

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
November 13, 2024 - Zoom**

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, Brent Runkle, Terri Tonges, Kris Humphries, Marcelo Acosta, Nick Graves, Jason Brown, Chris Fay, Helen Glish, JJ Rodgers, Caty Flikkema, Mia Clark, Parker Russell

Joseph Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM (ET).

Jason Brown motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/agenda approved as presented.

Jason Brown motioned/Helen Glish seconded/September 11, 2024, KYLSC Board of Directors meeting minutes approved as read.

Kentucky Territory: N KY Clippers club and territory are now part of Kentucky Swimming. MAKO Sharks was approved for membership in Indiana Swimming. The two Indiana Swimming clubs, Pacesetter and Riverside Aquatics, in the Kentucky Swimming territory, have transitioned to Kentucky Swimming meet sanctioning.

Brent Runkle will follow up with USA Swimming to ensure Kentucky Swimming is included in any communication with Indiana Swimming and USA Swimming.

Finance Report: JJ Rodgers reported that a detailed report will be presented next meeting when activity is more substantial.

Swimville USAS and Kentucky Swimming have a signed sponsorship agreement.

2025 Short Course Championship: CKA will host the 13&Over championship meet as planned with Swimchester and Highbridge helping.

Technical Planning Championship Meet Recommendations:

Use OME as discussed at HOD

12&Under – Terri Tonges motioned

1. Keep 11-12 200 back, 200 breast, and 200 fly as per 2024 Championship meets, same entry process and time standards as 2024. **Chris Fay seconded/approved**
2. Move 11-12 200 butterfly from Sunday to Friday. **Chris Fay seconded/approved**
3. Move 11-12 200 backstroke from Friday to Sunday. **Chris Fay seconded/approved**
4. Relays will be at the end of the prelim and finals sessions. (Discussion) **Chris Fay seconded/approved**
5. Change high-point award to best 7 events (from 9)

13&Over – Terri Tonges motioned

1. For OME entry purposes, two sanctioned meets will be created, U12 Championship and O13 Championship. This will unlink entry deadlines and age-up dates. There will be a few athletes that will fall in between the two meets. Any athlete that wants to swim U12 that ages-up between meets will be identified by their coach to the Entry Chair and entries manually managed. Championship Meet entry limits for U12 still apply if they swim in an Open event. Those swimmers' entries will be monitored to ensure they don't swim more than the maximum events allowed. **Chris Fay/approved**
2. Relays will be at the end of the prelim and finals sessions. **Brent Runkle seconded/approved**
3. Change high-point award to best 7 events (from 9) as per 2024 LCM Championship meet. **Chris Fay/approved**
4. Allow fastest (8) eight 1650 freestyle athletes the option to swim during prelims (as per 2024 LCM Championship meet process). **Kris Humphries/approved**

Additional Discussion by the Technical Planning Committee: Addition of 50s is tabled for SCY. Technical Planning will work to incorporate in 2025 LCM Championship meet.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Athlete Representative: Mia Clark reported that the National Para Swimming meet packet has been posted. She is available to help any para swimmer competing in the meet. The LSC time standards will be out after Nationals.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Nick Graves reported that 13-14 50's were added to the National Records. Wilson York was back dated as National Age Group Record holder for the 50 breaststrokes.

MidStates AllStar Coaching Staff: From the applications received, Caty Flikkema, Amy Albiero, Nick Graves and Kevin Ryan were the on the committee that selected Chris Fay as 13-14s and head coach, Marcelo Accosta as 11-12 coach, Patsy Elliott as 9-10 coach and Kaleb Brannock as a floater and team manager.

Officials Chair: Jason Brown reported that the new USAS officials certification process is in effect. The new process has made it difficult for Jason to monitor when apprentice officials start. In-person clinics have been replaced with USAS online courses. For new officials, there is no connection with Jason or Becky, and it has caused problems and confusion for the apprentices. Kentucky Swimming can host in-person workshops, but Kentucky Swimming cannot require attendance.

Governance Chair: Brent Runkle reported that he is reviewing Kentucky Swimming's bylaws and handbook. He is looking for discrepancies between the two documents and will report back with recommendations. He noted policy with the athlete representatives is somewhat confusing. Brent recommended Kentucky Swimming adopt a working calendar with LSC, Zone and National events, bid and reporting deadlines, etc. to post on the KYLSC website.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Helen Glish submitted National presentations that can be found in the [News section on the KYLSC website](#).

- New National DEI Chair: Martha Chiwanza martha.chiwanza@gmail.com
- 2024 DEI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AND WORKSHOP – [Information is posted in the News section of the KYLSC website](#).
- Southern Zone Goal
 - Provide a number of water safety classes run by LSC Clubs and LSCs at no cost to participants, yearly.
 - Next Steps:
 - Identify the club that would support this goal.
 - Identify number of water safety classes and/or lessons you plan to execute.
 - Bring this goal to the SZ DEI Meeting.Helen has spoken to a few individuals regarding this goal for feasibility. They are looking for any / all clubs to see if there is a way to support this goal.
- Ruth Ann and Helen will officiate the National Para Swimming Championship.

Open Water: The KYLSC open water championship is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Taylorsville Lake. Kevin is working with Excel Aquatics to co-host an open water meet in Nashville Battle of the Borders.

Next Meeting: January 8

Jason Brown motioned/Nick Graves seconded to adjourn/meeting adjourned 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted
Maureen McDonald
KTLSC Executive Secretary