

**ASI HOD Meeting Minutes****April 22, 2017**

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Topic	Current Status	Follow Up Needed
Roll Call	<p><u>Board of Directors – Executive Committee</u></p> <p>LSC General Chair - Shawn Klosterman LSC Senior Athlete Rep – Jack Little LSC Admin Vice Chair – Shawn Drake LSC Junior Athlete Rep – AJ Mainord LSC Senior Vice Chair – Carl Auel LSC Coaches Rep – Tom Bullock LSC Age Group Chair – Tony Marleneanu LSC Secretary- Steve Chriss LSC Treasurer – Christine Belcher LSC Finance Vice Chair - Anita Parisi</p> <p><u>Other Board of Directors</u></p> <p>LSC Technical Planning Chair – John Moseley At Large – Membership Coordinator &amp; Zone Chair – Evan Johnston At Large – Athlete – Spencer Hazen Safe Sport Coordinator &amp; Safety Coordinator - Shawn Drake</p> <p><u>HOD Group Member Representatives</u></p> <p>Jonesboro Jets – Jim Byrd Little Rock Dolphin-Lasers – Carl Auel Springfield Aquatics – Thomas Baumann Central Ark Racers – Adam Nelsen Berzerker Swimming – Shawn Klosterman Hot Springs Seals – Hannah Archer Hendrix Aquakids – Tony Marleneanu Northwest Arkansas Aquatics – Marcel DaPonte Fort Smith Tideriders – Tom Bullock Razorback Aquatic Club – Todd Mann Texarkana ATAC –Herb Brill</p>	

	<p>Univ of Arkansas – Melissa Steele North Central AR Aquatics -- Brian Bowen</p> <p><u>At Large House Members</u> Diversity Coordinator – Emily Hanson Athlete – Camryn Jenkins Zone Chair – Evan Johnston Athlete – Spencer Hazen Safety Coordinator – Terri Cohen Athlete – Sanctions Coordinator – Ed Gbur Athlete – NTV Records Coordinator – Herb Brill At Large Officials Chair – Daris Bright Disability Chair -- Brad Hagan</p>	
Reading and Adoption of Minutes	<p><b>Discussion:</b> <b>Motion:</b> <b>Vote:</b></p>	
Reports of Officers	<p>A. General Chairman – Shawn Klosterman</p> <p>B. Administrative Vice-chairman – Shawn Drake</p> <p>C. Senior Vice-chairman – Carl Auel</p> <p>D. Age Group Vice-chairman – Tony Marleneanu</p> <p>E. Secretary- Steve Chriss</p> <p>No report</p> <p>F. Treasurer – Christine Belcher</p>	

<p>Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. ASI Handbook/Bylaw Committee – Ed Gbur</li> <li>B. Athletes Committee – Jack Little</li> <li>C. Board of Review- Beverly Brister</li> <li>D. Coaches Committee – Tom Bullock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recap of summer state coaches meeting</li> <li>b. Time standards for 2017-18</li> </ul> </li> <li>E. Finance Committee – Anita Parisi</li> <li>F. Hall-of-Fame Committee – Adam Nelsen</li> <li>G. Nominating Committee - Keith McAfee</li> <li>H. Officials Committee – Daris Bright</li> <li>I. Technical Planning Committee – John Moseley</li> <li>J. Zone Committee – Evan Johnston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Zone report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Reports of Coordinators</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Membership – Evan Johnston</li> <li>B. NTV Records – Herb Brill</li> <li>C. Sanctions – Ed Gbur</li> <li>D. Diversity – Shawn Drake</li> </ul>	

	<p>E. Safety – Terri Cohen (<a href="#">Report</a>)</p> <p>Submitted via email: There was one accident reported where a swimmer dislocated his knee cap. It happened in the water and he was not sure how it happened. Just remind the teams to report their accidents to me and to USA Swimming, that way I can keep up with them. This last accident was reported to both. Also there is a Safety Committee meeting in Denver in June, but I won't be able to go this year.</p> <p>F. Awards – Keith McAfee</p> <p>G. Equipment – Keith McAfee</p>	
Unfinished Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Confirm and update documents regarding no longer being able to enter the 100 with 50 time or the 50 with 100 time in the young age groups.</li> <li>● Appeal of late entry penalty (NWAA)</li> </ul>	
New Business (supporting document attached)	<p>A. Approve 2017-18 Proposed Meet Schedule</p> <p>B. Proposed ASI Handbook <a href="#">change regarding Records</a> (Herb Brill)</p> <p>C. Paid Staff Position?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is it time?</li> <li>How do we pay for it?</li> <li>What exactly would the responsibilities be?</li> <li>Who is eligible to apply? (non-active coach...?)</li> </ol>	

	<p>D. Give ASI Secretary “Super User” access to ASI site to post documents (Ed Gbur)</p> <p>E. Technical Suit Restriction Proposal (Todd Mann)</p> <p>F. CASC Split Site Championship Proposal (John Moseley)</p> <p>Proposal: For the ASI Short Course Championships, I propose a split site prelims for Saturday and Sunday. 10 and under &amp; 11-12 age groups would swim prelims at Bishop Park in Bryant, AR. 13-14, 15-16 &amp; 17-18 age groups would swim prelims at the River Center in Benton, AR. All age groups would come together for Finals at the River Center in Benton, AR. (John Moseley)</p> <p>Rationale: This format would create a shorter prelims session, and allow swimmers more rest between prelims and finals.</p> <p>This would also allow more spectator seating.</p> <p>The River Center has seating for 250 spectators in the balcony, seating for 220 swimmers on deck, and access to basketball courts which hold overflow seating for up to 5000 people.</p> <p>Bishop Park has seating for 225 spectators and swimmers and access to the basketball courts for any overflow seating.</p> <p>We would also be able to expand the Friday Session of the meet if needed.</p> <p>There is potential capability to set up video feed between the two facilities for parents who may have athletes at both sites.</p> <p>The River Center and Bishop Park are 11 Minutes away</p>	
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**Discussion:**

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	<p>i. Rationale: It would offer a better flow to the schedule. By placing the meet in February it should encourage our senior swimmers to attend the meet. This would help strengthen the quality of the meet.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>H. Proposals for Championships (Under Current Format at UALR)</p> <p>a. Split 15-16 &amp; 17-18 cuts (Todd Mann)</p> <p>i. Calculate to 32nd for 15-16 and 20th for 17-18. (Tony Marleneanu)</p> <p>ii. Keep current cuts but calculate from 42nd place for 15-18 (Tony Marleneanu)</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>b. "A" cut, but filling to 24th... (Todd Mann)</p> <p>c. Eliminate positive check-in for relays (Carl Auel)</p> <p>d. Facility fee increase (Carl Auel)</p> <p>e. Add awards break between Senior 100 breast and 200 back (Shawn Klosterman)</p> <p>f. Drop 11-12 200's stroke at SCY champs and offer as TT like we do in summer (?)</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>I. Approve Meet Bids for Championships</p> <p>J. DATE OF FALL HOD MEETING</p>	
Awards	<p>A. Long Course Age Group Swimmers of the Year– should be presented at HOD by using formula of top 7 times (Age Group Chair)</p>	

	<p>B. Age Group Coach of the Year- David DeGeus</p> <p>C. Coach of Year- Todd Mann</p> <p>D. ConocoPhillips Volunteer of the year Daris Bright</p> <p>E. Heil Mile Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 14@ Under boys: Nicholas Heye</li> <li>b. 14@ Under girls: Hayley Pike</li> <li>c. 15@ Older boys: Jack Little</li> <li>d. 15@ Older girls: Taylor Pike</li> </ul> <p>F. ASI Male/Female Swimmers of the Year - Antonio Thomas and Taylor Pike</p>	
Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Slate presented by nominating committee:</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. General Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Admin Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Senior Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Finance Vice Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>E. Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>F. At-Large Zone Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.</li> </ul> </li> <li>G. At-Large Athlete (Appointment)</li> <li>H. Diversity Chair (Appointment)</li> <li>I. Disability Chair (Appointment)</li> </ul>	



Resolutions and Orders		

Meeting Adjournment time: 9:08 PM

Proposed handbook changes regarding records:

I don't know if we need to go thru a formal process but this is how I've been maintaining the records:

Recommend Updating Record Information in Handbook

- Exclude A. Deadlines

Since having our LSC Portal track records from SWIMS, deadlines are no longer needed. Timing has it where SCY record certificates are delivered during the Spring HOD and the LCM certificates during the Fall HOD.

- Change B. Record Information to:

The ASI NTV / Records Coordinator will run a search for new records as soon as possible once it is known meet results have been uploaded into SWIMS from the LSC Portal website.

**STATE** records are set by USA Swimming member athletes in a Sanctioned USA Swim meet hosted within the State of Arkansas.

**LSC** records are set by Arkansas Swimming, Inc. member athletes in a Sanctioned USA Swim meet in or out of the State of Arkansas.

**Included:** Sanctioned Time Trials and USA Swimming Higher Level Events where the participant represents an ASI club.

**Excluded:** Observed swims such as for NCAA or High School, FINA events such as the Olympics or Worlds where the participant doesn't represent an ASI club.

- Exclude C. Record Reporting Form

Not applicable, records are contained, current and historically, in the USA-Swimming's LSC Portal which is accessible by anyone to query and print out reports from any computer having access to the internet.

- § Change D. Records to:

Records will be certified for those events per represented age group referenced in the National Age Group Motivational Times. Age Groups categories are:

8 & Under, 10 & Under, 11 & 12, 13 & 14 and 15 thru 18.

PLEASE see recommended changes to the Handbook by clicking the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mttnhz6mbohOvWZ6Qd4CPxWc95QECFTd-kqpx\\_GMNdc/edit?disco=AAAABKCYqfA](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Mttnhz6mbohOvWZ6Qd4CPxWc95QECFTd-kqpx_GMNdc/edit?disco=AAAABKCYqfA)

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\*this idea would re-open discussion on several of the ideas we went over in last season's technical planning meeting regarding expanding the meet, including the topics of new cuts, bonus cuts, expanded event order, changing the format to three full days, and more... a full proposal will be presented by CASC regarding their capabilities based on facility limits.-SK

#### **Changes to champs if we maintain same format and calendar:**

1. Proposal: the 15-16 age group & the 17-18 age group have their own set of time standards and not share a time standard. (Todd Mann)
  - Rationale: If we are going to give the 15-16 age group their own "Championship Final", then they should have their own standards.
2. Proposal: for the ASI State Short Course Championship I propose we move to an "A" time stand for all events and fill to the cap for each event. In the 50's & 100's the cap would be 24 swimmers per event and 200's and above the cap would be 16 swimmers per event. The 1650 free would still be top 16 (13-18 age group). We would set the final qualifying period 3 weeks per to start for initial entry and then it would allow for call ups to fill to the cap for each event. Swimmers would have to achieved at least a "BB" standard to be call up for an event. (Todd Mann)
  - Rationale: ASI would have better control of the meet size, allowing multiple sites to bid on the meet. It would make the ASI State Championships much more competitive meet. It would allow for shorter timeline in prelims and should allow for faster swimming all around.
3. Proposal: Eliminate positive check-in for relays at Championship meets. (Carl Auel)
  - Rationale: it caused delays at the most recent SCY championship and did not serve the timeline purpose for which this rule was originally added.
4. Proposal: LRAD would like to request that the facility fee allowed for the ASI Short Course Championship Meet be increased from \$10 to \$15. (Carl Auel)
  - Rationale: Facility fee has remained the same for over a decade even though facility fees have increased In comparison to the average cost per session of what all other teams in the state needed to charge this past short course season, the state meet was by far the lowest cost per session on the schedule. If the costs to run meets at other facilities around the state has gone up, it would stand to reason that the cost to run a meet at UALR has increased as well.

- The state meet is now a 6 session meet – the largest number of sessions for any ASI meet on the schedule.
  - The increase in the facility fee would eliminate the need for ASI to reimburse LRAD for cost of the new “mile session” that was added to the 2017 Short Course Championships.
5. Proposal: Add awards break to give Senior swimmers more of a break between the finals of the 200 back and 100 breast. (Shawn Klosterman)
- Rationale: In the current event order, these swimmers are not given enough rest. Moving an awards session to that space might save us time elsewhere, as we had to add a break between those events anyway by request of the athletes at the 2017 Spring championship.
6. Proposal: Drop the 11-12 200 fly, back and breast, but make them a mandatory TT offering in all TT sessions as we are doing in the summer. (I can’t remember who brought this up on deck at champs...?)
- Rationale: The reason we make it mandatory in the summer is for Zone qualifying opportunities. If we make sure to offer these events as TT on all three days, any swimmer who needs the opportunity to race those events can get it with less stress about going over the maximum events per day.
7. Proposal: Keep the current formula to calculate the cuts. However, for the 15-18 age group instead on take the average top 32 times in Arkansas, We will go for the average top 42 times in Arkansas. (Tony Marleneanu)
- Rationale: since we are limited for how many kids we can take to state, the formula is been working pretty well on determining the numbers for states and making it more challenging. The 15-18 age group is a bigger group than all the other groups and with adding the average of top 42 times will help getting more kids at state for that age group. Also, every year many of the top swimmers in Arkansas choose to go to bigger meets and skip state. That number is around 10 kids or so.
8. Proposal: If our State is hosted at UALR again, I propose to keep the same formula with the only change to the 15-18 age group by doing the average of the top 42 times in Arkansas (currently we do top 32 for all age groups). (Tony Marleneanu)
- Rationale: the formula works well on determining the number of swimmers qualifying for state based on the limit imposed by hosting at UALR. It also keeps the standards getting faster which is pushing the kids which was the reason we did this in the first place. Moving the average up to top 42 for the 15-18 age group will give the kids in that group a better chance to make state and increase the number of 17-18 year olds qualified for state (15-18 age group is the biggest age group so it deserves more spots)
9. Proposal: if we decided to spilt the time standards for the 15-18 age group into 15-16 and 17-18, I propose to have the same formula for the 15-16 age group and top 20 average for the 17-18.
- Rationale: the 15-16 age group is big enough so it needs to go the same as the other age groups (top 32). however, the 17-18 age has a smaller number of eligible swimmers and by analyzing it by event, I think top 20 will be a fairly challenging cut while allowing a decent number of 17-18 year olds to qualify for state.

\*Comment from Tony on the last three proposals: I am open to other ways to calculate the time standards if the location is different and we are allowed to increase the number of swimmers at state. However, if we decide to go back to UALR, I think the formula that

we have in place is the best choice for the future of ASI.

**Additional Proposals: (non-championship calendar related)**

1. Proposal: ASI should no longer allow technical suits to be worn by any athletes age 12 and younger in ASI sanctioned meets. The only exception being during the finals of a prelim/finals meet, or if the meet is Sectional level or higher. (Todd Mann)
  - Rationale: Other LSC's have made this move, as it relieves the burden on families who feel obligated to spend money on high dollar suits to be competitive.

**Shawn's proposed calendar: (Oklahoma is a NO-GO for this year but wants to keep working on it for the future.)**

Proposal: (Shawn Klosterman)

-Feb 3-5	ASI Regionals	
-Feb 9-11	ASI 14u LSC TEAM Championship	(Missouri HS SWMO Champs)
-Feb 17-18	Arkansas HS Districts	(Missouri HS Championship)
-Feb 24-25	(could we put the 14u championship here?)	(Arkansas HS Championship)
-Mar 3-5	ASI vs OKS Senior Dual and ASI vs OKS 14u All-Star Dual	
-Mar 9-12	Sectionals	*(also could have 14u champs here during sectionals.)
-Mar 13-17	NCSA Juniors	
-Mar 20-24	NCSA 14u Nationals	

- The 14u dual could be run like Zones, with a team of "All-Star" Coaches chosen to go, rather than forcing each team to send coaches to two locations. We could do the same with the Senior dual if we wanted to as well.

- When Sectionals finally gets moved back to the first weekend of March this schedule would work even better since we could move the Oklahoma dual meets a week later.
- We could also offer something for the kids who don't make the OK meets to have something else to focus on to keep them in the water until March if necessary since the OK meets would not require everyone to send a coaching staff.
- The Senior dual could take the place of LSC Champs for the older kids. This would allow us to:
  - Take more young swimmers into the 14u LSC TEAM Championship in February. Cuts could be scaled back for them.
  - Add some of the missing events for the 14u meet.
  - Allow all but the **faster** 14u swimmers to end their season earlier.
  - Keep more Senior swimmers interested in sticking around after HS State is done when they don't have Sectional cuts.
  - Give HS Swimmers an opportunity to ride out their shave after HS State if they don't have Sectional cuts.

Rationale: I know that Ozark LSC separated their senior swimmers into their own LSC championship long ago, and when I looked it up I was surprised to find that they do it EARLY. They have it Feb 3-5, which is two weeks before the girls HS State meet in MO. That got me thinking that we might be able to get more creative with our weekends to make it work in the dual with OK. Here is a proposed schedule I thought might solve some of our issues. We could team up with OKS to make it special for both age groups. Paul Thompson has already brought this idea to the OKS Executive Committee and I am waiting to hear back from them.