



LOUISIANA SWIMMING

Minutes

Board Meeting November 13, 2024 (11:00 AM)

Mission of Louisiana Swimming:

Provide opportunities for all members to achieve their potential through swimming.

Vision:

Louisiana Swimming for life. Enjoy the experience!

General Chair – Sarah Landreneau

On Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Sarah opened the meeting.

Rollcall was taken by Eddie. The board members not present were Rocky Smith and Chris Prater. All other board members were present. Judy Ramirez (Louisiana Staff Member) was present. Eddie mentioned from this point forward if all board members would send the reports to him at least seven days before the board meeting we can get those recorded for everyone to see before the board meeting.

Sarah has uploaded all the City meets and will go ahead and send out a list of all the people who didn't connect. If they are missing Birthdays they are in an unmatched group. Sarah will send out this list to Coaches so we can send her the USA id's. This list will will more than likely come out after the State Meet. If you are in a rush to get these times in then get with Sarah.

Admin Vice- Chair – Mike Falati

Mike talked about the Coach's clinic. Dana Skelton from USA Swimming has been added to the lineup and we'll talk about age group, swimmers, and women in Coaching. There will be a High School Coaches session and Ray from Indiana will also be bringing his wife (many year High School Swimming Coach) and multiple College Swimmers to be involved with sessions.

Finance Vice-Chair - Chris Chelette

No Report

Secretary – Eddie Adams

(No Report)

Senior Vice–Chair – Ross Hedrick

Senior State and Age Group State Hyv files will be loaded on Louisiana Swimming Web Site

Cola received Bronze Medal status, and New Wave received Silver Medal status. Ross is looking at ways to make the senior state championship more exciting with music and acknowledging the Swimmers more.

Sarah will form a Committee to work on qualifications to be in the Louisiana Swimming Hall of Fame

Age Group Vice-Chair – Rocky Smith

No Report

Officials Chair – Lomax Napper

Lomax announced that all positions were filled for the State High School Meet and there would be no provisional officials.

Lomax announced that there are a lot of provisional officials across the state. please keep encouraging that as this is our feeder system to the future.

Coaches Rep – Chris Prator

No Report

Safe Sport Chair – Mandy Smith

A huge Thank you to Mandy as she completed her Leap task quickly. Safe Sport has been updated with Judy's assistance. We have (3) Clubs that have finished Safe Sport and 5 that have now started. The Minor Athletes Protection has been updated to 2.0 and must be updated on all Club Websites by January 1.

Diversity Chair – OJ Mesina

OJ spoke of the telephone conversations between himself and USA Swimming's Leland Brown and DEI issues. USA Swimming advised us to look at the Louisiana State laws regarding some of the issues that we are seeing. Louisiana swimming has procured a lawyer and are now working with him on getting a retainer with his firm. Please know that at this point the particulars in this situation should be kept within the board further conversations outside the board are not allowed. Just know that if a transgender is coming to your Meet the transgender's coach must contact the Meet Director and the Meet Referee. These individuals should contact Sarah, OJ and Lomax to ensure all procedures are being followed. Questions came up whether this information will come out on Meet information. OJ will be looking into this and get back to everyone. Facility, rules and procedures should be looked at by all individuals to see if there are any rules that are stricter than what USA Swimming or Louisiana state laws may have.

Athlete Reps – Kayden Hedrick (Sr Rep), Enzo Solitario (Junior Rep)

The Athletes have a Report that will be attached to the minutes.

Membership/Registration – Judy Ramirez

Teams are being told they are not in good standing and are not moving towards getting in good standing. Eddie proposed (and was seconded by Chris Chelette) at Judy's request "If Teams are not moving towards getting in good standing that Teams Athletes will have to enter meets as Unattached until they reach good standing."

Committee Reports

Governance – Eddie Adams

Eddie's Governance report is attached.

Technical Planning – Ross Hedrick

SC State Event Files (Senior and Age Group will be posted)

Sanctioning-

All sanctions are moving forward and process is moving smoother. There are still some fillable forms in the works.

Thanks to all who attended. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm