

1. Welcome

Julie Bachman started meeting and welcomed those attending to the Zoom call.

a. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:38pm.

b. Attendance

Attending the meeting: Charlie Fry, Paige Sikkema, Jennie Shamburger, Travis Sandifer, Henry Clark, Dusti See, Maryanne Svoboda, Tanja Avant, John Burke, Makayla Noe, Ava Caspersan, Jake Camp, Lisa Blok. Office Staff and Coordinators attending: Julie Bachman, Matt Sale, Davis Peden, Natalie Melenric, Mark Martinez.

c. Welcome and Introductions

Julie introduced Davis Peden. The approved meet schedule will be republished and posted on Boardable after tonight's meeting.

2. Championship Meet Schedule and Formats

Davis discussed planning for an entire year vs season to season. Goal is to catch back up to pre-Covid planning and have process for planning 2024-25 ready for next summer. Goal for tonight is to agree on Gulf Championship schedule. Full formatting information will be brought to September meeting. Bid forms will go out this week and looking to discuss and possibly approve meet hosts/sites at September BOD/HOD meetings.

TPC has a preliminary meet schedule created with feedback from coaches given at most recent Coaches Meeting. **Note: TPC Committee: Davis Peden, Clay Pruitt, Lindsey Micko, Dustin Myers and Jo Fojtik. Athletes will also be named to TPC Committee after Athlete Committee elections.

Discussion about the December meets included a proposal to use all three weekends for the Champs meets. Schedule would be Southern Sr and Gulf Age Group Champs first weekend. Gulf Sr Champs second weekend and Fall Champs meet third weekend. There were no concerns raised by the coaches on the coaching call in August when this schedule was proposed. Suggested that the entry deadline for both Southern Sr and Gulf Sr Champs meets on same date would help with swimmers choosing one meet or the other. Makayla asked about voting to have LC Champs broken up so swimmers with Qualifying times for Southern Sr or Gulf Champs not allowed in Summer Sr Champs. If it worked in LC would it not work for December Champs as well? Having the meets scheduled as proposed, would also allow smaller teams to attend both meets. Charlie asked if TPC had looked at this option? Six sites proposed for Fall Champs last December and four sites recommended four sites for Sr Champs. Main takeaways: Have entries for Southern Sr and Gulf Sr Champs due same date and look for four venues for Gulf Sr Champs.

Spring Meets: Consideration to look at 14 & Under meet and 15 & Over champs meet series. The math doesn't support this because would require eight 8 lane pools.

Point of discussion would be overlapping 13 Over Champs with TAGS first weekend in March. Looking at proposed calendar, Sectionals and TYR Pro Series would be

following weekend. FCST brought up no access to competition Natatorium last weekend in Feb due to HS State meets. The 12 Under meet would be Feb 16-18th - same weekend as 4A HS State. Jake Camp spoke to the benefit of 13 & Over Champs being the first weekend in March, following HS Regionals and State and giving athletes the time needed to perform better at the Champs meet. Charlie Fry added that TAGS would pull some of the 13-14s from the Champs meet as well as swimmers not attending to prep for Sectionals following weekend. Maryanne Ortiz proposed allowing 13-14s to attend 12 Under meet with qualifying time standards also as a last chance qualifier for TAGS and keeping 12 & Under no time standards. The suggestion for 13-14s to have a limit of time standards to enter meet would be decided via formatting meeting. Having a GC time standard per event entered would help serve purpose of allowing them to attend this meet as last chance qualifier. Charlie Fry asked that meet title for Feb Champs become 14 and Under and keep the 13 Over Champs meet first weekend in March overlaying TAGS. This allows swimmers wanting a last chance qualifier for Sectionals to attend the 13 & Over Champs. Suggestion for a single day of time trials. Agreement that six sites would be good number. Note that timelines from last year should also be examined. This would allow an additional site if needed.

Motion to approve the SC Champs calendar as presented and discussed. Motion made and seconded. No additional discussion. Motion passes. This gives the TPC the winter schedule and it can be posted on the Gulf website.

July Meets: Gulf is planning to avoid weekend of July 5-7th due to proximity of 4th of July holiday. LC Gulf Age Group Champs and SR Champs following weekend, July 12-14. Gulf B Under Champs weekend of July 20-21. Gulf Summer Champs weekend of 26-28th with all age groups (combined 12 U and 13 Over) which overlaps with Futures.

Three sites for the combined Summer Champs meets. Question about doing only one site for 12 Under and 13 over meets? Numbers for prelims would be too long but finals would be good. Formatting for finals and limiting heats would help timelines. A P/F meet gives them more experience and exposure to next level and important for their progression. The proposed calendar reduces complexity and number of meets.

These could be 2.5 or 3 day meets. 12 U finals would be protected. Charlie proposed releasing bid forms for SC meets and approving LC meet schedule and allow bids later in season - possibly even in January 2024. Zoom attendees agreed. In meet schedule for publishing, "T" will note tentative vs approved.

Henry noted that TPC meetings should be published and anyone welcome to attend/listen to meetings.

3. Adjournment

Charlie thanked all for attending. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.