

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**Conference Call 7:30 PM (EDT)**

*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, Terri Tonges, Kris Humphries, Lesa Boone, Nick Graves, Brent Runkle, JJ Rodgers, Becky Gilpatrick, Colin Faris, Hannah Andrews, Meg Robinson, Kevin Ryan

**Joseph Phillips, General Chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.**

**Brent Runkle motioned/Terry Tonges seconded/approved meeting agenda as presented.**

**Brent Runkle motioned/ Kris Humphries second/approved November 30, 2022, meeting minutes approved as read.**

**Short Course Championship Meets:** 12& Under meet information needs to be approved. 13&Over events file will be published by the end of the week.

**2023 Long Course Championships: KYLSC House of Delegates** - 16 clubs unanimously approved the E'town venue for the long course championship meet.

**2023 Long Course Schedule:** Very few clubs have submitted bids.

**Open Water:** Swimchester was awarded the 2023 KYLSC OW Championship meet host. Becky Gilpatrick reported that Taylorsville is the prospective venue. Kevin is waiting for approval from the state. The OW committee met on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The 15&O 4K was changed to a 5K. The relays have been changed to 4x300. The proposed date is June 29.

Kevin is meeting with the State Parks Department to move forward in Kentucky hosting the S Zone OW Championship.

**Athlete Committee:** Meg Robinson, Senior Co-Representative, reported that Bonus Events at State Survey has been closed – results attached.

Summary:

- 61% effected positively
- 38% didn't affect them
- It is more beneficial for the 12&Unders and provided more opportunity

**Age Group Chair Report:** Nick Graves reported that he has discussed with several KYLSC coaches in regard to adding 200's of strokes and the 400 IM to the 12&Under state championships. There are other LSCs that offer those 12&Under events and some that don't. The driving factor is the progression from the 11-12 age group swimming 50's and 100's with prelims and finals, They jump from not swimming the 200 and 400 IM to the 13-14 swimming 200 and 400 IM at the state meet and swimming prelims/ finals.

Nick proposes to add timed finals events in the 11-12 200 's in strokes and timed final 400 IM beginning with 2024 short course championships. Nick has mocked up potential timeline and standards.

Nick stated that it wouldn't just change the championship meet but will change the format of regularly sanctioned meets. He would like to see it added to both the short course and long course meets but doesn't see how a combined long course meet could handle that added events.

Joseph recommended technical planning meet, discuss and present to the board. JJ Rodgers added that being from Michigan, the LSC there offered those events at their championship meets. He pointed out that for the 11-12 breaststroker/backstroker, they run out of events, and this would provide more opportunities to compete. It makes it more enjoyable than swimming a bonus event where the swimmer isn't competitive.

**Officials Report:** Becky Gilpatrick reported.

- 170 officials certified
- 152 recertified
- 18 new officials
- Tracking 81 apprentices
- 25 officials will not recertify

OQM application for 13&Over submitted for evaluations for national certification.

National is holding off on advancing and recertificating because of OTS not up and running. USAS has extended expiration dates to 12/2023.

**Safe Sport:** Lesa Boone reported that 1,677 report of occurrence injury incident reports with only 11 from Kentucky. Lesa wasn't sure if there were injuries occurring that weren't being reported or if there just weren't that many. Three from the last five reports Lesa has reviewed were from cuts that resulted in stitches.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:** Helen Glish reported.

- **Para Swim Meets:** 2023 World Para Swimming World Series Indianapolis - April 20 - 22, 2023 | Indianapolis, IN  
Meet information has not yet been published, but will pass along as soon as available
- **Bill Keating Jr Memorial/Cincinnati Para Swimming Open** - May 12 - 14, 2023 | Keating Natatorium, Cincinnati, OH  
This is a meet where officials can be observed and qualify to become a Paralympic official. There are a limited number of spots available for certification and is based on first come first served guidelines - which are strict. Even if interested and one is not able to become certified, the experience is phenomenal. Meet information has not yet been published, but will pass along as soon as available
- **High School**  
We have been encouraging coaches to speak with their school Athletic Director.  
The Goal: to make a change in the High School Regional and State meets to include Swimmers with Disabilities and have a finals heat for those swimmers with disabilities, who qualify.  
How to do this: The school athletic directors need to contact the KHSAA and have a conversation to discuss inclusion of these athletes and ask how they can be included in a finals event specifically for those with disabilities.  
Sounds simple, but it is not. There is resistance, it requires change. Once such conversation will not be enough, and needs to come from many and perhaps multiple times. As an official, we have little say in the matter and KHSAA has laid it out, school AD's are where it starts.
- **Community Grants**  
USA Swimming Foundation supported Community Impact Grants application is now open! These are \$5000 grants to swimming programs in underserved communities, minority or women owned/coached clubs, or HBCU swimming programs.  
Supported by the USA Swimming Foundation, these grants are provided to clubs across the country to increase programming to underserved communities, support diverse coaches and create additional competitive opportunities in the U.S. For more information and to apply for a grant, visit [https://usaswimming.smapply.io/prog/community\\_impact\\_grant\\_2023/](https://usaswimming.smapply.io/prog/community_impact_grant_2023/). Application deadline is February 3, 2023. These grants are renewable for 3 years.

**Technical Planning:** Kris Humphries reported that SWIMS is not producing Top Times Reports, and KY is using Team Manager to create the Top Times Reports that will be posted soon.

For the state championships, Kris reviewed the number of athletes eligible with the new time standards and feels those qualifying will be manageable.

**Finance:** JJ Rogers reported that Kentucky Swimming transitioned to QuickBooks online. JJ Rogers, Finance Chair, reported that he will be meeting with Bobby Livesay, outgoing Finance Chair, to complete the transition, hopefully to be completed by the end of May.

**Records:** Terri Tonges reported that the KYLSC Records will be updated.

**Old Business:** Meet Marshals are not required to be USAS members as previously thought. Lesa Boone recommends that the LSC should require it. It was suggested that they create a USAS account and take the APT. Brent Runkle pointed out that the November 31, 2022, meeting minutes states that meet marshals are required to be USAS members. Before posting the minutes, it will be added that this statement was in error.

**Lesa Boone motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved for championship meets, meet marshals should be Athlete Protection Trained.**

**New Business:** USAS April Workshops – inviting SafeSport Coordinators, Officials Chairs, Athlete Reps, General Chairs, Program Development, Coaches Representatives. Be on the lookout for your invitation. The LSC will need to see what is in the budget for travel and accommodations.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the 13&Over championship meet between prelims and finals. Meeting will be held at Ralph Wright Natatorium's meeting room.

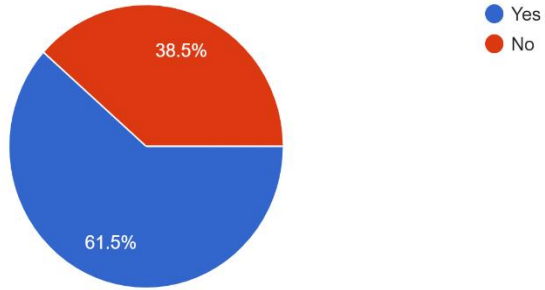
**Becky Gilpatrick motioned/Kris Humphries seconded meeting adjourned 8:35PM**

Respectfully submitted  
Maureen McDonald  
Executive Secretary

**Bonus Events Survey – FULL SURVEY:** <https://www.teamunify.com/team/szkyslsc/page/system/res/198797>

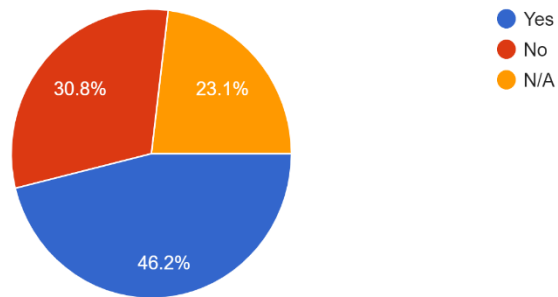
Have you ever used bonus events?

13 responses



Do bonus events make you more likely to attend state?

13 responses



How do bonus events effect you?

13 responses

