

Wyoming Swimming, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 19, 2019  
Roosevelt Swim Center, Rapid City, SD

Meeting called to order by Cindy O'Dwyer at 12:10 p.m.

Board Members present:

Cindy O'Dwyer, General Chair

Clint Beaver, Administrative Vice Chair

Jennifer Schaff, Coaches Representative

Kellen Chadderdon, Athlete Rep

Teresa Gross, Age Group Vice Chair

Joan Kulow, Secretary

George Mathes, Officials Co-Chair

Wendell Robison, Officials' Co-Chair

Caleb Calhoun, Diversity and Inclusion Chair

Hannah Gross, Athlete Rep

Sarah DeLay, Safe Sport Chair

Cindy opened the meeting by thanking the BOD for working hard and coming together to help plan, coordinate, and carry-out the Summer Long Course Championships in Rapid City, SD.

Cindy O'Dwyer, General Chair, reported:

By Laws: New By-laws need to be adopted per USA Swimming. Cindy is reviewing the template issued by USA Swimming. She plans to incorporate/accept any changes that USA Swimming recommends. If there are choices as to policy, Cindy will contact the BOD to discuss options. If WYSI wants to change any of the accepted recommendations, proposals can be brought forth at BOD/HOD in November.

Tomorrow's House of Delegates agenda will consist of two items: identifying Priority Meet dates and selecting a Winter Short Course Championship location.

- Review of Priority Meet date and Club meet date conflict policy (within 150 miles). Reminder to BOD of the P&P item that for any Club wishing to reserve a meet date, the Club needs to submit to WYSI a letter from the facility manager stating that a pool is available for that date, especially if it's a priority meet. This is to help prevent meet cancellation due to pool unavailability.
  - Riverton has requested a priority meet date without a facility manager letter. Joan will email Scott Priebe from Riverton to remind him he needs that letter.
- Additionally, when a Club hosts a Swim (Olympian, MOO, etc.) Clinic which is open to anyone outside the hosting club, this needs to be a sanctioned event through WYSI.
- Club Boards need to familiarize themselves with our Policies and Procedures.

Jennifer Schaff will send out an email to coaches to remind them to secure a facility manager letter for availability.

Reminder that there is to be no communication between a parent and an Official re: calls, DQ's, etc.

Clint noted that a Meet Committee needs to address the Open Relay standard for State Championship meets. The Committee needs to establish and formally recommend standards to the BOD and HOD. Any

Board members who have thoughts on the following items should share them with a Committee member.

- Committee members: Tom Johnson, Teresa Gross, Libby Poley, Brent Moore, Ward Anderson.
  - They could set up a ZOOM meeting
- Meet Committee to address the following issues and submit recommendations for November HOD/BOD
  - Open Relay standards as noted above
  - Time standards at Championship meets: B vs BB vs A etc.....
  - Explore 15+ vs. 17+ as age designation for Open class at State Championship meets- consider point allocation. (winter only? Both summer and winter? Neither? )
  - Last Chance Meets 1- or 2-day meets? Allow for Winter only or for both winter and summer?

Wendel brought up SWIMS times. A swimmer who is concurrently registered with USA Swimming and is swimming with a high school team may use high school times (not “observed” meets) as qualifying times for our State meet. Observed meets have times that are entered into the SWIMS database. Again, Cindy recommended that any BOD members who have concerns about this should address them to the Meet Committee.

Cindy confirmed that we do have a South Dakota sanction number assigned for this Summer Long Course Championship Meet. The meet results will go through the South Dakota Swimming website, then the results will be entered into SWIMS database as soon as possible for Zones entry times.

Jennifer Schaff recommended that we determine who is attending the USAS National Convention to be held September 10-15 in St. Louis, MO. Hotel rooms are already secured. WYSI has 5 votes, and we would like to send 5 people. Generally, the attendees would consist of the general chair, coach representative, Sr. chair, and 2 athletes. If those 5 cannot attend, the priority to select attendees would then move to Board members. Lastly, volunteers from across WYSI could attend to represent WYSI’s 5 votes. Cindy encouraged Board members to step up and volunteer to attend-- contact Cindy regarding your intentions and/or your desire to attend for WYSI.

Discussion regarding the Senior Zones meet. Cindy noted WYSI should look at both our time standards and the cost to WYSI when selecting/sending Senior Zone Meet teams. WYSI as an organization lost \$26,000 last year, and Cindy stated we need to be more responsible and send a better, more competitive team--with maybe an exception for a 1<sup>st</sup> time qualifier. We’ve sent 36-52 swimmers in the past few years, and have scored poorly as a team.

- Athlete representatives and the Senior Chair (Brent Moore) need to form a Zone Committee to discuss Zones teams:
  - consider “raising the bar” by requiring more Q times per swimmer
  - encourage attendance, but set a faster standard?
  - increase summer practice commitments and/or WYSI meet attendance requirements (currently 4 meets per including both SC and LC Championship Meets.)
  - anticipate not “instant” results, but improved competitiveness over time
  - Analyze cost-sharing, noting that we increased Zone Swimmer fees last year to \$700

- Recognize the importance and fun of attending as a WYSI All-Star team
- Club Coaches should be involved with identifying complications/exceptions as to how a swimmer participated in WYSI events and participated in other high school activities

Cindy reported that WYSI has met it's LEAP 2 requirements. However, LEAP 1 must be renewed every 4 years. This deadline is August 1, 2019. Cindy will send out documents, requirements to BOD members to ensure compliance with LEAP 1.

Cindy noted she would like to have a proposal for this fall's HOD/BOD regarding our LCM meets: This current LCM Championship Meet has long 8 & U events. Is it appropriate to have 8&U 200 Free and 200 IM events in LCM? Cindy states that USA Swimming does not encourage this. Cindy would like to return to the 10 & U age designation for these events. Consider all 8 & U events in one day of the State Championship meet?

Cindy noted that for WYSI, meet participation is down across the state, but also meet attendance fees have increased. She encouraged Clubs to have more "no award" meets to keep cost of attendance at a minimum. Also, duals and triangular meets are encouraged; they are quick and low fee with minimal travel. A goal of WYSI should be to have more competitive swimmers, which is supported by more meet attendance.

George Mathes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hannah Gross seconded the motion. Vote passed.

Cindy adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.