

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2023
Conference Call**

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: Joseph Phillips, JJ Roders, Terri Tonges, David Barnes, Brent Runkle, Kris Humphries, Jason Brown, Mike Essig, Helen Glish, Meghan Zerhusen, Ruth Ann Bode
Athlete Reps: Hannah Andrew

Joseph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:32PM EST.

Kris Humphries motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved the agenda as presented.

Jason Brown motioned/JJ Rodgers seconded/approved the December 6, 2023, meeting minutes as read.

Championship Meets: The 13&Over meet information has been posted. Brent Runkle will be the meet referee. The 12&Under meet information is still in draft stages. Eric Bunnell will be the meet referee.

Southern Zone Open Water Championship: Kris Humphries reported the Kevin Ryan and Becky Gilpatrick are finalizing the meet information and safety plan. Terri Tonges will be the administrative official and has a good system for numbering the swimmers according to gender and age group. Joseph wants to get the numbers ordered.

Southern Zone Athlee Summit & Olympic Trial watch party: Ruth Ann reported that there will be information within the week. The SZ will cover pool time and speaker expenses. The planning committee is asking the LSC's to pay for the athletes' housing and dining. Each LSC can send up to six athletes.

2024 Southern Zone Age Group Championship: Maureen McDonald reported that the athlete fee for the zone trip would be approximately \$2,000 per athlete. The board discussed alternate activities or competition for the athletes. It was suggested sending a group of swimmers to the Olympic Trials. For attendance and team travel, Maureen will poll other LSC's. She will also look into group pricing for Olympic Trials tickets.

Officials Certification: Jason Brown reported USA Swimming should finalize the certification requirements by mid to late February. He will report to the board and communicate to the officials when they are rolled out.

Long Course Schedule: To date, there are seven long course meets on the schedule.

KHSAA Member At-Large Position: Mike Essig motioned/Ruth Ann Bode seconded approved to add a new ex-officio member at-large position to be held by the KHSAA Swim and Dive Commissioner.

Officials Chair: Jason Brown reported that 180 officials renewed their certifications and 30 did not, and there are 16 new officials. He is working on a list of approved meet referees.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Helen Glish asked if there were funds in the budget to reimburse officials that work national level meets. Jason and Helen will look at other LSCs' reimbursement policies.

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges reported that this season's time standards have been updated and are posted. Top Times reports have also been updated and posted.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2024, at 7:30PM ET

Ruth Ann Bode motioned/Jason Brown seconded/meeting adjourned 8:45PM.