



CONSENT REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Secretary’s Report (submitted by Paul Mueller)

- The Draft/Tentative Minutes from the Aug. 25, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting have been provided as attachments in an email to the BOD dated Sep. 22, 2020 with Agenda and remote connectivity details for the Aug. 25, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report (submitted by Carol Healey)

	<i>2-Mar-20</i>	<i>29-Apr-20</i>	<i>28-Jul-20</i>	<i>25-Aug-20</i>	<i>20-Sep-20</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Checking Account #1:</i>	\$49,662.22	\$5,028.96	\$20,123.00	\$20,123.00	\$20,123.00	\$ -
<i>Checking Account #2:</i>	\$62,414.77	\$40,782.84	\$16,230.77	\$45,104.44	\$80,132.41	\$35,027.97
<i>Priscilla Fund:</i>	\$8,060.00	\$10,332.95	\$10,832.95	\$10,832.95	\$11,332.95	\$500.00
<i>Savings:</i>	\$516,238.37	\$391,273.35	\$391,356.98	\$331,376.65	\$ 301,390.22	\$(29,986.43)
<i>First Western Investments:</i>	\$421,280.75	\$404,992.55	\$422,177.61	\$427,518.35	\$425,814.12	\$(1,704.23)
<i>TOTAL:</i>	\$1,057,656.11	\$852,410.65	\$860,721.31	\$834,955.39	\$838,792.70	\$ 3,837.31

*\$4260 is in Bob Menck Scholarship Account

Registrar Report (submitted by Moriah Tyrrell)

Registration Transactions Comparison

Month	2019	2020
March	80	76
April	216	6
May	336	3
June	202	34
July	114 (total)	92
August	4	50
September	1788	198

#Transfers processed in June: 36

Transfers processed in July: 67

Transfer processed in August to date: 62

Transfers processed in September to date: 85 # **Transfers 9/19** 799 (due to team mergers)

We held a registration workshop via zoom on Tuesday September 15. We had 26 coaches and registrars attend. I was able to go over the registration process and answer questions. There are quite a few new people handing team registrations this year and even the veterans are a little rusty.

The only team we have heard from that confirmed they are closing is Crush Swim Team.

We have registered one new team this year and it is Boston College.

Governance Committee Report

- No Report.

Safe Sport Committee Report

- No Report.



Athletes Committee Report (submitted by Issy Hiller and Sam Brabeck)

- We held an athlete's executive committee and put out an athlete's survey regarding returning to competition
- We held our athlete's exec committee meeting on August 30th, 2020
 - First official athlete's exec committee meeting
 - Majority back at practice, some back to competing
 - A bigger concern was finding pool space/time for the fall/winter season
 - A common want is a definitive plan from the board for the season's schedule/calendar in terms of competition
 - We talked about qualifying times and championship meets versus accessibility and equity
 - We tossed around an idea of scrapping qualifying times as well, but there was backlash with the feel that it would reduce the competitive nature of a championship meet
 - 50% of people would not race if meets were not sanctioned, however, if only some meets/states can be sanctioned they should be allowed to occur so that we can continue to compete with other LSCs
 - Our committee played around with different ideas as to how we can structure meets this season and those conversations are still ongoing
 - "March Madness Dual Meet Tournament" -- examples of fun ways to get meets
 - "Red vs. Blue" LSC-wide virtual meet (2 teams including all LSC athletes) -- another fun example of getting back into competition
 - For the notes we took on the meeting, see the following link: [August 30, 2020, NES Athlete Executive Committee Meeting Notes](#)
- We sent out an athlete's survey on September 9th to the entire LSC to gather further input from a greater population of athletes about our return to competition
 - We had 178 responses from around 40+ teams
 - The majority of the LSC is back in the water, but with reduced hours
 - Most teams have a plan for when temperatures drop, but some still are unsure
 - The athletes simply want to race now
 - In general, our athlete population is very uninformed about when meets can begin to return regularly and what the status of our championship season is
 - We asked a question on if national level swimmers competition (for 2021) should be a priority and it was almost split half and half
 - The majority of athletes said that if meets were cancelled, it would not affect them too much; very understanding
 - Biggest pressures: qualifying for LSC and national meets, getting best times, and getting times for recruiting
 - **Find ways to support athletes in these ways -- maybe the BOD can do something about qualifying for such meets, and perhaps another webinar type event for athletes to learn more about college recruiting in the COVID era from a college coach**
- Regarding sanctioned meets, opinion is similar to that of the AEC: most athletes just want to race
- For results summary from survey, click here: [2020 NES Athlete Survey for Return to Competition, Sept 2020](#)

Calendar Committee Report (submitted by Brian Crawford)

Meets for short course 2020-2021 are posted on website. Both Calendar and Non-Calendar are posted together for this season, as many are 100%. Calendar Committee is definitely encouraging meets in a safe manner.

Thanks to Chris Sheppard who came up with this posted statement for our Championship meets (on Calendar): *The Age Group and Senior Committees' goal is to hold a slate of end of season championship meets that looks and feels familiar to the LSC membership and this is reflected on our meet calendar. That being said, we must be dynamic and flexible in order to respond to the circumstances as they arise with respects to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will strive to provide the best possible competitive opportunities within the LSC while also following governmental safety guidelines. Please be understanding if or when the end of season schedule has to be revised*



and restructured. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact Development and Performance Chair Chris Sheppard at commonwealthswimming@gmail.com

Coaches' Committee Report

- No report.

Communications Committee Report

- No report.

Development & Performance Report

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Finance Committee Report

- No report.

Office Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- o *USAS Virtual Convention.* <https://www.usaswimming.org/about-usas/governance/convention-2020>
- o *BOARD WORKSHOP: A discussion on Race in New England Swimming Sunday, October 4th 9:00 – 10:30*
- o *SWIMPOSIUM (shared with Maine): October 17 and 18*
<https://www.teamunify.com/team/lscnes/page/calendar#/team-events/upcoming/1188454>

NEW WEBSITE PLATFORM: The NE Swimming website transitioned over to the new Team Unify platform on Sept 6th. A special thank you to Meg Feran who helped me with the behind the scenes set up and design! A few people have commented that they like it. Feedback and suggestions are welcome!

TOP TIMES have been posted, re-posted and re-posted! (COACHES NEED TO REVIEW MEET RESULTS AT THE MEET...NOT 5 MONTHS LATER!) Thank you to Rick Osterberg for pulling the reports and calculating and sorting! We have orders for 160 Tee shirts that were designed by Meg Feran. Outstanding Swimmers were free of charge. The "Office Staff" will mail all the shirts as shipping was included in the price. TOP TEN BAG TAGS will be sent to each team for the coach to distribute to the swimmers. The Top Ten Swimmer Certificates are also posted on the website for athletes to print. (This may be the way of the future). This has been a nice way to get parents to get comfortable with the website.

THE PRISCILLA PROJECT is gaining a lot of speed. I have received over 50 training suit donations and \$1000 in donations to use specifically to buy suits for those in need. The Wish List will go out by the end of this week to designated outreach swimmers, and to the head coaches in case they know of someone on their team in need.

CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron Zhu for being elected as the Eastern Zone Athlete Rep! Bob Menck nominated Aaron at the Spring Meeting so this was a special win for Aaron and we know he will do a fabulous job!

CONGRATULATIONS also to Bob Menck for being named posthumously as the recipient of the Eastern Zone Service Award for his many, many years of service for the Eastern Zone.

ZOOM is offering a discounted license to all USA Swimming clubs/LSC's beginning on January 1st.
<https://zoom.us/j/138057575?pwd=Vlc3bTdvdR2lSOVFvQ0VJMzR2b0VrZz09>



USA Swimming will be offering **HEALTH INSURANCE** to all its coach members beginning this fall.

Officials Committee Report

- No Report.

Technical Committee Report

- No report.

Inclusion Committee Report

- No report.

Safety Committee Report

- No report.