

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
General Membership
House of Delegates Meeting
21 September 2021
22 September 2021

In attendance:

Sarah Landreneau, Waren Lind, Joan Casseri, Butch Jordan, Mike Falati, Joie Stanley, Chris Prator, John Janszen, Ross Hedrick, Courtney Roedel, Riley Crespo, Ellie Fritscher, Allan Anderson, Rocky Smith, Judy Ramirez, Chip Bozant, Derek Shippo, Marie Landreneau, Robby Fritscher, Jeannine Marlborough, Scott Robinson, Travis Theriot, William DiJean, Colleen Barczyk, Patrick Daigle, Kier Brandel, Chris Chelette, Tom Schmall, Jayme Cramer, Wally Fall, Angie Carter, Shawn O'Neil, Zach Davis, Emmett Smith, and Colin Candebat.. Four athletes were in attendance.

1. Call to Order:

The zoom Meeting was called to order by Mike Falati at 8:15 pm.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes from 23 August 2020.

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

III. Officer's Report:

Registration Chair *Judy Ramirez reported that club registration fees go up each month their fees are not paid after due. She reminded coaches that payments are due once invoices are received by her office. *Flex athletes must complete new registrations. *USAS granted Louisiana an extension until 1 November for CPR and Coaches Safety due to Hurricane IDA. *Coaches are encouraged to fill out the race and ethnicity of athletes on their registration forms. *All athletes 18 and over in age must complete athlete protection when due each year or their times will not be entered into the system. *If a team has a Board of Directors, they need to be non-athlete members of USAS. Treasurer's Report ***Warren Lind** reported that the LSI is in compliance for the current fiscal year. *The association will return to providing funding for meets that were previously funded prior to the moratorium this past season. *Athlete and non-athlete fees have been raised by \$5.00 this season. State **Athlete Representative** *Ellie Fritscher would like each club to send her a name and contact information for their team's athlete representative. Technical Planning ***Ross Hedrick** reported on the High Performance Camp which will be held on 27 November and the Women in Coaching Clinic 26 November in New Orleans. Senior Chair ***Billy Newport** reported that the Zone coaches and swimmers did a good job. *The continued meet structure has some problems with only 8 swimmers returning for second swims. *There are some good proposals to be voted on concerning this meet in the future. General Chair ***Mike Falati** would like to bring our Diversity program up to par with other LSC's. There will be more on this subject tomorrow.

IV. Facility Status:

UNO – Ross Hedrick anticipates being back in the water tomorrow; however, he does not see it as a viable facility to host the State Meets.

LSU – Jeannine Marlborough reported that at this time, the facility limit is 750 with a mask mandate but no vaccine requirement. This protocol can be updated at any time.

YMCA – John Janszen in Shreveport reported that all is well with restrictions only by deck space and masking. There is no update on their new facility.

SPAR – Allan Anderson stated that all work is completed except for some minor damage. Masks are required at this time. The facility is confirmed for High School State. The status of available hotels has not been checked.

V. Senior swimmer of the Year:

Female Nominations: Marie Landreneau, Ashley Gill and Rylee Moore.

Awarded to: Rylee Moore

Male Nominations: Derek Zhang and Jacques Rathle

Awarded to: Jacques Rathle

Age Group Swimmer of the Year:

Female Nominations: Kendall Jollands and Lulu Szumski

Awarded to: Lulu Szumski

Male Nominations: Gustavo Castilho, Eric Ring, Kayden Hedrick, and Enzo Solitario.

Awarded to: Eric Ring

Outstanding **Service Award**: Joan Casseri

VI. State Meet Dates:

Short Course Age Group State Meet: A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to hold the meet February 17-20, 2022.

Short Course Senior State Meet: A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to hold the meet February 10-13, 2022.

Long Course Age Group State Meet and Senior Long Course State Meet proposal dates PASSED are July 7-10 and July 14-17, 2022. A **MOTION** was MADE and PASSED to TABLE the decision on dates, in regards to what meet is on each proposed weekend, until after the Texas Senior Circuit meeting scheduled for 5 October 2021.

VI. State Meet Sites:

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to accept the following sites.

Senior Short Course: Sulphur

14&U Short Course: LSU

Senior Long Course: Shreveport Y

14&U Long Courses: LSU

VI. Proposals:

* A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to drop each qualifying time .10 per 50 per year for all events in the 10&U, 11&12, and 13&14 age groups. These changes will begin in 2022 and stay in place for 10 years until 2032.

* Coaches travel reimbursement will revert back to the prior reimbursement rule before last seasons moratorium.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to move relays to Saturday and Sunday for both the 14&U and Senior State Championships both Short Course and Long Course.

* A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to swim the 200 Free Relay prior to the 200 Medley Relay at both the 14&U and Senior State Championships both Short Course and Long Course.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to maintain consistency in the order and designations of distance in the relays in both Short Course and Long Course State Championships.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to split the proposals for the 400 IM placement in both the 14&U and Senior State Championship Meets.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, and FAILED due to a lack of second to move the 400 I.M. in the Senior State Championship to Thursday.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and FAILED to move the 400 I.M. to Thursday with the 1650.

*****First meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm. Second meeting called to order at 8:15 pm.**

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and FAILED to flip-flop the order of the 100 backstroke and the 50 backstroke in the 14&U State Championship Meets.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to continue attending the Southern Zone Age Group Championship Meets.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED that Louisiana Swimming will be responsible for travel, accommodations, and meals with a portion of the expenses to be paid by the parents of each swimmer attending the meet. The parental amount will vary depending on the logistics associated with each meet.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to send a minimum of two coaches to the meet for 1-20 swimmers attending and 3 (maximum coaches) coaches for 21-32 (maximum swimmers 32) swimmers attending the meet.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED for Louisiana Swimming to reward each Club \$100.00 for each swimmers from their team that attends the Southern Zone Age Group Championship Meet.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED, and FAILED to select the first place finishers in the 100 events in the State Championship Long Course Meet and the remaining 4 swimmers chosen by using the Meet Manager Power Point system. An average will be taken from the top 3 performances of each swimmer. The highest averages will receive a spot on the team.

*A **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and PASSED to create a more lenient time standard scale of Automatic, 2%, 4%, 6%. If any of the maximum 8 spots are unfilled, the spot will be awarded to the 1st place finisher in the 100 events of each stroke and the 200 I.M.*. *If there are multiple athletes for a single spot, the highest Power Point score for the 100 winner, followed by the 200 I.M. will determine the selection.

VII. * A MOTION was MADE, SECONDED, and PASSED to accept the slate of Officers as: presented except for Age Group Vice-Chair.

Treasurer— Warren Lind

Technical Planning Chair – Ross Hedrick

Safety Coordinator— Chris Prator

Officials Committee Chair – Lomaz Napper

Membership/Registration Coordinator – Judy Ramirez

*A **VOTE** was conducted for Age Group Chair between the candidates Kier Braendel and Joie

Stanley. The Age Group Chair will be Joie Stanley.

*A VOTE was conducted for Diversity and Inclusion Chair between the candidates Kier Braendel and OJ. The Diversity and Inclusion Chair will be OJ.

VIII. Additional Items:

*Records will now be completed by the Age Group Chair and the Senior Chair.

*March 26th or April 2 are option dates for a Coaches Clinic. Ideas? Contact Mike.

*The next H.O.D. meeting will be 27 August 2022.

*Wally Fall reported he will be moving away from coaching in order to run for school board.

We will miss you Wally. The Damon McCoy Fund which is used to help those in our association that are in need of assistance now has \$68,000.

*Judy Ramirez reported that all clubs including smaller clubs need two certified coaches on file. Please update email and contact information.

IX. Scheduling:

All swim meets scheduled will be sent out under separate email by Louisiana Swimming.

X. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri