



**NEW
ENGLAND
SWIMMING**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Remote Meeting via Zoom
Friday, March 27, 2020, 5:00pm

MISSION: To provide opportunities for all to achieve their highest potential in competitive swimming.

VISION: Inspired. United. Fast.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board Members Present: (9) Matt Soska (UN), Brian Crawford (ESC), Bill Glass (BGSC), Bob Menck (UN), Chris Sheppard (CS), Kelty White (CRIM), Meghan Feran (SOLO), Aaron Zhu (SOLO), Jake Eastman (SOLO)

Guests: (10) Carol Healey (UN), Moriah Tyrrell (UN), Anne Kaufman (UN), Ken Galica (UN), Lisa Black Sholudko (UN), Rick Osterberg (UN), Ellie Soska (CRIM), Isabelle Hiller (UVAC), Jon Castaldo (CRA), Matt Craven (CRIM)

MINUTES

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by General Chair Matt Soska at 5:02pm.

2. COVID-19 Updates from the LSC

MIT has issued a statement that they will not be allowing any outside rentals of their facilities for K – 12 activities through summer 2020. To date, the LSC is not aware of any other institution having made that same announcement.

Age Group/Senior Committees are starting to model various scenarios for competitions in the LSC for if/when facilities come back online during the LCM season. If the LSC does not have full access to the currently scheduled facilities for the LCM season, the LSC will need to set priorities for the limited meet opportunities we do have including championship level meets.

Rick Osterberg will be checking with state regulations around compliance with our bylaws as it relates to the necessary rescheduling of the HOD meeting (previously scheduled for April 25, 2020).

3. Update on LSC General Chairs and Office Leaders Conference Call

General Chair Matt Soska and NESwim Office Staff (Carol Healey and Moriah Tyrrell) participated in a conference call with USA Swimming, one of several that the national governing body held. LSCs across the country were divided by size into their respective call groups. New England falls into the Mega/Mighty category (top 20 sizewise). LSC participants and ten staff members from USA Swimming were on the call for a total of 40 people. Information is being shared across the calls by the USA Swimming staff.

Highlights from the call include:

- As an LSC, New England Swimming is in good shape financially with reserves available to carry us through this difficult time as a result of COVID-19.
- USA Swimming will come back to all LSCs with a recommendation on the topic of club transfers as a result of COVID-19. It will not be the jurisdiction of the LSC to develop a policy on club transfer activity.



- Remote dryland training is not covered by the insurance coverage provided by USA Swimming to clubs, but USA Swimming does enthusiastically encourage individual teams/clubs to pursue waivers or additional coverage options that would be applicable under their state's laws.
- USA Swimming appears to be pursuing some kind of disaster relief funding program for clubs, which would be in place much further down the road if at all. It would only be available after a club has exhausted all other available options first (federal, state, local government, LSC).

Next call will be held on April 2, 2020.

4. Club Survey Discussion

Club surveys were sent to 103 clubs, and 23 responses have been received to date. The goal of the survey is to understand the financial picture of clubs in the LSC during the COVID-19 crisis. On average, clubs have three months in reserve without income or needing to pay pool rents. All but two clubs are conducting video workouts with their membership.

It was acknowledged that we need to engage with our clubs to understand their acute issues during this crisis. It was also discussed that mid-July is the general timeline for annual registrations, and a question about whether that registration window will be impacted by COVID-19.

5. Other Business

The idea of each committee within the LSC developing a set of FAQs for coach membership was discussed.

Within two weeks, there will be clarity from Eastern Zone Swimming on whether there will be a May Sectionals meet as well as summer Zone meets.

A motion was made to have the Technical Committee develop a formal selection process with input from Development and Performance Committee for determining Zone coaches, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Having been moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelty White
Secretary