

SCSCA November 17, 2024 Post Season Meeting Minutes

Minutes taken by Tiffany Watson, Eastside

Meeting began at 7:30pm. Called to order by President Cindy Van Buskirk

- I. Welcome & thank you to Laura Henry for setting up the digital meeting for everyone
- II. Approval of July 23, 2024 minutes – move to approve by McGee Moody; 2nd by Rose Van Metre
- III. Budget update by Laura Henry, Daniel
 - Approximately \$1,500 in our account
 - Membership money will be collected in January
 - Scholarship donation will also be sent in January
- IV. 2024 State Meets
 - A. We did it!! 8 state meets. WHEW!
 - B. How can we get these state meets back to combined genders? Communicate with your AD and principal! SCSCA will help!

Cindy asked Sarah at the SCHSL – how do we convince the SCHSL to do what's best for the swimmers? Sarah said we ALL have to convince our principals and AD's that it is best for the sport and the athletes. AD's need to vote for this. This is the how our voices are heard.

Tiffany Watson suggested circulating the proposals we wrote last January that have all of the reasons listed for combined genders including timelines, costs, officials, etc.

 - Rose Van Metre asked: Who benefits from the split meet? If we can target the answer, that will help.
 - Steve Burkhart – says it is all about the ticket sales and capacity for spectators
 - Tiffany Watson says that the Exec Board took pictures at every session of all of the empty seats in the stands! The meets were definitely NOT full.
 - Officials/ volunteers were exhausted and scarce – Div 1 Girls meet only have 2 S&T per end.
 - Johnna Freestone says that she had all of her parents email and call Jerome Singleton to request the combined meets again.
 - Laura Henry suggested to increase the ticket price if that is the only reason – parents would pay more to attend if they only had to come to 1 meet.
 - McGee Moody asked if prelims/ finals would create more ticket sales but allow us to combine, but several coaches don't agree with that format because of the additional swims and endurance needed. Our season is only a 10 week season.
 - We would love a ticket analysis: how many sold each session? How many seats were left?
- V. North/South Meet: Update Steve Burkhart
 - Steve presented all of the logistics and plans at the summer meeting, but the delay of the State meet (due to Yom Kippur) then overlapped with the booked venue for 10/19.
 - Steve tried to reschedule to January 10th but the SCHSL declined and the LSC didn't show support either.
 - Steve is discouraged by the LSC's lack of support and is curious if coaches want him to pursue this. Steve requests a poll to coaches – would they push their chosen All Star Seniors to attend an All Star event? If not, we need to drop this event.
 - Steve will create a Google Form to send to Cindy on whether coaches want this event or not.

*See the Summer meeting notes for all of the details (top 40 girls and boys in each event, etc.)

- VI. SCSCA Membership: Make sure you join the SCSCA!! Final day is December 31st! List of current members on SCSCA website at <https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/hsscscsa/page/home>
- VII. Hall of Fame Committee: update by Eddie Hughes, Riverside
- The original committee members has dwindled so Eddie requests new volunteers for the HOF committee.
 - The committee members review applications, make recommendations to the President for who should be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and then vote.
 - If a coach is interested... please email Cindy or Eddie. The committee needs to be formed by the summer meeting, so that they are in place for the next season.
- VIII. SCSCA/SCACA Swim Coach of the Year Nominees *Cindy will send out a ballot via email this week.
- Nominees for Girls Swim Coach of the Year:
Kim Gould, AC Flora
Liz Whalen, Byrnes
Marj Trefone, Wando
Cindy Van Buskirk, Fort Mill
Rose Van Metre, Bishop England
Victoria Merritt, Ashley Ridge
 - Nominees for Boys Swim Coach of the Year:
Laura Henry, Daniel
Brian Weaver, GMC
Susan Adams, South Aiken
Victoria Merritt, Ashley Ridge
- IX. New SCSCA Executive Board: new Lower State VP: appointed position until next election according to current by-laws/constitution.
- Katherine Detlaff – volunteered... Cindy will notify of appointment to Exec Board
- X. New business: Review of Bylaws – several items need to be reviewed
- The Executive Board will review these in Jan/ Feb. Present any revisions at the March meeting. Then the association will vote in July meeting.
- XI. New business: Region Meet guidelines. Our Region meet is NOT a championship meet. It is a part of the regular season. There was some confusion regarding Region meets this past season. SCSCA has been asked by SCHSL and district referees to provide overall guidelines on Region Meet set up.
- Most importantly, the Region Coaches should meet to decide setup, scoring, etc and all agree on the details of the Region meet.
 - But according to Sarah and Cindy, swimmers should NOT be left out of the region meet since it counts as 1 of their 8.
 - Some coaches disagree because it is a Region Championship with trophies, medals, and awards.
- XII. Old business: Paying officials. This topic was brought up during the season. Do we/Can we consider paying the district referees and/or meet referees for our meets.
- Many coaches agree this should be done as an incentive to get more officials. Katie Litton says she could hardly get officials. McGee Moody agrees. Rose says the lower state officials are dwindling fast.

- Coaches asked who should pay? We all agree that the SCHSL should pay the officials at the State meet from our \$250 team fees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm. Katie Litton moved to close the meeting. Johnna Freestone provided the 2nd. All in favor.