

WYSI BOD Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Cindy O'Dwyer at 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken.

Present:

Cindy O'Dwyer, General Chair
Mark Miller, Finance Chair
Hannah Gross, Sr. Athlete Rep
Joan Kulow, Secretary
Teresa Gross, Age Group Chair
Sarah DeLay, Safe Sport Coordinator
Alyssa Robinson, Athlete at Large

Cathy Fisher, Admin Vice Chair
Jennifer Schaff, Coaches Rep
Jackson Fouras, Jr. Athlete Rep
Teri Oursler, Treasurer
George Mathes, Officials Chair
Amber Boysen, DEI Chair
Jennifer Page, Office Admin

Cindy presented March 7, 2020, BOD meeting minutes for approval. Mark Miller moved to accept them, Teresa seconded. Vote held, minutes unanimously approved.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Return to Swimming in wake of closures due to Covid-19

Cindy opened a discussion regarding the the USA-S return to swimming document which she previously shared with the BOD via email. The document can be referenced [here](#).

She reminded the Board that we are instructed to "ease in". There is no hurry and no pressure, for in the wake of Covid-19 outbreaks, we need to follow precautions of states, counties, and municipalities. Per the document, generally June is a "return to practice" and July would see the beginnings of small, virtual meets allowing distancing of athletes.

In Wyoming so far, only Rawlins and Powell have opened their pools allowing just one swimmer per lane. Sublette's pool is open for ages 18+. It is anticipated that Laramie's pool will open tomorrow, again with 1 swimmer/lane. Across Wyoming, there is VERY limited access.

Cindy spoke with George, and she is concerned about Sanctions. If a (Virtual) meet is sanctioned soon, Clubs would need to provide all the officials and personnel for its swimmers. Will individual Clubs have adequate officials and personnel to ensure valid time verification and ability to follow the USA/WYSI rules/protocols.

Teri moved that WYSI should not sanction any meets this summer- neither the Championship or any local or virtual meet. It is not worth the risk to have athletes, families gather at any pool. Cathy Fisher seconded, adding that she, too, does not see meets this summer being a realistic

option, stating that due to uneven Covid numbers/cases across the state, it's unfair for some to compete, not others. Sarah DeLay emphasized that we do NOT want to have the pool/USA Swimming be a source of COVID spreading.

Jennifer Schaff asked George to clarify what official/meet staffing would be necessary for a Club to host a Virtual Meet. George reviewed official deck staffing for a meet - virtual or otherwise (very minimum: Referee, Starter, Stroke&Turn). (AMENDED – a designated Administrative Official is also required for all meets and granting of sanctions) He referenced a National USA-S Officials' call back in April, and reported the history of virtual competitions/meets started in Alaska, long before the restrictions now in place due to the Covid considerations.

Call to question. Vote held- motion passed with 1 dissenter. There will be NO WYSI meet sanctions in July. If Clubs do choose to race and offer a virtual meet, the times will not count towards State Championship Q-times and will not be entered into SWIMS database.

August: USA Swimming is working to (maybe) host Regional Meets for swimmers who have a Sectional time or better. Initial planning involves a limit of 350 people (athletes? athletes + spectators? No clarification available at this time, as it is very preliminary.) There is no solid information available as to date, location, course length, etc. USA-Swimming does not yet have a plan for a Regional Meet for the Wyoming LSC clubs, and Cindy is concerned about travel and facility options for Wyoming; she is meeting with USA-S on Thursday, this week. Cindy would like BOD input.

Teresa Gross added that USA Swimming also plans to also be involved in a finding a venue and host Regional "Zone" meet to replace the meet for Zones swimmers. All Regional Meets would be sanctioned through USA Swimming. Also, she received an email stating that the Rapid City pool is closed for the summer.

Sarah DeLay offered Colorado as a possible venue for a Regional meet that would be feasible for Wyoming athletes.

Teri offered that a regional meet should not be strictly defined by LSC. Rather, geographical location should be a factor as to which regional meet to attend, and WYSI could ultimately send athletes to various locations.

***all these plans and meets are contingent upon status of COVID-19, and they are preliminary. Outdoor pools preferred vs. indoor venue.

Teri moved to cancel 2020 Summer Long Course Championships, and Mark Miller seconded the motion. Discussion: George stated that USA-S did waive the LSC requirement for summer championships this year, so this motion would still keep us in compliance with USA-S. Vote held- motion passed unanimously. There will be no 2020 WYSI Long Course Championship. (Gillette had already reported that they could not host the meet this year due to Covid.)

2020 HOD Actions

Cindy asked the BOD if we can hold the HOD virtually? WYSI has not explicitly addressed this, and Cindy will look into the legal wording which we may need to adopt in our By-Laws or P/P manual to allow for this. The meeting of clubs at Summer State has traditionally been recognized as an HOD meeting, but according to the Policy and Procedures manual, the official HOD meeting is the November meeting. We cannot anticipate the status of Covid-19 for this November and what meeting restrictions may be in effect.

Due to no Summer Long Course Championships, we need to address:

Priority Meet Dates for September, 2020, through July, 2021. Normally, this would be information submitted to the WYSI Secretary, and then meet dates would be allocated at the Summer State HOD gathering. This year, completed applications should be sent to Joan Kulow kjkulow@msn.com and Cindy O'Dwyer cindyodwyer@gmail.com.

Priority meet dates (ONE per club) will be granted in the order that a team's complete application is received, and the application/facility verification remains consistent with the requirements stated in the Policy and Procedures.

Winter State venue.

Laramie has already bid for Winter State 2021. If another Club wants to host, then what would be our protocol to choose a location, if we cannot vote during the HOD during Summer Championships? Teri suggested posting the Winter Championship venue options somewhere on the WYSI website.

Cathy Fisher asked if we need to determine (vote on) location before November. 2021 Winter Championships will be the first Championship Meet that will have a host club, but the meet will be organized and run by a Wyoming Swimming Meet Committee. Cathy moved that we vote on Winter 2021 location at fall 2020 HOD if not prohibited by Policy and Procedures. Teri seconded, and vote held; motion passed unanimously.

Cathy asked that when we post on the website the announcement for NO Summer Championships on the website, we also post information/procedure regarding the priority meet requests per the Policy and Procedures manual. This was agreed upon by the BOD without dissent.

George referenced the Policy and Procedures manual, and it does explicitly state that Winter Meet location must be finalized at previous Summer State HOD.

Cathy proposed that we post on the website that Winter State Host Bids will be due to Joan and Cindy by July 1, and then a vote would be held (electronically) with counting completed on the date which the vote would have been held at Summer Championships, July 18, 2020. The votes will go to Joan and Cindy.

Procedural details to be posted on the website:

- When/how to submitting bids (to Joan and Cindy by July 1) + Bid Rubric (see below)
- posting of bids for clubs to review

- When/how to submit votes (to Joan and Cindy by July 18)

At this time, the local host club has the opportunity to provide concessions, T-shirts, and program sales. Bids must include anything extra (money for cleaning, hotel/restaurant availability, etc.) beyond what is already stated.

Cathy proposed creation of a State Championship Proposal (Bid) Rubric to help identify what other items should be included in a Winter State bid, especially with consideration of Covid-19 precautions. Jennifer asked if Cathy could draft the Bid Rubric to direct the clubs to submit the information that would identify the best host/venue for a championship meet. Cathy agreed. No dissent from BOD members.

George read the new guidelines for what a LSC-hosted Winter State Championship meet would look like based upon the new format approved in November, 2019, including structure of Meet Organizing Committee and duties.

Mark Miller noted that he was planning to retire as USA-S coach on August 1. Wanted feedback/input as to timing of his retiring from BOD- this summer (August 1) vs. this November. Mark is Finance Chair. Cindy expressed that she would like to have Mark continue through November HOD. Teri asked that if Mark could offer a replacement in a timely manner, before his August 1 retirement date, then there would be a more smooth transition. She believes that we must have a Finance Chair for the integrity of the office and WYSI organization. Mark stated he would contact Ward Anderson. George offered Dan Diver, if Ward was not interested. Wanting continuity, Teri wondered if they would be willing to run for the position in November, since the BOD can appoint someone now, and then fill the position in November.

Teri stated that she is concerned about Covid-19 and the repercussions as to our fall HOD, Top 5 banquet, and other events. Further arrangements and accommodations (postpone award banquet? Zoom BOD/HOD meetings, availability of venue in Casper) will be made as appropriate to the Covid-19 situation this fall.

Teri reminded the BOD that any and all virtual meetings within WYSI should be held on this WYSI Zoom platform. She gave the login information to the board. George already uses the Zoom account to host the Officials' meetings, and Cindy encouraged the athletes, other committees to use the WYSI Zoom account for their meetings, also.

Cindy thanked all for attending, especially the three athlete members. Mark Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri seconded. Vote held, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

