

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
General Membership
2019 House of Delegates Meeting
24 August 2019

In attendance:

Joan Casseri, Mike Falati, Colleen Barczyk, Ross Hedrick, Liliana Delgado, Sofia Gutterrez, Katherine Kramer, Kevin Sinanan, Jack Aldridge, Gabby Chautin, Chloe Beebe, Sarah Herrington, Emmett Smith, Allan Andersen, Kayla Alhuynh, Reed Robelot, Billy Newport, Jayme Cramer, Courtney Roedel, Wally Fall, Roby Fritscher, Sue Boudreaux, Travis Theriot, Debbie Harper, Angie Carter, Kier Braendel, Sarah Landreneau, Ben East, Elliott Hill, Joie Stanley, Teresa Guillo, Chris Prator, Butch Jordan, Chelsea Rossell, Patrick Merrell, Cameron Bradao, Tylor Lloyd, John Janszen and Ty Dolese.

I. Call to Order:

*The meeting was called to order by Mike Falati in Lafayette on Saturday 24 August 2019 at 9:30 am.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes from 25 September 2018:

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

III. Treasurer's Report:

*Warren Lind submitted a report stating the General Fund has \$90,273.30 from which all LSI expenses are paid as well as sending a coach and swimmers to the Diversity Camp. The Travel Fund currently has \$163,977.58. Only a few outstanding expenses are anticipated for reimbursement. *A few changes will be made to the meet close out report and the procedure will be posted on the website by 15 September. There are sufficient funds to allow for Senior Nationals and Olympic Trials reimbursement. *The new reimbursement policy for Senior Nationals and Olympic Trials is \$1,000.00 an event with a \$3,000.00 maximum with documentation not to exceed expenses. *No other changes should be made at this time to the reimbursement policies. *Reimbursement forms must include USAS numbers, swimmers signatures, and coaches signatures. *Pay Pal is set up to accept payments with an up charge of 4%.

IV. General Chair Report:

*The Nominating/Governance Committee of Colleen Barczyk, Courtney Roedel, Ron Moore, and Robby Fritscher recommended the following slate of officers:

Age Group Chair: Joie Stanley
Treasurer: Warren Lind
Technical Planning: Ross Hedrick
Safety Coordinator: Chris Prator
Officials Chair: Ty Dolese

Member/Reg. Chair: Judy Ramirez
Times Chair: Sarah Landreneau
Disabilities: Taylor Walls

*No other names were submitted from the floor and all were appointed by acclimation.
*Look for updates on **coaches education** that will soon be implemented on anti-doping, concussion protocol, and athlete protection. *New fees for 2020 are Flex-Membership \$20.00 and Full Membership \$78.00. Good from 1 September 2019 through 31 December 2020.

V. **Officer's Report:**

***Ross Hedrick** reported that 75 swimmers ages 14 and under were invited to the **High Performance Camp** to be held the week-end after Thanksgiving. So far 23 have signed up to attend. Ross will have all the details available by next week. The deadline of 1 September will be adjusted if necessary when the Camp details are finalized. ***Joie Stanley** reported that changes are expected to be made to the **Zone Meet** at the USAS Convention. Once those changes are in place, a decision will be made by the Executive Board as to Louisiana's participation in the Zone Meet this season. If it is decided to attend, there is enough money this year to do both the H.P. Camp and the Zone Meet; however, this will be a year by year decision. **John Jenszen** will report back in three weeks when he obtains information on how to handle non-certified coaches on the deck at meets. **Safe Sport** Club Certification should be an item to be offered to each swimmer and parent at the Club level. There are now videos which are appropriate for all age levels. Once completed, the names of all participants should be sent to USAS. All 18 and over swimmers must complete the **background check** through USAS. ***Ty Dolese**, the new Officials Chair will be athlete focused. ***Cam Bradao** reported that the **Diversity Camp** worked on the struggles of diverse athletes in the sport and was a very educational experience by those attending. Robby Fritscher thanked the **disability** swimmers for their participation in the State.

VI. **New Business:**

General Proposals: *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **FAILED** that State Meet host teams are not responsible to provide timers at the State Meets. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PULLED** to hold a coaches meeting on Saturday afternoon of the H.O.D. weekend followed by coaches education in the afternoon, and a social in the evening. The H.O.D. would be held on Sunday morning. The motion was pulled for more work on how to schedule the weekend by including a coaches education component that was passed at the H.O.D. meeting in 2018. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to add relay sheets for each session of the State Meets and eliminate relay cards for these meets. The sheets can be updated by making changes with the Meet Administration according to a process included in the meet information. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to leave the minimum \$3.50 per event charge and \$8.00/\$5.00 surcharge but allow host teams to up the event charges to whatever they deem appropriate for their meet..Just to clarify – a meet can charge less than \$3.50; however, the host team would be responsible to send in 10% of the event fees as though it did charge the \$3.50 per event. The facility charge is entirely up to the host team and can be used for anything necessary. *A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, **AMENDED**,

and PASSED to revamp the State Meet Sportsmanship Award to the Ed Kelly Spirit Award. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to distribute information sheets with Swimmer of the Year nominees at the start of the HOD meeting with voting taking place during lunch by silent ballot. :

State Meet Proposals: *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to eliminate the 8&Under Meet from special consideration and any Louisiana Swimming coordination. * **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the concept of two State Meets to be implemented this 2018-2019 season. One will consist of 14&Under age groups and the other Senior. A committee under Technical Planning of Ross Hedrick, Keir Braendel, Cam Brandao, Allan Andersen, Kayla AlfHuynh, Sara Landreneau, Thomas Clavier, Jack Aldridge, Billy Newport and Sarah Herrington.. The committee will have the formats ready for an email vote by 1 October 2019. If the State Meet formats as voted on 1 October do not pass the following Motions will be placed into the present State Meet formats. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED that in the 12 and Under Long Course State Meet the Saturday and Sunday events will be flip-flopped except for the relays. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to hold prelims and finals in both State Meets in the 200 Free and 200 I.M. events for the 11&12 ages group. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to have only the top 8 swimmers in all timed finals events of 400 and over distances at the 13 and Over Championships. * A **MOTION** was made SECONDED and PASSED to combine all swimmers 15 years of age and over in the Open events. A non-scoring “C” final will be added for 15-18 year olds in these events. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to target qualifying times in the 13 and Over State to 40 in all events 200 and below, 25 in the 400/500 events and 15 in the 800/1000 events. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to change 13-14 events to 14 and Under events. A **PROPOSAL** to no longer allow swimmers to enter as a Senior in the 400 and over events was PULLED. *A **MOTION** was made, Seconded and PASSED to eliminate ribbons and medals from 13 and Over State meet and substitute a one time award for the entire meet . The award and qualifications to receive the award will be decided by a committee set up by the Age Group Chair and will include Sarah Landreneau, Joie Stanley and Ellie Fritscher as the Athlete Rep. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED, AMENDED and PASSED to make the 1650/1500 a mixed event with only one heat in the finals. The finals heat will consist of the top 4 female swimmers and top 4 male swimmers. Each sex will begin at the same time from opposite ends of the pool. *A **MOTION** was made, SECONDED and PASSED to add a mixed relay as the last event of the meet (either free or medley) with 2 boys and 2 girls. Each team will only be allowed to enter one mixed relay..

VII. State Meet Bids:

February 13-16	Senior or 13 and Over Meet at SPAR
March 13-15	14&Under or 12&Under at LSU by TAQ
July 9-	14&Under or 12&Under at LSU by TAQ
July 16-	Senior or 13&Over at UNO by WAVE

VIII. Meetings:

LSI Meeting, either Baton Rouge or New Orleans 22 August.
Aquatics Sports Convention – 22-27 September in Jacksonville.

IX Swimmer of the Year:

Senior Female Swimmer:	Jillian Barczyk	COLA
Senior Male Swimmer:	Michael Bonson	HSC
Age Group Female:	Ava Sims	CCSC
Age Group Male:	Kayden Hedrick	FINS

X. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan K. Casseri .: