

Safe Sport Committee Minutes June 24, 2021

7 pm

Present: Pierre Guzman, Mo Schiffman, Cathy Vaughan, Ethan P., Peyton B., Mark Shveyd, Stephenie Glissmeyer

Item #1 SSRP wording review with Cathy

From Cathy Vaughan to Everyone: (8:07 PM) Sample Wording Draft

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Here is my working draft for the policy comment. What changes or recommendations do you have? (You're also welcome to email me later: governance@utahswimming.org) Here is the wording: "This date(2022) is the strong recommendation of the Safety Committee. Why? 1) The SSRP program has been around for almost 3 years already. The Safety Committee has been working intensely with each club for over a year to support and help them achieve SSRP. 7 clubs have still not started. We believe that whether they start in 7/2021 (for 2022 registration) or 7/2022 (for 2023 registration) it will be a last minute "dash" whether it's this year or next. 2) The Safety Committee is in a better position to help clubs this year rather than next. The committee is ready to finish this up and move on to other things. 3) It's an Olympic year. Statistically, we can expect membership to jump in the fall making the achievement of SSRP easier if done now rather than in a year." [P]
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Discussion on pushing the date forward to 2022 instead of 2023, discussed advantages of pushing forward:

Teams not engaged now will just procrastinate.

The goal is protect children and all Clubs in Utah Swimming should be invested in this.

USA Swimming is moving in the direction of making it mandatory for Clubs, by offering monetary incentives this year. It is in the best interest of our athletes to earn these incentives.

One year is still adequate time to get certified.

Only 7 teams have not started the process, most teams are either finished or somewhere in the process of being certified.

Olympic years statistically bring more new swimmers to Clubs and with an influx of new swimmers, safety should be top priority.

How do we ensure that the incentive money goes toward athletes and who will implement any program to give back to those Clubs? Could the Safe Sport Committee handle the disbursement of the money to teams to be sure it benefitted athletes and didn't get lost in the overall Utah Swimming funds. Funds should be funneled back to teams that finished their SSRP and earned the money for Utah Swimming.

To push the date for SSRP requirement up, we need board support. Committee members will divide board members and talk to them personally to explain the importance of Utah Swimming of requiring SSRP by next year. Committee will work on an email draft to send out to the board explaining the reasoning and the benefit to athletes and the entire LSC for ALL clubs to be Safe Sport Recognized as soon as possible.

Item #2- LEAP updates, we are up to date with LEAP

Item #3- MAAP 2.0, is much clearer and easier and should be easier for Clubs to update by September.

Item #4 – Travel Policy, will review and give feedback after long course state.

8:30 pm meeting adjourned