

SCSCA July 23, 2024 Association Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Cindy VanBuskirk, Interim President at 2:05pm – following the SCHSL Rules Meeting
Minutes taken by Tiffany Watson, Secretary

- I. Welcome by Cindy Van Buskirk of Fort Mill High School
- II. Approval of March 10, 2024 minutes – Motion by Becky VanEvera (St. Joseph's); 2nd by Susan Snyder (Northwestern)
- III. Budget update by Laura Henry (Daniel High), Treasurer
Balance of \$2,603.01
 - Expense: donated 2 years' worth to the SCACA scholarship fund
 - Expense: bought checks this year (we also have a debit card)
 - Deposit of \$816 from coaches' memberships
- IV. 2024 Season (repeated from SCHSL Rules Meeting run by Sarah)
 - A. 2024-2026 Re-alignment: 5A division 1, 5A division 2, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A
*Note: State Qualifying Times will be the same for 5A division 1 and 2 for the next 2 year cycle
 - B. Season Start: Friday, August 2, 2024
 - C. Rosters due to Sportstiming: August 16 or before first meet
*Note: Victoria Culbertson of Sportstiming sent instructions for submitting rosters (passed out at the meeting); pay special attention to the Athlete ID# (which is NOT the same as the USA #); also PLEASE include the grade level for the swimmers (see discussion below for Seniors North/South Meet)
*We will request that Sportstiming split the 5A division 1 and 2 rankings online; however, that is not a given based on contract with SCHSL.
 - D. First Contest: August 19, 2024
 - E. Last contest: Saturday, October 5, 2024
- V. 2024 State meets
 - A. Venue: University of South Carolina Natatorium
 - B. Tentatively three state meet dates:
Saturday, October 12/ Tuesday, October 15/Thursday, October 17
 - C. 8 state meets
 - D. designation of when each classification will swim state meet: TBD
*Sarah says she will release this as soon as possible.
 - E. State meet entries due: Sunday, October 6, 2024 by 9pm
 - F. 2024 State Qualifying Times posted on SCSCA website/SCHSL website
Also, sent out via email – the black copy is in yards; the red font is the meters conversion
- VI. North/South Meet: Update Steve Burkhart on behalf of the North/ South committee
 - Purpose: top seniors in the state will be invited to 1 last competition like so many other sports in SCACA
 - Format: 2 teams: the North team vs the South team (run as a dual meet) with same format
*The North and the South teams are determined by SCACA. They already have the regions divided.
 - Selection of seniors: top 5 seniors for each event (male and female) → will yield roughly 40 males and 40 females; once their top event is selected, those swimmers may swim a 2nd event (as chosen by the North coach and the South coach)

- Cost: \$200/ athlete – according to the SCACA bylaws
- Budget: \$8,000 approximately to be spent on the facility, gifts (tshirts, caps), awards, USA Swimming membership for those seniors who don't have one, etc.
- Timeline: Saturday, Oct 19th at Columbia College
- Goal: for this to be an observed meet with LSC/ USA; however, this must be on the LSC calendar by April (we just missed it), but we can plan for future years
- Discussion: MUST have grade levels posted in Sportstiming in order for the top seniors to be pulled with their State meet entries; otherwise, some seniors will be left out
- Invitations will be sent to the AD and then shared with the athlete
- Discussion: this date will overlap with some other short course meets, but hopefully the seniors can participate in this on Saturday morning and then their other meet on Sunday. This date keeps the swimmers in shape from their State meet the previous week. Columbia College is very affordable and easy to work with.
- Request: need 2-4 coaches for each team! Please email Steve at sburkhart@sdoc.org if you are interested

VII. SCSCA Membership: Make sure you join the SCSCA!! The swim auxiliary is an additional amount on top of the SCACA membership but it gives you the right to vote and your athletes the opportunity to win more awards.

VIII. Coach Hall of Fame Nominations, led by Eddie Hughes (Riverside) on behalf of the committee

Update: continue sending nominations to Eddie Hughes until September 1, 2024. The nomination forms are on the SC Swim Coaches Association website. The committee has some nominations currently but will keep any un-used ones in the pool for future years.

IX. SCACA Swim Coach of the Year Recipients

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Boys Team: Rebecca Van Evera: St. Joseph's

Girls Team: Rose Van Metre, Bishop England

Congratulations for the SC Swim Coaches Association Coach of the Year: Cindy Van Buskirk, Fort Mill for winning the SCSCA Girls Coach of the Year (2023) and the SCSCA Boys Coach of the Year (2023).

X. New SCSCA Executive Board

Nominations for President: Cindy Van Buskirk stepped in as Interim President in January, 2024.

Discussion: unsure of the by-laws; Cindy held office 4 years but then rotated off; Cindy stepped back in as Interim when Brad Blake resigned unexpectedly in January
Amy Bailey (Dorman) recommends that we vote Cindy back in as President for this next term because she has had great leadership over the last few years during COVID, the re-classification, etc. Cindy already has working relationships with all of the important voices at the HSL.
Eddie Hughes (Riverside) gave a 2nd and followed with more compliments for how well Cindy has led. He added that we should revisit our by-laws at our next meeting so that we don't have this discussion in the future.

All of the coaches voted in favor: Cindy will be the President for the next 2 years!

Nominations for Upper, Midlands, Lower Vice President:

Johnna Freestone (Spartanburg) and McGee Moody (Gray Collegiate). Johnna stepped back her nomination for McGee to have the position.

Amy Bailey: Upper State VP. Will remain in office.

Stephanie Adams: Lower State VP. Will remain in office.

Tim Carmody: replaced by McGee Moody (Gray Collegiate)

Secretary: appointed by President. Tiffany Watson remains

Treasurer: appointed by the President. Laura Henry remains

Discussion: revisit by-laws in November to remove any concerns about the Previous President returning when the need arises.

Discussion: add the Executive Board Position of President-Elect so that the future President can shadow and work with the current President... and/ or discuss the Previous President as Advisor (does it have to be the most recent president?)

Motion by Eddie Hughes (Riverside) to revisit the by-laws regarding the Executive Board
2nd by Brian Weaver (GMC)

- XI. New Business/ Discussion – need to find the documentation for the 75% policy regarding the number of swimmers a coach can directly coach in the off season. Sarah said during the Rules Meeting, that 15 is the max number (combined girls and boys, returning Varsity swimmers) but the Swim Coaches Association wrote a proposal that was passed by AD's and the Executive Board in 2019 which set our 75% policy 12 girls and 12 boys (75% of 16 for each team).

*Need to send Sarah this documentation.

- XII. Post Season SCSCA Zoom meeting: Sunday, November 10 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

Motion by Laura Henry, Daniel.

2nd by Becky Van Evera, St. Joseph's