

SC Swim Coaches Association
Emergency Meeting Held via Zoom
Sunday, January 28, 2024
8pm-9pm

Called to order by Brad Blake, President
Minutes taken by Tiffany Watson

- I. Resignation from Brad Blake as Swim Association President
 - Brad apologized to the group for not being available to handle some of the timely issues needed lately by SCHSL and by SCACA. He is also unable to attend the Clinic this July, so he knows it is best for the association if he steps down.
 - Brad was very gracious for all that the Executive Board has accomplished in the last month as the SCHSL has changed classifications.
 - By-laws indicate that the Executive Board should appoint an Interim President from now until July 2024 when elections will open again. The VP's have been asked to call a meeting as soon as possible for the Executive Board.
- II. Reclassification Review
 - SCHSL's reclassification has 54 teams in 5A; however these teams will be split into Division 1 and Division 2 for 5A with separate State Champions for each.
- III. Proposals and Justifications for SCHSL and SCACA for State Meets
 - Tommy Bell has been in conversation with Cindy Van Buskirk about suggestions and requests from our association for how to deal with the new divisions.
 - The Executive Board has created a working document with our suggestions and then rebuttals from their questions. [SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS](#)
 - Ultimately, we have recommended 4 meets – 2 on Saturday and 2 on Monday: 5A- Division 1, 5A- Division 2, 4A, and 3A (2A & 1A). The other option is 8 meets – which creates a facility and timing crisis
 - Discussion that a 5th State meet should be coming soon because SCHSL reads that 12+ teams per classification justifies its own meet. 3A is over that number, which could create a 5th meet with 2A and 1A standing together.
 - Tommy has also asked us to justify our # of state qualifiers. Why do we insist on 30 individual and 20 relays? Again, the executive board answered that in ATTACHED DOCUMENT.
 - Please read the proposals and meet with your AD's in order to keep the integrity of our sport and our State meets. The vote on these issues will be in March.
- IV. Qualifying Times
 - The two 5A divisions will use the 5A qualifying times for automatic and consideration.

- If this is a 2 year interim period before 6A enters the picture, then we will have the times from these 2 years to draw averages to create the 6A auto and consideration times.
- Laura Henry created a chart with the # of swimmers per team from Sportstiming, per classification, and the # of teams per classification in order for the SCHSL to see the balance. [SEE ATTACHED CHART.](#) (*using the new realignment)
- Concern expressed by Steve that the 4A boys' meet will not fill because the times are tougher for those 3A swimmers moving up. He has created a working document that removed all of the 4A swimmers (who moved up to 5A) in order to see how many will be in an event.

V. Nominations for Girls/ Boys Coach of the Year for Swim Association

- Tiffany Watson nominated Cindy Van Buskirk for Boys and/ or Girls because of her double championship wins for 5A.
- Cindy Van Buskirk nominated Chapin for Girls' Coach – Christian & Paige Simonssen.
- Nominations were interrupted by other questions and concerns.
- Request was made to please submit more nominations to the Interim President before a Google Form will be sent out for a vote.

VI. Summer Clinic

- Need Summer Clinic Speaker - either two one hour slots or one 2 hour slot - can be college coaches, high school coaches, nutritionist, psychologist, etc.
- Please ask around. Stipend is very limited – approximately \$75 speaking stipend

VII. North/ South Meet

- very little discussion
- still interest for the week after State

VIII. Next Meeting -

Scheduled for Sunday, March 10th @ 8pm via Zoom