

South Carolina Swim Coaches Association (SCSCA)
ZOOM Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called at 7:30pm by Cindy Van Buskirk, President

Adjourned 8:45pm

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

I. Approval of November 7, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion: Lori Glasco, Nation Ford

2nd: Heather Nelson, Wade Hampton

II. Budget Update: Amy Bailey, Treasurer.

Current balance of \$1,588.49

III. Adjusting the Consideration time multiplier

*The current formula to create consideration times is the automatic time multiplied by 1.10.

Based on discussions from the 2021 State Meets, we propose increasing/adjusting the consideration time multiplier to allow individual events and relay events to have a better chance of being filled for the 3A and 4A state meets.

Documents (Excel sheets) were presented to show the consideration time increases to 1.12 and to 1.14. The various columns also showed what time would be needed to allow for all 30 slots for individual events to be filled for the 3A and 4A meets from the 2021 state meets.

Discussion among coaches:

- Moving to 1.14 will allow more swimmers the opportunity to achieve a consideration time and to be submitted to the state meet for consideration (if in the top 4 at their school)
- This change applies to all classifications. Increasing the Consideration time multiplier will not affect the 5A State meet because most spots are filled with automatic times already.
- This will help bring together the fastest 30 (regardless of a time) – which is the goal of the State meet.
- We are not trying to go over 30 – we are trying to fill 30 for the lower meets. (it won't change the length of the meet or format)

- Coaches of 3A and 4A teams will need to change the mentality of their team... in the past all consideration times made it into the State meet. This will not be the case anymore – by increasing the multiplier for consideration times, and thus allowing more swimmers to achieve a consideration time, there will be higher number of swimmers who make the relaxed time and ultimately will be submitted for “consideration” into the state meet. There will be events that get filled without using the relaxed times, but there may be more competition for the 30 slots that can be filled by consideration times. Several coaches said it’s still worth it for the “reward” of swimmers achieving the time.

A vote was taken. The consideration multiplier will be increased to 1.14. All were in favor.

IV. North/South all-star meet: any discussion or updates.

Brad Blake spoke about many possibilities – however, the committee has not met to nail down the specifics.

Brainstorming session:

- 16 girls/ 16 boys per team – so 32 on North and 32 on South
- Will include A and B relays
- Need a Head Coach and Asst Coach for North and South. The next year the Asst coach will become the Head.
- Coaches would submit seniors to be selected with no limit in submissions. However, the group decided no more than 2 should be selected per school.
- Location? N. Charleston had offered to host for free.
- Timeline: must be after State meet – so mid-October – early November with a Saturday meet (approx. 1pm) with a social/ dinner following
- Concerns on costs? Mixed gender rules among school field trips? Will parents be responsible for hotel rooms and travel?

V. Update on our concerns and possible solutions for future State meets

Doug from N. Charleston discussed how busy their fall calendar is becoming. If the SCHSL would like to return to Charleston, a contract would need to be signed in the next couple of weeks to lock in the date.

Cindy had an hour conversation with Mr. Brooks – there is grumbling among AD’s about difficulties with swimming. Our association feels that they received many more complaints than normal this 2021 season because SCHSL changed the dates and formats for the state meets 3 weeks before the State meet. Other discussions involve whether to shift to Upper and Lower State Qualifiers. Swimming had Upper state and Lower state Qualifying meets for seasons 2000 thru 2005. SC High school

swimming chose to have state qualifying times starting in 2006. It made it fair for all swimmers. In addition, qualifying meets would add costs, shorten the season for non-qualifying swimmers. But the other main argument is that we have a vetted system for qualifying swimmers and times through Sportstiming – rankings, verified meet results, rules on 3 watches, etc. Our process works!

MOST IMPORTANT POINT:

PLEASE COMMUNICATE TO YOUR AD'S

1. Swimming is doing well.
2. No changes are needed to the format/timing/state qualifying process
3. This past season was difficult due to the decisions made to split the meets and change the dates of the state meets three weeks prior to the scheduled state meets.
4. **Please ask your AD's/Principals and SCHSL to not consider changes to swimming's season etc based on the past two seasons during a pandemic.**

COACHES: ON BEHALF OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING AND SCSCA, PLEASE CONTACT CINDY VAN BUSKIRK AND/OR DANIEL BROOKS WITH CONCERNS/IDEAS/COMPLAINTS AT ANYTIME PRE-SEASON/POST SEASON/DURING THE SEASON.

PLEASE ALLOW SCSCA MEMBERS AND COACHES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND SET UP PROPOSALS ON CHANGES TO OUR SPORT. PLEASE ALLOW SCSCA TO BE THE RECOMMENDING BODY TO THE SCHSL REGARDING OUR SPORT.

VI. SCACA Coaches Hall of Fame Nomination:

Eddie Hughes was nominated by Cindy Van Buskirk on behalf of the SCSCA. Eddie is deserving of this nomination and we hope and wish him the best of luck with the process.