

ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 1st, 2022 – Via Zoom (recording of meeting can be found under LSC Info/ LSC Meetings).

**Athletes interested should send an email to athletes@wisconsinswimming.org
Email athlete's name/email, Club, Parent's name/email and phone contact information.**

Meeting began: 7:08PM CST

AGENDA

ATHLETE ORIENTATION – Kim O'Shea

Kim O'Shea introduced herself and her role with KHO Coaching and work with Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. She reviewed the structure of USA Swimming with the LSCs and Zones. She reviewed the role of athlete representation at the club level, LSC level and national level.

Kim encouraged the athletes to review Wisconsin Swimming's website and familiarize themselves with its structure and information.

Athletes were also encouraged to be aware of "good governance", Duty of Care, Loyalty, Obedience and Transparency at both the club and LSC level.

Review of the 2021 Strategic Plan was briefly reviewed.

Kim encouraged the athletes to check to make sure that although WI Swimming has structured governance, to check with their individual clubs on governance structure.

MAY MINUTES – Angela Monty

May minutes were reviewed and approved

ENGAGING PARTICIPATION – Angela Monty

Angela reviewed and encouraged Athlete Rep participation with the goal of at least 2-3 athletes per club. Review of WSI structure with committees and the need to athlete participation in these committees.

CENTRAL ZONE SUMMIT – Angela Monty

This Summit is scheduled to take place on June 24-25th, 2022 in Libertyville, IL
Attendees will be: Keegan Knott (Jr. Athlete Rep), Bailey Ratzburg (Sr. Athlete Rep) and Emma Jacobson (SWAT/Governance Committee Member).

REPORT FOR JUNE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING – Angela Monty

Angela encouraged that in lieu of submitting just the minutes from past Athlete Rep Meetings that one of the athlete reps prepare and present a report for each of the BoD meetings. Anakin agreed to prepare something for the June 28th, 2022 Board meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE – Lucy Thomas

Social media coverage is set at a four-month interval. With the addition of the Club Athlete Reps, it was encouraged to have a club athlete rep take over a day or a week of

social media with ideas wide open (fun facts, pictures from individual clubs, fun sets, etc).

June Coverage – Lucy Thomas (with Bella DiProspero helping out with possible highlight of Open Water).

July Coverage – Bailey Ratzburg (with Lena Rawson taking 1-2 days and Meghan Cady taking week leading up to the 13/Over State Championships)

August – Keegan Knott

September – Anakin Fischer

Bailey also reviewed means of communication to get word out to athletes and members of the Athlete Committee. She will work on a GroupMe as a communication tool.

Athletes were encouraged to talk to fellow teammates or other athletes at meets to get them interested in getting involved in the Athlete Committee.

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REVIEW OF HANDBOOK/SURVIVAL GUIDE – Angela Monty

Angela briefly reviewed the Survival Guide that she had put together for the athletes. Encouraged to review and come back with any questions regarding that material.

BIG FISH/LITTLE FISH – Bailey Ratzburg

Bailey reviewed the work of the Athlete Reps in implementing the Big Fish/Little Fish mentoring camp/meet. Some issues with obtaining a pool for this event due primarily to not having a date set.

July and August were both considered but with school starting (early in IL) and Girls' HS Swimming starting – the athletes felt that July would work best.

Thought of holding an event during the 12-Under State Championship weekend as older athletes available due to no meets and encouraging younger athletes that did not qualify for our State Championships to attend (July 23 or 24th would be the dates). Emily D. was going to talk to Steve Frye to check on the availability of the RecPlex.

Time Frame for event was discussed: Felt 2-4 hours would be best (with a "getting to know you" session and holding a fun meet).

Athlete Reps were encouraged to come up with a list of fun events that they have in their clubs (kickboard relays, funny mixed up strokes, along with regular relays and individual events).

Key is FUN and to develop a buddy system that carries over into years to come.

ANNUAL BANQUET – Jeanne Drzewiecki

Banquet for 2022 is August 20th, 2022 in Wisconsin Dells. Jeanne briefly explained the banquet and awards that will be presented.

Looking for ideas for a fun hashtag for the event and encouraging athletes to be inventive.

Respectfully Submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki

ATTENDEES:

Kim O'Shea – KHO Coaching
Angela Monty – Staff/Athlete Liaison
Jeanne Drzewiecki – Staff
Lucy Thomas – Sr. Athlete Rep
Bailey Ratzburg – Sr. Athlete Rep
Anakin Fischer – Jr Athlete Rep
Keegan Knott – Jr. Athlete Rep
Dominic Garcia – MKE
Hannah Blackmore – MKE
Lena Rawson – NBSC
Savannah Acker – OCSC
Addison Bushmaker – PASC

Bella Wulterkens – PX3
Emily DiProspero – PX3
Dylan Walsh – PX3
Thomas Seiler - RA
Amy Hu - SSTY
Meghan Cady - SSTY
Natalie Schetter - WACY
Emma (?)