross Hedrick.

I. Call to Order:

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Mike Falati at 10:00 am.

II. Reports:

Athlete Representatives: Ellie Fritscher reported that three athletes were chosen by election to serve as athlete representatives for Louisiana. Ellie will serve as Senior Representative, Marie Landreneau will serve a 2-year term, Rilee Moore will serve a 2 year term and William DeJean will be an at large athlete representative. Coaches are asked to turn in the names of their team representatives to Ellie prior to the B.O.D. meeting. All correspondence to the athlete reps will include their parents according to Safe Sport. Ellie will represent our State at meetings set up under USAS guidelines. The next meeting will be at 10:00 am on October 5th. Billy Newport will represent the athlete representatives, work as their point person, answer their questions, and accept all messages to the coaches.

Registration Chair: Judy Ramirez asked for an idea as to how to handle monies owed over two weeks. She would appreciate a plan which can be presented at the General Membership meeting. It was advanced that a team credit card on file and/or a point person in charge of making phone calls to the coaches involved in delinquent fees, and a possibility of using Pay Pal for the additional 4% fee. Warren Lind advised that he would be closing out the books by 31 August.

Safe Sport: John Janszen reported that all parents should complete the Safe Sport for Parent/Athlete available through the USAS site.

Elite Athlete Camp: Ross Hedrick has set the camp up for November 27th at St. Martins. The camp will be broken up by age groups. A supplemental coaches camp will be held on that Friday and Saturday with an emphasis on coaching education. Mike Falati stated that a second coaches camp will be held in the spring and include education on a greater understanding of diversity and inclusion in the sport of swimming.

Zone Meet: Billy Newport explained that the meet this summer was a good start. There will be a proposal at the B.O.D. meeting to address fielding the team. Among the few items discussed were the lack of second swim opportunities and the relay placement on Sunday. The relay would be a non-issue if it becomes a bus trip.

Diversity and Inclusion: Randolph Shannon will obtain the mission statement and send it to Mike Falati to send to all board members.

Treasurer: Warren Lind explained that the association is in good financial shape.

Everything is stable with cash reserves in all accounts. Beginning in this short

course season, all coaches will once again be eligible to receive reimbursement.

Facility Updates:

Shreveport: John stated that there is no change. There are still limitations on space due to COVID-19.

Sulphur: Sarah said all is moving along well. There will be a new roof in October.

UNO: Ross stated that the facility has no new updates; however, they may be able to host the 14 and Under Short Course State.

LSU: According to Judy there is an issue with Tiger Aquatics which will be addressed.

Possible State Meet Dates:

February 10-13, Senior Short Course

February 17-20, Age Group Short Course

February 26, 8&Under

July 7-10, Senior Long Course

July 14-17, Age Group Long Course

July 24, 8&Under

III. New Business:

Proposals:

Crawfish will have proposals that include an earlier finals on Sunday, 1500 and 1650 swims as well as other items.

Fins: Will propose ideas for increasing the number of swimmers attending the Age Group Zone Meet. A thought is to pay clubs based on every swimmer that is chosen to attend the meet. Some reasons why there is a lack of attendance include the decrease in opportunity for second swims especially in the 13-14 age groups, families need to take another weekend off, and the lack of process to fill relays.

Nominations for Athlete of the Year will need to be ready for presentation at the B.O.D. meeting.

IV. Adjournment:

Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday 26 August at 8:15 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting: Saturday 28 August at 10:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri, Secretary