

NDLSC Status Zoom

02/21/2021 – 7pm



BoD in Attendance: Bret Haglund, Stacy Olson, Liv Olson, Lisa Montplaisir, Janna Schill, Angie Heckaman, Dan Heckaman, Anne McDonagh, Abby Triplett, Wallace Twist, Brian Toay, Kristin Sharbono, Pat Anderson, Eric Anderson

Not in attendance: Meg Schill, Amanda Finck, Eric Anderson, Shane Peterson

State Meet

- Pat has heard from multiple coaches that they are not happy with the split meet for 11-12 and 13+
 - No team mates, relay issues, competition issues, etc...
 - Not one coach in the West in favor of splitting the event
- Per Lisa – 350 Max on deck – including athletes, coaches, officials, workers, etc / 500 spectator
 - These numbers are larger than ND Smart Restart because there is a “not to exceed” number
 - General support from the NDLSC members in attendance to make a decision and stand by it, not flex based on pressure from specific groups
- Motion made by Dan Heckaman to run the West Fargo Meet in a combined session, with a second by Janna Schill
 - Parents may pull athletes from the state championships because they can’t attend
 - Approve – Kristin, Brian, Stacy, Pat, Janna, Bret, Lisa, Liv, Anne, Dan, Abby
 - Decline – Angie, Wallace
 - Motion carries
 - Line of communication will stay open with the Hulbert as swimmer numbers finalize
 - Communication will be sent from the NDLSC through the site
 - Janna and Pat both volunteered to proof communication prior to distribution

Mask Guidelines

- Williston has posted documentation that shows them not in compliance with NDLSC/USAS mask compliance
 - Per Pat – documentation says “Should”
 - Brian confirmed with Joel Shinnifeld that the rules require compliance, including Fans
 - Bret received notice that Sanctioning stipulations have been extended through April 30th
 - Comments were noted on the Facebook page that swimmers were committed based on the meet information, and then that information was not followed
 - Wallace asked about enforcement responsibility:
 - Meet Ref / Deck Referee / Facility Manager – dependent on status of meet
- Per Bret Haglund: It is my understanding that Williston did not follow the sanction guidelines stated by NDLSC and USAS within their own meet information, and thusly broke their meet sanction and make a motion for "not approving" their next meet sanction request. For NDLSC to keep swimming we need to enforce the sanctions that are approved and to move forward in this current health climate.
 - Second was made by Brian Toay
 - Discussion – if appeal is filed through USA Swimming, will we be in the right?
 - Regardless of USAS rules, they were not in compliance with their meet information
 - Kristin: is the board responsibility is to set the expectation... I don't think we want to be responsible to police everyone – How does it help the athletes to not give them a sanction
 - Bret: According to NDLSC P&P as of today, our policy of not following meet sanctioning is to not allow sanctioning of future meets.
 - Clarification – motion is for March 6th meet
 - Approve: Brian, Bret, Liv, Janna, Dan, Angie



- Decline: Wallace, Pat, Anne, Stacy, Abby, Kristin
 - Lisa: No; with the caveat that they are told by someone other than Brian that this was a lengthy discussion and continued failure to comply will result in loss of sanction
 - Supported by Stacy, Pat, Janna, Anne
- Motion did not pass – Bret will reach out to the team to discuss impact and future impact
- Per Janna Schill: I make a motion for the NDLSL to require masks at all USA Swimming related events including practice and meets.
 - Friendly amendment: Until further notice, all athletes, coaches, spectators, officials, and volunteers are required to wear a mask at all USA Swimming related practices and meets within the ND LSC
 - Second by Dan Heckaman
 - Approve: Pat, Lisa, Abby, Dan, Angie, Anne, Janna, Megan, Liv, Stacy, Wallace, Abby
 - Decline:
 - Abstain: Kristin

House Bill

- HB1298
- Communication shared by Lisa Montplaisir from FM Area – shared with NDLSL – CVB indicated that Council reviewed – Brian Toay was part of the review
- Dan Heckaman spoke with Senator Heckaman from District 23
 - She is aware of the bill, but not versed
 - Recommended to the NDLSL / Individuals
 - From a senate perspective, the bill has to start the process of the hearing so communications can flow
 - Contact your district senators
 - A unified approach holds more merit
- Pat spoke with Shannon Rore-Jones – NLSA Parent / Representative
- Bret requested we reach out to division chair – request was declined by Kristin – was sent instead by Bret – response has not been received yet
- Stacy spoke directly with Ben Koppelman from Cass County – bill sponsor
 - Intention is to protect the fairness of competition for athlete
 - I pointed out that I am not addressing initial focus but the unintended consequences of the bill
 - As it stands it will end youth sports, in my example specifically USA Swimming
 - He stated that we could just create our own rule and it would take care of the issue – didn't understand that we can't override our governing body
 - Impact would apply to all local teams tied back to USOC – swimming, hockey, gymnastics, etc...

To contact:

MJ Truex – division chair for DEI?

Jane Grosser – Governance

Dan: I can work to coordinate a conference call with Rep Roers-Jones and Sen Heckaman. I recommend that we take the Senators lead on the timing of that call. As I'm not exactly clear of the timing of this bill.

So - I think we could talk about this for hours, which is probably needed. I recommend (as a first, next step) that we get some time with the House and Senate moms on a timeline that they suggest, with an object of determining our course of action.

- Senator Heckaman
- Representative Roers

Will then move forward with scheduling with Koppelman.



General Notice

- Janna: I have something that is not related to sanctions to bring up to make the board aware of per the request of a conversation at a HS meet that was in Grand Forks last week.
 - Pennington County (Part of LSC) – has been notified that the High School team is being cut
 - Coach asked for the NDLSC to be notified and requested a letter of support
 - Janna will forward information to Bret who will write a letter
 - Janna will also send to Pat, who will send a letter from Moorhead High School

All Stars in April

- Pending details from Pat in the next week or two on finalization
- Will use budget and details approved at year end prior to reschedule

Zone Team – Westmont Illinois in August

- Budget – will need to provide a budget value to approve
- Bus Reservations
- Hotel Reservations
- Covid Precautions?
- Zones bus will only include 11 and over – 10 and under is dependent on family

Olympic Trip (June 9-14)

- Waiting on confirmation from Augustana
 - Per Liv there may be alternative options for rooms per the SD Team
 - This may result in additional budget request
- Bus Reservations
- Covid Testing
- Budget Increase?
- Team App

Anticipate an emergency board meeting this coming week.

We need to confirm bid schedule for long course / elections, etc.

March board check in schedule: April 11th – 7pm

BOD / HOD: May 2nd – 9am – 1pm

Lisa Montplaisir: Mike McFeely would like to visit with some Board Members about swimming impact. He has heard we were meeting. (Press)

Meeting adjourned 9:51pm