

South Carolina Swim Coaches Association (SCSCA)  
ZOOM Meeting  
Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called at 6:30pm by Brad Blake, President

Adjourned 7:50pm

Minutes taken by Tiffany Watson of Eastside High School (Taylors, SC)

**I. Approval of July 26, 2022 meeting minutes**

Motion: Victoria Merritt, Ashley Ridge

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cole Littlefield, Cane Bay

**II. Budget Update: not discussed**

**III. 2022 State Meet Concerns & Discussion**

\*This notes are compiled from emails to Brad Blake following the State meet in addition to discussion on the Zoom Meeting.

- Capacity for Spectators - SCHSL received many complaints because of tickets selling out; SCHSL has discussed going back to the Covid format of split genders in order to accommodate more spectators
  - our association took a straw poll and 100% want gender together
  - our association discussed that if SCHSL split genders, we request that girls and boys from the same classification be hosted on the same date for travel costs and timing (perhaps the girls could stay on deck for the boys' meet since deck space was not the issue)
  - if genders can stay together, our association recognizes that tickets will need to be limited & allotted per # of swimmers
- Tickets for State meet: will remain on GoFan; some coaches did not receive the link quickly from their AD or did not send the link quick enough, causing their families to not get tickets.
- Booking of the Facility: our association request that contracts be signed and facilities booked at this time of year so that we can plan our meets and travel later in the spring

- Possibility of Running State Meets during weekdays in order to not have the late timelines and crunch; # of officials available may be impacted
- # of Coaches on Deck: only 2 were allowed this past State meet; however, our association discussed this several years ago and created additional coaching positions beyond 20 swimmers (for 10 additional swimmers, 1 additional coach). This MUST be communicated to the SCHSL and host teams.
- No tables or chairs provided for coaches - unfortunately, some coaches set up folding chairs and blocked the view and path of other coaches - so tables at least create a barrier to the edge of the pool and create the proper "space" for coaches; is there a reason we did not have tables set up?
- Seating for Swimmers was a major problem. Only a few sets of bleachers with multiple teams assigned to each. One ref told a coach to have their swimmers sit on the ground, which is NOT acceptable. Tailgating Chairs should be allowed - but must be communicated through SCHSL and host teams so that teams can sit on the sun deck.
- Diveovers need to happen at the State meet for 2 reasons: 1. the pace of the meet (so that 3A meet didn't finish so late) and 2. for the swimmers to have time to catch their breath after a hard swim and have the strength to pull themselves out of the water. We believe "no diveovers" was instituted during Covid so slow the pace down, but we need to return to pre-Covid diveovers
- Warmup Assignments were a mess. For the 4A meet, the packets had the wrong warmup sheets for every team. Then the teams in the warmup pool did not have any time in the competition pool. So changes and decisions were made on the fly at the Coaches' meeting to accommodate, but it made the beginning of the meet very chaotic. Lane assignments and warmup slots should be sent to coaches 48 hours before the meet in order to help with planning/ travel logistics, etc. 5A had open lanes during warmups because a parent created them and didn't realize the layout. \*This is an important responsibility. \*Warmups should release with the Psyche Sheet.
- Timeline of the Meet: much too late for the Saturday evening meet. It continued to be pushed later and later after 5A. There was not

enough time between meets either - lots of congestion as 3A was allowed in and 5A being pushed out

- Location of the Meet: USC much preferred due to centrality in the State and the higher # of spectators allowed - however, a request was made to rotate / alternate sites from upper to mid to lower state (Greenville - Columbia - N. Charleston)
- Psyche Sheet issues - need to be resolved before posting a Final version
- Good news: all heats were filled due to the new consideration times
- Officiating - some team got away with using the backstroke ledge during the 200 Medley because the officials did not speak up; USC will not allow the removal of the ledge, so it is up to official to abide
- Danny Brooks is no longer our commissioner and rep for Swim; a new hire will have swim. Brad will begin dialogue with this new rep ASAP and try to schedule a meeting with the board.

#### **IV. North/South all-star meet:**

Brad Blake spoke - not much headway or news; Brad will be attending a meeting at RiverBluff to receive information about this

#### **V. Voting for Coach of the Year**

Nominations were taken for Coach of the Year. Coaches looked at spreadsheets noting final ranking and positions moved up or down.

Brad sent out the nominations via Google Form for all of the coaches to be able to vote.

#### **VI. Swim Coaches Hall of Fame:**

Brad Blake was honored and inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame at the State Meet

-Any new nominations should be sent to Eddie Hughes of Riverside.