

KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting

January 13, 2021

Conference Call 12:00 PM (ET)

PURPOSE - MISSION

The objectives and primary purpose of Kentucky Swimming shall be the education, instruction, and training of individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming.

VISION

To provide a safe and healthy environment, encompassing all backgrounds and abilities that create a tradition of excellence in the sport of swimming.

Attending: Amy Albiero, Brian Johnson, Mike Essig, Joseph Phillips, Brent Runkle, Neil Romney, David Barnes, Kevin Ryan, Jack Grigsby, John Hayes,

Not Attending: Bobby Livesay, Kris Humphries, Ruth Ann Bode, Terri Tonges, Becky Gilpatrick, Robyn Brandenburg, Hayes Varvel, Abby Warren, Lily Jones Katie Bridwell, Mike DeBoor

Amy Albiero, KYLSC General Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM (ET)

Amy started the meeting by stating that the 18&U and Winter Open meets hosted by Kentucky Swimming at Union College were well run and appreciated all the hard work that went into the meet to make it a success. The venue was great, and the athletes swam well.

Kevin Ryan – Coaches Representative

Kevin reported that there were 22 respondents to the survey he sent out to the clubs. The survey included one question with three choices to answer: 1) would the state meets work best for your club if they were in the middle of March as usual, 2) would the state meets work best for your club if they were in late April or May, after the high school championships, and 3) would the state meets work best for your club if they were in late April or May in an outdoor pool.

11 respondents chose to hold the meet in March, and 11 clubs chose to hold the meet in late April or May.

It was suggested to hold the 12&U championship in March and the 13&O in April.

High School Regions are on the calendar for April 9-10 and High School State is scheduled for April 23-25.

Discussion: Taper might be easier to hold if the meet was the weekend after high school state. The athlete representative, John Hayes, prefers the meets be spread out. Jack Grigsby felt meets three weekends in a row is too much.

The weekend after high school state is Derby and Easter weekend. Several members felt that if the meet was scheduled for May 9th or later, the athletes would not take it seriously and the meet would lose its legitimacy as a state championship.

Spring Break – March 28 & April 5

Brian Johnson suggested split gender meets run consecutively over two weekends at Union College. Format would be Morning Session - 13&O prelims, Midday Session – 12&U, Finals in the evening. Brian felt the 12&U's would be disappointed if they had a timed finals meet. Amy said they could swim the mid-session and 11-12's come back for finals. The 10&U's would be a timed final.

Amy asked if there were any other pools in Kentucky that could handle the numbers of a state championship: 300 12&U's and 400 13&O's.

Mike Essig informed the board that he had talked to Clark Burkle about hosting the 12&U championships.

Blairwood has 17 lanes.

Kevin Ryan asked Mike when the bubble would be down in late May. Mike said that varies but is always down by Memorial Day.

Amy asked if anyone objected to the split gender format held over two meets back to back at Union College during the regular time the meets would take place. Kevin felt strongly that the 12&U's should have a prelim/finals meet, and Brian and Amy indicated that should not be a problem.

No objections conveyed. She asked the board if they thought it should be open for bids for clubs to host the meet or if Kentucky Swimming should do it.

Mike Essig asked who would host the meets in Barbourville. Maureen suggested that clubs would host the meets as they have the manpower and volunteer pool already in place. Because Cardinal and KY Aquatics were awarded the meets, they will discuss with each other who can host what meet, weekend session, etc. and if they are able to.

Union College confirmed with Joseph Phillips March 12-14 and March 19-21 is available.

A coin toss was used to decide which gender would be assigned to what weekend. March 12-14: Females & March 19-21: Males

Format

- 13&O – prelim / A & B finals
- 12&U – midday session
- 10&U finals - Joseph suggested to look at last year's meet file as it was ready to go with entries. Review the timeline and determine if it is feasible to have.
- Move relays to morning session
- Will start with two relays per club and may need to reduce based on timeline

Amy asked Brian to have a committee meeting next week and a report ready for the board to review on January 27th.

Time Standards

Jack Grigsby motioned/Mike Essig seconded/approved the 2019-2020 time standards will be used for 2020-2021.

Kevin Ryan motioned/Brian Johnson seconded/approved the qualifying time for the state championship meets will be March 15, 2019 – March 7, 2021.

Long Course Championships

Joseph Phillips motioned/Brian Johnson seconded/approved the 12&U long course championship will be July 16-18, 2021, and the 13&O long course championship meet will be July 22-25, 2021.

Next meeting: February 17, 2021 noon (ET)

Brent motioned/Brian seconded/approved
Meeting adjourned 1:27 pm (ET)

Respectfully submitted
Maureen McDonald
Executive Secretary