



Sierra Nevada Swimming

Board of Directors Meeting

July 18, 2019

Zoom Meeting

6:06 pm Meeting called to order by Mark Brown. **Quorum present.**

Approve meeting minutes from May 29, 2019. **M/S. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion passed. Minutes Approved.**

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Bill Rose – Thanked the LSC for hosting a great Bill Rose Classic. Bill is pushing the concussion course for those who haven't completed it. He is moving forward with the Pat Risser Award.

Dana Covington – The Governance Committee is working on By-Laws and will sort through procedures next.

Allison Turner – Reported on progress with LEAP 1. There are some missing financial documents/certifications from the former CPA. Will reach out for emails to follow-up.

Trent Richardson – Setting up more meets for Seniors with a possible SCY meet in the fall or spring. He is working on gathering teams for some future dual meets. Club Achievement is due in August.

Kainoa Pistorius – Reported that the Age Group Zones team has been selected. 48 swimmers (clarified by Alex Ongaco) will represent SNS in Oregon.

Niffey Carmody – No incidences at the BRC. Separating restrooms for athletes and everyone else didn't work as well as had been hoped.

Emma Peters, Athlete – Asked Bill Rose if the Pat Risser Award will be for graduating seniors and for requirements for application. Bill will work with athletes on this award.

Adriana Contreras – See Coaches Clinic Recap below.

Kathleen Kinsey – BRC went well. Two incidents to report: 1) Marshalls need to be by the warm up pool when it is open, 2) Swimmers need to do a better job using three-point entry when getting in the competition pool for warm-ups. Several swimmers ignored this type of entry and were pulled out of the pool to be by officials to demonstrate a proper three-point entry.

Alex Ongaco – Clarified that 48 swimmers will attend Age Group Zones. 46 were automatic selections based on WZ cuts and three were offered/accepted spots on the team. One had to back out.

Mark Brown – Current registrations numbers are down 135 from all of last year. The LSC currently has five swimmers qualified for Olympic Trials next year and hopes to have more soon. Mark reported on impact to teams of the \$2 increase per swim starting next season.

Bill Rose Classic (BRC) (SNS LC Championships) Recap:

Mark Brown reported:

- 53 new LC Championship and 5 LSC records were set at the meet.
- Timeline concerns about the length of prelims. The goal is to have four heats of each event/age group in prelims. Mark will make adjustments to time standards for next season and will look at balancing events throughout the four days.
- Possible division format. Mark suggested setting up a format with large, medium, and small teams based on number of swimmers and awarding the top three in each division. In addition, this new format will do away with the existing Most Improved award.

Concept of “Team” within SNS:

Kathleen Kinsey – reported that the Marlins brought their senior swimmers to BRC making it more competitive in the older age groups. The swimmers were made to feel that they shouldn't have been at this meet. Mark commented that each team determines which meet their swimmers attend. Kathleen proposed dropping JO from the meet name and Mark stated that this has already been done with the SNS Short Course / Long Course Championships.

Marketing of the LSC and Member Clubs and of USA Swimming with SNS:

Adriana Contreras and Kathleen Kinsey– discussed the LSC's role in linking their social media platforms with member club accounts and a desire for the LSC to push material out for clubs to use. What content does the LSC want to put out? It was agreed that the LSC should do more to promote LSC achievements via social media, tv, and radio. The athlete reps are responsible for social media and they will decide which athlete is in charge of which account. There was discussion of possibly having the LSC help monetarily with marketing while ensuring equity amongst the teams. Some discussion also included the thought that club marketing is a local issue, not a LSC concern.

Coaches Clinic Recap:

Adriana Contreras – reported that a coaches clinic was set up between sessions at the BRC on Friday and Saturday. Four coaches attended on Friday and discussed ideas for social media, dry land, and club issues. Future goals are to support coaches who want to learn.

Announcements:

Kathleen Kinsey – Effective September 1, 2019, the Folsom Wahoos and Sierra Marlins will merge teams.

Mark Brown – Redding (RAD) was given permission to hold Whiskey Town Open Water Meet the second weekend of September in a different part of the lake. Board voted on the schedule change. **M/S. All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion passed.** Alex will add to the meet schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Present on-line: Mark Brown, Alex Ongaco, Dana Covington, Alison Turner, Trent Richardson, Kainoa Pistorius, Niffey Carmody, Emma Peters, Athlete, Adriana Contreras, Kathleen Kinsey, Bill Rose, Koren Motekaitis, Brian Clark, Chris Breitbart, and Janet Vargas

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Vargas
SNS Secretary