

General Chair Report
LSC Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2019

Disability and Inclusion

Matt Stinson has taken a job out of state and will not be able to complete his term as Disability and Inclusion Chair. If you know of anyone that would be good to have on the Board in this role, please let me know.

The goal is to help us better integrate best practices for swimmers with disabilities and for growing the sport in diverse communities. For example:

- USA Swimming has rolled out time standards for swimmers with disabilities to be included in championship meets. How can we integrate those into our state meets?
- At the SC state meet, we had a swimmer break an age group Paralympic record. However, due to how our sanction was written, it may not have counted. How can we ensure that doesn't happen again.
- Do we have swimmers with disabilities that would qualify for the Central Region Zone meet?
- USA Swimming has a Diversity Camp and so do some Zones. When are these? What do they cost? How can we get swimmers to them?

USA Swimming and the Central Region Zone offer resources to help the person(s) in this role (in some LSC's they are separate board positions). The Disability and Inclusion Chair would be our liaison with those. This is a position where anything we did would be an improvement over where we are. It would really be up to the Chair to determine how we progress.

MAAPP

I have had several interesting discussions with coaches and volunteers about the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP). I agree that these changes may seem like an additional burden. But, I am reminded by the counsel of one of the coaches from the Zone meetings that I attended in May. He pointed out that we can view MAAPP as an inconvenience or that we can view it as a way to protect us as coaches or volunteers. In the end, the extra steps that we must take will help protect us.

Bylaws

It turns out that I was supposed to submit our revised bylaws to USA Swimming for approval following our April meeting. I learned that we cannot operate under bylaws until they have been approved. Laura and I submitted those on July 3. They were approved on July 5. As part of the process, USA Swimming provided simply typographical and formatting errors. They also asked for us to expand the section on the athlete at large elections. I added language to clarify that we had 2 athletes at large and that one was elected each year.

Convention

I will update this section prior to our August call

State meets

Thank you to the team that worked on the state meet sanctions for LC season. Thank you to our hosts that will be hosting the meets later this month. Martin and I have asked for copies of the database for each meet. Creating the meet file can be a time-consuming process. We are thinking it would be

helpful to future hosts if we had a black copy of the previous year's meet for the host to use as a starting point.

Wyoming State LC Meet

Due to construction delays at the Gillette pool, Wyoming is hosting their state meet in Rapid City this year. It will be July 19-21. Since the meet is happening within our LSC boundaries, we had the sanction the meet. Thank you to Cassie for expediting this for us. Thank you to the staff at the Roosevelt Swim Center and to the Rapid City Racers for helping Wyoming with logistical support.

Admin Vice Chair Report LSC Board of Directors Meeting August 5, 2019 Policies and Procedures I am continuing to work with Laura to update the Policies & Procedures for our fall LSC meeting. We have to make sure that the parts removed from the updated By Laws are now included in the Policies.

Katie Pardy
July 16, 2019

Sr. Athlete Rep - SD Board of Directors

Sr. Representatives: Katie Pardy and Thomas Bierschbach, (Jakob Studer)

Jr. Reps: Caleb Swanson and Mason Anderson

Athlete Delegates- Megan Schulte, Cole Kincart, Hayden White, Abbie DeJong, Hunter Bauer* (*not active in swimming this season*)

Here's the Athlete report. By the time of the August meeting, we will have elected 2 new Junior board reps to replace Caleb and Mason as they move to Senior representative to replace Thomas and I. The 4 of us should still be at that meeting, along with the 2 new reps if they can make it so that our transition will be easy. Also we will have elected 5 new HOD reps who will officially begin their terms at the meeting in October.

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Done:

- Voting for new Athletes begun (will have new Reps elected by the time of the August Board meeting)
- Athlete Tab updated consistently
- Athlete Instagram posting more regularly
 - 200 followers!
- State Surveys done and submitted to Board

In Progress:

- Voting
- Selection of new Reps

- Planning for smooth transition
- Possible ex-officio spot for senior reps?

Goals going forward:

- Yearly state-wide Athlete award banquet
- Be more active and organized as an **Athlete Committee**
 - Regular communication (more conference calls)
 - Age Group Chair and Senior Chair as non-athlete members
- Athlete Rep from each club for communication purposes
 - Could be one that already sits on the BOD of their home club
 - Not necessarily on Athlete Committee
- Building Community
 - Social Media
 - Flyer at Meets to spread awareness of governance
 - Service Projects

Tech Planning Report

SD Short Course Championship Meet Suggestions

10 & Under Sessions

- Adding in awards immediately following events – this will help slow the sessions down and add more
- of a championship feel for them
- Moved the 8 & Under 200 Frees & 9-10 500 Frees to Friday which will help add a little more wiggle
- room on the timeline
- Also added some more breaks throughout the sessions
- Up to the host to add in a few more touches to help give these sessions some more energy and a
- championship atmosphere

15 & Over Scoring

Committee discussed several options. Running just an A final for all age groups, having all age groups swim prelims separate, running 15 & combined and doing more heats of finals. We had concerns of what will keep the meet competitive for all ages and what is possible from an administrative perspective.

We are recommending the following:

- 11-12 age groups stay the same
- 13 & overs swim prelims combined age groups as we did this year
- Finals will run an A/B for 13-14, A/B for 15-16, and an A final for 17-19

Donna Biersbach

I did a test set up of this format and it definitely solves the administrative problems that we had last year and they feel comfortable running the meet in this format and should allow to still be competitive.

On the following page is what we are proposing for the new event format. I don't have much of a report, so nothing attached. However, I would like to have a short discussion about the state qualifying times during the call.

There were many mistakes and multiple copies of the times floating around. There are also some misconceptions on what the times should be as we don't convert them anymore. I would ask the board to think about and have a little time during our meeting to weigh in about going forward on using the national times as our standards from now on.

So everyone is aware on how the times are what they are. First, we average the top 16th place finishers from the past 5 years of state meets - then we look at the B/BB times. Whichever is faster is what we go with.

Sr. Vice Chair report -

I have several high trophies that were not picked up from State A that Sioux Falls sent home with me that I will bring to HOD unless I see people from those teams sooner. Trophies have been ordered for ties from State B and A and again, I will bring those to HOD as well as patches and rockers for state champs.

The athletes may report the new reps, but here they are also:

BOD – Katie Timmer and Cole Kincart

HOD – Genevieve Jorgenson, Burke Lauseng, Matthew Sorbe, Matthew Grebner, Nathan Brey

SD Scholarship recipients this year were – Jakob Studer, Tyler Hackman, Andrew Iverson, Corinne Pelzer. As we were meeting to award these scholarships this year we talked about creating a more uniform system to selecting scholarship winners in future years, so I will begin working on that.

I have very little to report on. I received only 4 reports of safety occurrences for the last 3 months. I am waiting to hear from Misty to see how many coaches have completed the concussion training. Hopefully she will have the number on the conference call.

Safe Sport Chair Report

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)

☑ At some point in 2019 (and then going forward on an annual basis), MAAPP must be reviewed and agreed to in writing by all athletes, parents, coaches and non-athlete members of the club. There is a sample acknowledgement of policy form on the USA swimming website.

☑ Coaches seem to be getting the word out for their adult athletes to take the APT (Athlete Protection Training). There is a 30 day grace period after the athlete turns 18 to get the APT completed

☑ USA swimming continues to update their FAQs so check them out if you have questions

regarding the policy.