

LOUISIANA SWIMMING, INC.

House of Delegates Meeting

26 August 2023

In attendance:

Bridget Himel, Emmett Smith, Judy Ramirez, Chip Bozant, Allison Klucher, Shannon Prator, Chris Chelette, Tiffany Chelette, Patrick Daigle, Robby Fritscher, Chris Prator, Allan Andersen, Laura Fox, Keir Braendel, Sean McGuire, Angie Carter, Daniel Crews, Margot May, Jeanne Malbrough, Pamela Bishop, Rick Bishop, O.J. Mesina, Thomas Clavier, Beau Caldwell, Cora Delgado, Mike Falati, Joan Casseri, Joie Stanley, Ross Hedrick, Sarah Landreneau, Lomax Napper, Rocky Smith, Travis Theriot, Kayden Hedrick, Enzo Soliterio, Marie Landreneau, Elizabeth Benoit, Sofia Giarrusso, Anna Guidroz, Kayleigh Jollands, Anna Chelette, Olivia Bounds, Louis Roux, Justin Boulet, Evan HasenKampf, Blaise Boyd, Allie Taylor, Teresa Casseri, and Avery Daigle.

Call to Order:

the meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Sarah Landreneau, General Chair.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes from 27 August 2022:

*A MOTION was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to accept the minutes as posted.

III. Officer's Report:

***General Chair Report:** Sarah Landreneau reported that Marie Landreneau will step in as Senior Athlete Rep. Proposals will be limited to an 8 minute discussion when introduced. Once a Sanction is given a number will be given for the meet. If a meet date is changed from the original meet schedule, approval for the change must be granted from the Sanction Committee.

***Registration Chairman:** Judy Ramirez reported that registration and dashboard information will need to be verified. Transfer swimmers must obtain approval from the team they are leaving in order to establish an accurate last swim date. Coaches need to make sure that they are taking a USAS approved CPR course for both adult and child. ***Treasurer's Report:** Warren Lind was not present; however, he messaged that the LSA reimbursed over \$60,000.00. It is necessary to include the swimmer ID # in order to receive he reimbursement. Forms without proper documentation will be rejected.

***Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:** O.J. Messina clarified diversity as an action in order to connect with all members of a community in relation to their needs and to create an environment where all can be accepted without necessary approval. Let O.J. know if USAS can help meet the needs of the community each team is in contact with.

Disability: Robby Fritscher noted that disability swimmers will be back to State Meet and Zone this season. ***Coaches Rep:** Chris Prator reported that the Coaches Clinic will be held April 5th and 6th in New Orleans. ***Senior Chair Report:** Ross Hedrich reported that the athletes are now responsible for applying for Scholastic All America. They can do so by checking with the process through their USAS portal. The deadline for doing so is 6 September. National meet schedules are listed on the USAS web site as well as being included on the LSA meet schedule. The 18 and Under meet is no longer restricted geographically. Ross is interested in having training sessions for swimmers with winter Juniors cuts or better in order to challenge them by working together. More will be said about this during the Proposals. ***Athlete Rep:** Marie

Landreneau reported on the work done by the Athlete Reps and Team Reps to help make the High Performance Camp a success. There will also be a food drive that will take place this season. The Reps expect 100% team support. ***Age Group Chair:** Joie Stanley thanked Rocky Smith for designing the caps and t-shirts for Zone. Louisiana placed 7th overall. The High Performance Camp had 74 athletes in attendance. There were 38 female and 33 males.

***Officials Chair:** Lomax Napper reported that the State had 19 officials evaluated this past season. There were 3 officials from Louisiana attending and working at the Zone Meet. We will be voting on one of two proposals later to include Meet Marshals in all meets, A handbook for officials is available that included expectations, requirements, and standards for officials. This handbook will be continually updated as necessary. USAS requires 3 officials at inter squad and meets and 4 officials on deck at all other meets.

IV. New Business:

Ross Hedrick reported that ASCA offered all LSC's an opportunity for their coaches to join ASCA at a 50% reduction in price. The price would be \$44.00 per coach if all coaches joined. He stressed that this would be a great Educational opportunity. A **MOTION** was made and **RESCINDED** to have Louisiana Swimming pay for 100% of the coaches to join at \$44.00 each. A **MOTION** was made and **DIED** for lack of Second to have Louisiana Swimming pay \$22.00 for each coach and the club pay the remaining \$22.00. These **MOTIONS** will be addressed at a later time when Warren Lind reviews the financial feasibility for the payments.

V. Proposals:

General Item Proposals:

1. A proposal to create a standing committee to review, revise, and propose formats for the LSC Championship meets. The Committee Chair will report directly to the Board of directors, submitting proposed formats with data and rationale for the changes. This proposal was **DENIED** for lack of second for discussion.
2. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED** and **PASSED** to forward to the finance committee a to allow for coaches to be reimbursed \$125.00/day they have athletes competing in a meet and are present on deck, or \$125.00/night in a hotel, whichever is greater. The Finance Committee will forward the proposal for later discussion.
3. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** for Louisiana swimming to hold a Spring Scheduling meeting to get meets on the schedule early and have state meet dates and locations chosen earlier.
4. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** for Louisiana swimming meets with the exception of the state meets, the meet marshals for the meet need to be a minimum of 1 meet marshal per session with under 250 athletes and a minimum of 2 meet marshals (preferably mixed gender) per session at sessions with over 250 athletes.

Athlete Representative:

1. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to limit each team to one elected Board member Athlete Representative.

2. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to deem ineligible rising seniors (current juniors) from being elected to Athlete Representative positions.
3. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to allow current Freshman to run for Athlete Representative.
4. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to hold new Athlete Representative elections during the Short Course State Championship Meets.

State Championships (General):

1. A **MOTION** was **DENIED** for lack of **SECOND** to charge an up-front fee per swimmer that goes to the host team to cover heat sheets which will be digital and posted.
2. A proposal was made to do away with approved State Meet “bid form” and simply allow prospective hosts to submit a bid package of their choice for the membership to vote on was **DENIED** for lack of **SECOND**.
3. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** for any swimmer on the final day of the LSC Championship competition who fail to show for the finals, as pertaining to the scratch procedures listed in the meet information will be assessed a \$200.00 fine.
4. A **MOTION** was made and **FAILED** for lack of **SECOND** to waive a late entry fee for Age Group and Senior State Championship meets who earn a new qualifying time after the respective entry deadline.

Age Group State Championships:

1. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to swap the 100 Breast and 50/200 Back in the Sunday session.
2. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to add the 200 Mixed Relay at the conclusion of the Finals session according to the yearly format.
3. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to move the 400 Medley Relay from Friday Prelims to Friday Finals placing it first in the Finals event order. An amendment was accepted to change the order to last in the Finals event order. **MOTION** as amended **FAILED**.

Senior State Championships:

1. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to have a podium at the Senior State Championships recognizing the top 3 finishers in each event during the 10 minute break between the last Finals Event and the Relays. Winning Relays will be presented after the following days Finals Event and before the Relay Events. Sunday Relays will be presented at the end of the session.
2. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to recognize the Seniors who will continue their swimming career on the college level on Saturday night 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the Finals Session. An announcer will call out the swimmers by name and college of future attendance.
3. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to recognize the 50 meter Fly, 50 meter Back, and 50 meter Breast for LCM State records.
4. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to include Stroke 50's in the Senior Short Course State Championship in 2024

5. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to allow only A-B-C in Finals for all P/F events..
6. A **MOTION** was made and **DENIED** for lack of SECOND to allow non scoring D Finals for 16 and Under swimmers only.
7. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to score the top 16 relays only.
8. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to allow X-Relays in the Mixed Relay.
9. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to change the Friday order of events from the 100 Back, 200 Free. 100 Fly, and 400 I.M. to 200 Free, 100 Back, 400 I.M. and 100 Fly.
10. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to swap the 1000/800 and 1650/1500 for both meets.
11. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to move the 50 Back behind the 200 Breast within the Saturday session.
12. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** swap the 100 Breast and 200 Back in the Sunday session.
13. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to conduct the 50 Free in the Thursday PM session.
14. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **FAILED** to allow clubs to over enter athletes in the meets.

Senior Swimming :

1. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and **PASSED** to support the proposal to hold an Olympic Trials Training Camp for those swimmers who met the 2023 Winter Juniors time standards/ Invitations to be sent by September 1, 2023 with an acceptance deadline by 15 September 2023. .Formal request, with all necessary financial and participation number included will be presented to the Board by 2 October 2023. Prpjected cost for 10 swimmers is \$800.00.

VI. Schedule:

Will be posted on the web site.

Senior Short Course State Meet	February 15-18	SPAR	
Age Group Short Cours State		February 22-25	LSU
Senior Long Course State Meet		July 18-21	LSU
Age Group Long Course		July 11-14	<u>LSU</u>

VII. Swimmer of the Year:

Age Group Female: Avery Daigle
 Senior Female: Marie Landreneau
 Age Group Male: Gustavo Castilho
 Senior Male: Adam Wiedemeier

VIII. Elections:

Treasurer: Warren Lind
 Officials: Lomax Napper

Safe Sport: Mandy Smith
Age Group Vice: Rocky Smith

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joan K. Casseri