

ARSI HOD meeting Minutes
Feb. 8th, 2022
8pm - Zoom

1. Call to order--Stephanie Miller GC

2. Roll call –

Board of Directors –

LSC General Chair – Stephanie Miller

LSC Admin Vice Chair – Vic Moore

LSC Senior Vice Chair – Mark Gole

LSC Age Group Chair – Adam Nelson

LSC Finance Vice Chair - Anita Parisi

LSC Secretary- Jackie Bracy

LSC Coaches Rep – Shawn Klosterman

LSC Senior Athlete Rep – Ainsley Jenkins- not present

LSC Junior Athlete Rep – Dylan Nelsen

LSC Diversity Chair- Vic Moore

LSC Disability Chair- Amy Priddle

LSC Treasurer – Ashley Ditta- not present

LSC Technical Planning Chair – John Moseley- not present

Safety Coordinator / Safe Sport Chair- Scott Saunders

Athlete at Large-

Ex-Officio BOD (non-voting members)

Past General Chair- Daris Bright

Membership / Registration Coordinator- Evan Johnston

Sanctions Coordinator- Ed Gbur

Officials Chair- David Wicklund- not present

Katie Rowe- Jets Athlete

Luke Morris- SHRK HOD

Brody Wilson- HAK Athlete

Chloe Thompson- **Athlete-NWAA**

Steve Hall- LRAD HOD

John Dellorto- Jets Alternate

Braden Gentry- HAK HOD

Melissa Britt- HAK Alternate

Eric Paden- NWAA HOD

Stephanie called a special session to vote on increasing Splash fees to add an Admin person to the LSC. Her goals also include increasing sponsorships and marketing and elevating our LSC to a more competitive level to other surrounding LSCs.

Adam questioned when it would start- Steph proposed April 1; Anita said it would have to be effective "summer season" or April 1st

Adam- requested a delay until "school year"; not tying it to facility fee;

Steve suggested we wait until fall to vote on it

Anita says we can't really wait until the fall because we need to build revenue before we hire an Admin person

Stephanie Miller- missing zoom calls, 3x/month; we are very behind in league paperwork;

Adam questioned on long course season and anticipated revenue generated

Anita said if it is a 1/3 of \$64,000; \$21,000; emphasized the importance of getting an Admin.

Even stating that the minutes are incorrect, and need to be updated for her finance files.

Flex Membership-

Steve Hall questioned why can we not charge a set amount and divide it by the # of swimmers- then we pay for admin, so it is not only a burden to the teams who host meets.

Steve- questioned asking adding it to the Registration fee-

Shawn says making the registration higher diminishes the popularity of swimming as a sport

Anita says summer league is cheap, USA swim registration fees are shocking; we "get to" host meets and make \$ off of hosting meets.

Small teams would like to host meets;

Evan says our Arkansas registration fees are in the top % in the country.

Adam Nelsen- says eliminating Flex Memberships could really hurt swimming in AR.

Evan clarified that Flex Memberships cannot be used year after year

Anita questioned Flex Membership to Adam- do they get "hooked" or do they keep going back to Flex?

Adam answered "all of the options" sometimes flex year 1; upgrade; flex year 3- options for families is so important- giving opportunities to families is so important.

Stephanie clarified that many people feel that Flex Membership should not be touched right now- Evan said 245 Flex memberships last year; less than 100 upgraded, which is a big chunk out of our budget. Most renewed as Flex.

Shawn asked that we table Flex discussion and stick to Splash Fees.

Stephanie clarified that our goal is to bring our income to that of where we can get our jobs done and meet our goals so that we can make our state better. Admin person who can make their own income on marketing and sponsorships.

Anita declared, if people have issues with Splash Fees, they need to come up with a proposal.

Steve wants to spread it between all the teams "however we can get to that point".

Shawn gave an example of the benefits of hosting meets.

Evan mentioned charging outside LSCs to come to AR- like we do in Memphis

Anita asked if we raise some registration, some meet fees, and assess higher LSC fees

Evan says we can't raise registration until September.

Steve doesn't want to prevent teams from outside from coming in by raising fees for teams not in LSC.

Stephanie says most people don't look at meet fees;

Shawn says it is not the meet fees that scare him; it's more the restaurant and other travel fees.

Evan- everyone has information- is this a meet we can afford and that we want to go to?

Luke brings up if we spread it out over the meet fees, then it doesn't make that much of an impact. He supports the current recommendation.

Shawn says no one wants to raise fees; everyone wants to grow the sport, but the LSC needs to do better. **Shawn made a motion to raise fees presented by Stephanie.**

Vic seconded.

Stephanie clarified she is changing the name of the swimmer surcharge to LSC fee.

Nays- Steve Hall; Braden Gentry against

Steve requested private voting- via Survey Monkey-

Edward and Evan are non-voting

Measure passed- all others on call voted in favor

Waiting until April 1 so that Championships are not affected. If the event date is April 1 or beyond, it will be with the new meet fees.

Stephanie will update the new fee structure and send it out to everyone.

ARSI FEE STRUCTURE FOR MEETS HOSTED AFTER 4/01/2222

Regular meets

	Entry Fee	Fee paid to ARSI
Swimmer surcharge to LSC	\$3	\$3
Individual event	no max-host discretion	\$1
Relay event	no max	\$2
Facility fee	no max	0

Championship Meets

	Entry Fee	Fee paid to ARSI
Swimmer surcharge to LSC	\$5	\$5
Individual event	Maximum \$7	\$1
Relay event	Maximum \$14	\$2
Facility fee	Maximum \$20	0

Time Trials events will be billed the same as other events

ASI equipment use is always \$25 per session

Sanction fees and Deposits

	Sanction fee	Sanction Deposit
All meets	\$30	\$50
Time trials with meet	\$10	none
Time trials-stand alone	\$25	\$50
Clinic	none	none

Late fees:

Meet sanctions issued between 2 and 4 weeks before the meet additional \$30 late fee

No sanctions will be issued within 2 weeks of the first day of the meet

No sanctions will be issued within 3 days of a stand alone time trial