

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 2018
Executive Director Report

Year to Date Registrations: (2017 numbers as of 6/1/17)

Athletes: 6755	(6648)
Outreach: 50	(44)
Seasonal: 120	(124)
Non-Athletes: 981	(959)
Clubs: 47	(49)

LEAP 1 Renewal: On May 29th I was notified that our renewal was approved! In the next few weeks I will begin looking at the steps we need to complete for LEAP 2. There is a monetary incentive for successfully completing LEAP 2. We have received incentive that in each of the last two quads and have 18 months to complete it for this quad.

Update on Projects in the Works:

- 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Camp: It was announced at the recent Eastern Zone meeting that VSI will host the camp. We are currently considering hosting the camp at University of Virginia or Liberty University and should be finalizing the location sometime this summer.
- 2019 EZ LC Age Group Champs: I have been notified that the Liberty University Natatorium is available for our use for this meet, dates Aug. 7 – 11, 2019. During this past week I have visited the hotels in the area to determine if the Lynchburg area had the capacity and amenities to successfully host the event. Maureen visited the area last summer so she and I have discussed the matter and feel that Lynchburg is a viable location with one hesitation. While there are many hotels very close to the Natatorium, there are only three hotels in the area that are considered to be full service. Five of the LSCs that attend the meet desire accommodations at full service hotels. Because of the number of rooms available at those hotels and the numbers needed by the teams, we would need to strongly recommend where each of those LSCs could stay. This is a departure from the way the host LSC normally handles hotel accommodations, so we wanted the Board to be aware of it that issue when making the decision as to where we host the meet. There would be a significant cost savings in the cost of the pool if we host the meet at Liberty versus CSAC.

Action Item: Determine whether to hold the 2019 EZ LC Age Group Championships at CSAC or at Liberty University.

Flex Membership:

- Last week Emily and I visited with several club registrars to explain Flex membership and the ways it might work for their teams. We also discussed the Junior Coach option and the release of the online data validation project in the fall. I plan to make visits to the different parts of the state as well.
- Flex membership allows athletes to participate in ‘two sanctioned meets below the level of LSC championship meets’. The LSC has the option to define what meets it considers championship meets. I think it would be a good idea for us to state that definition at this point. Do we want to consider all of the meets in our current SC and LC progression to be championship meets?

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Action Item: Define 'championship meets' for the purpose of athletes registered in Flex category.

- Athletes who participate in a meet before they are registered are subject to a fine. We need to consider if Flex members who swim in a third meet before changing their membership type are subject to this fine. (Additional information – SWIMS is being modified so that if a Flex member swims in a third meet, the times will not load.)

Action Item: Decide if Flex members are subject to fines for illegal participation in meets.

USAS Convention: The event this year will be held September 26-29, in Jacksonville, FL. I have reserved seven rooms for check-in on the 25th and departure on the 30th. As the time gets closer I will get travel plans from those representing VSI and make any adjustments to the reservations.

Awards Celebration in Fall, 2019: Because we voted to move this event from spring to fall, we need to think through how we will handle several things. These include:

- LC All Star Team – I think this one is easy. We name the team at the end of the 2018 LC season but also recognize them (ask them to stand) at the event in Fall, 2019.
- Competitive Spirit Awards – do teams want to present them in the spring at their awards banquets?
- Swimmer of the Year Awards
- Coach of the Year Awards

We do not need to act on these at the present, but we need to be thinking about ways to address them. So, put on your thinking caps!