

WYSI BOD Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 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
Jennifer Schaff, Coaches Rep
Hannah Gross, Sr. Athlete Rep
Teri Oursler, Treasurer
Teresa Gross, Age Group Chair
Sarah DeLay, Safe Sport Coordinator

Cathy Fisher, Admin Vice Chair
Joan Kulow, Secretary
Alyssa Robinson, Athlete at Large
Amber Boysen, DEI Chair
George Mathes, Officials Chair
Jennifer Page, Office Admin

Priority Meet dates

Cindy explained that this meeting is being held to ensure that we comply with our Policy and Procedures as we designate Priority Meets for Clubs. The procedure we identified at our last Zoom meeting on May 19 does not comply, as we identified a "first come, first served" process allowing a club that submits paperwork first would have first choice to a priority meet date. Additionally, Cathy got a phone call from a Club, and it was evident that we did not get the information from May 19 out in an effective/timely manner, and unless a person had attended the BOD meeting, they would not be aware of the procedure we had established.

This meeting is to correct the erroneous action, so that the Policy and Procedures would be followed as closely as possible in light of Covid-19. Cathy reviewed the pertinent section listed here:

Section III G. PRIORITY AND NON-PRIORITY MEET DATES

1. The HOD shall select "Priority Meet" dates during the Summer Championship Meet between the preliminaries and finals on Saturday.
2. Prior to the Summer Championship Meet, clubs desiring a priority meet must confirm in writing that the facility to be used is available. Clubs should have facility-approved back up dates in case they do not receive their first choice of date.
3. The names of clubs who have submitted written confirmation of facility availability shall be drawn randomly and allowed to choose their priority meet date in the order they are drawn. After each club desiring a priority meet has received a date, other dates may be selected.

Cathy proposed that we meet via Zoom on Saturday, July 18, when we would have met during Summer State, and priority meets could be assigned per a random computer assignment. Cindy asked Teri to explain how a random assignment could be done with transparency. Teri

described/demonstrated how she could randomly assign numbers to rows on a spreadsheet, and clubs will be assigned to rows, ensuring no premeditated preference order.

Discussion followed: Do we need to go through this system if there are no Priority Meet date request conflicts? Cathy stated that this procedure would allow compliance with the P & P. She emphasized the importance of the facility availability paperwork as part of the submission.

Jennifer Schaff asked if we need to actually meet/Zoom on the specific Summer State date of July 18? People from various clubs may already have other commitments on that day and may not be able to attend the meeting. Teams should have a submission deadline prior to the date the meeting is set, whenever it is. What would be a date that would work for the most clubs?

Cathy noted that getting a consensus of Club representatives would take time, and we as a Board can set a firm meeting date. Reasonable notice is considered 10 days, and we are 11 days out from the July 18 deadline.

Teresa Gross suggested we randomly assign teams to a selection order. We could have Clubs submit Priority Meet dates, then if there are any conflicts, the randomly assigned selection order would be utilized to award the date. We wouldn't necessarily need a meeting at all.

Cindy agreed that this would remove the need for a meeting, and conflicts, if there are any, would have a fair, random resolution. Teri ensured that we have a system that is both random and transparent which we could use if there is a conflict.

Joan questioned whether we were obligated to have a meeting for this. The actual physical meeting generally runs smoothly with teams working out dates and meets as the meeting discussion. With this suggested system, Joan (and Teri) will receive the emailed Priority Meet submissions and will compile the list for the random assignment/order. Teri emphasized that we want this system to be fair.

Teri hid her screen and randomly assigned orders to spreadsheet rows.

Cathy asked as to when the Priority Meet submissions should be due. We will proceed and plan for meets in accordance with the P & P assuming it will be a normal fall/winter swim schedule. Jennifer Schaff encouraged Clubs to think "outside the box" and think about how a meet could be run, for example, using two facilities vs. one. Cathy suggested all Priority Meet requests be submitted by the original deadline of Saturday, July 18, at 3:00 pm. Then, Joan and Teri can review the dates and notify the Clubs within a few days as to the Meet date awarded. Cathy suggested submissions include additional alternative dates so if there is a conflict, Priority Meets can still be assigned, complying with the random order of assignment.

Motion made by Jennifer Schaff to accept this WYSI BOD Priority Meet process using random assignment of order for teams to be awarded Priority Meet dates using a spreadsheet if there are date conflicts. Teri seconded it. Vote held. Motion **passed** unanimously.

Joan then randomly assigned the 24 WYSI Clubs to the already randomly ordered rows on the spreadsheet. The row order was hidden, and will be revealed only when/if there is a conflict once the submissions have been received.

Cindy asked and Cathy agreed to write up an email to the Clubs, explaining this new selection process for Priority Meet dates. Both Clint and Teri will be consulted, to ensure accuracy.

Winter State Bid

Cathy asked if every Club contact received the information about hosting Winter State, 2021, including the bidding process, application, and also the voting process. Jennifer Page stated she sent it to every Club contact on the registration forms she received last year. Cathy wants to be sure all the Clubs are aware of the Sunday, July 19, voting deadline. Laramie has expressed interest in hosting, but their submission was sent months ago, so more than likely their bid does not have the latest application/bid information included, which Cathy and the Meet Organizing Committee (George, Nick H., Teresa G, Wendel, plus an athlete) prepared in the past couple weeks. Cathy asked that Jennifer Page send a copy of the application and bid information to the Board members.

Return to pool/competition

Cindy stated that Buffalo is interested in holding a meet in August. USA-Swimming will allow this and Cindy wants to discuss this at another time, at a future meeting. We, as a Board, will need to decide whether to accept and approve a sanction for an August meet, if one is requested.

Cindy has asked Clubs via email to inform her of how much pool time they are getting, if any. She will send out the email again. There is a great variety of pool accessibility through the state, and we want to be fair.

- Casper (per Nick H.) no access at this time, which may impact our Top 5, HOD plans for this November. We will need to start working on those plans. Alyssa R. noted that pool access may begin on July 15 for Club swimmers.
- Powell has access with limited swimmers per lane
- Rawlins- yes
- SWAT - yes
- Laramie - yes
- Newcastle started 2-3 weeks/ago using an outdoor pool. But indoor pool access will start on July 8. Teresa submitted a health plan to allow 2 swimmers/lane.
- Cody has been in the pool for 3 weeks, 2 hours/twice a week. Up to 5 swimmers per lane.
- Lander should be opening July 13 with a total of 40 people in the pool building at one time
- Riverton high school swimming has started. Club start is questionable.

- Cheyenne high school has started, but no Club swimming has been allowed yet or in the near future.
- Worland open for age 15 & over; 2 swimmers/lane
- Jackson has no Club swimming, but individuals can swim laps with stringent cleaning processes by staff.

Cindy encouraged Clubs to consider alternative format meets, whether they are Virtual Meets, Time Trials, etc. The times achieved with these alternative formats are not accepted by USA Swimming, but they can be used for LSC Championships, qualifying times, etc.

Cindy reiterated USA-Swimming's recommendation to move forward slowly and cautiously with regard to Covid-19. Jennifer asked that Clubs be cautious, but also wants to see a safe return to in-water activities, with sanctions defining safety measures.

Cindy thanked all for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Teri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded.

Vote held, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.