

## **KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting**

February 24, 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, Kevin Ryan, Joseph Phillips, Mike Essig, Jack Grigsby, Bobby Livesay, Brent Runkle, Terri Tonges, Katie Bridwell, David Barnes, Becky Gilpatrick, Kris Humphries,

**Not Attending:** Brian Johnson, Neil Romney, Ruth Ann Bode, Robyn Brandenburg, John Hayes, Hayes Varvel, Abby Warren, Lily Jones Mike DeBoor

**Amy Albiero, KYLSC General Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM (ET)**

**November 19, 2020 meeting minutes: Joseph Phillips motioned/Brent Runkle seconded/approved as read.**

**January 13, 2020 meeting minutes: Brent Runkle motioned/Kevin Ryan seconded/approved as read.**

### **Short Course Championships**

Mike Essig reported Eric Bunnell and Lesa Boone. Discussed flow and layout of facility specifically where scratch tables, officials tables, etc. are.

Terri Tonges will be helping with boys meet. She requested a layout for girls meet so they can plan for boys. Triton feels comfortable with the planning for numbers anticipated. Feels there will be a large number of competitors.

Joseph Phillips asked if they are planning to allow parents to time for distance events swimmers Mike will get with Lesa Boone. If deck space allows, they will let parents enter the bubble for timing. Parents will have to undergo COVID protocol like swimmers, coaches and officials.

Triton is making arrangements with a few local hotels (Embassy Suites and Drury Inn) that will live stream the meet in the lobby.

Terri asked there will be an onsite computer they will use as the timing system is different than what Tonya Merritt the Boys Division AO is used to.

Becky stated that there was going to be an officials meeting, and she would discuss the distance swims timers and what computer will be used at the meeting.

### **2021-2022 Short Course Meet Bids**

Will the LSC use the regular process for meet bids or will the LSC use a more relaxed approach and allow clubs to add meets to the calendar when they have pool access?

Amy suggested to start the meet bid process but allow teams to add to the list if they can host a meet.

Mike Essig talked to Brandon Hanson Covid will be a part of lives throughout 2021. Recommends a looser approach like what was done in the 2020-2021 short course season.

Joseph felt like short course went well with the looser approach in sanctioning meets as facilities are available.

Brent concurred – Ask for meet bids and allow pop-up meets when facilities are available.

Joseph Phillips motioned/Kevin Ryan seconded/approved KY Swimming bypasses the official meet bid process and utilize the process

### **Open Water**

Kevin Ryan reported that it has been a challenge in getting clubs/swimmers engaged in open water events. He hopes that what he has put together will encourage clubs to participate in not only the KY Swimming championship meet but get them competing in more than one event a year.

Kevin devised a plan for an open water championship series moving toward a KY Swimming Championship meet in September. The series will include the Murky Mile and the Ohio Swimming Open Water Championship.

Points will be given for attending the other meets as well as placing in the other meets. This can be an incentive for smaller clubs to participate where they could walk into the KY Swimming state meet with a lot of points and win top team awards.

Open Water Zones – most kids go to zones without having competed in an open water event. This would help for next year's open water event.

Becky reminded the board that there are no KY Swimming open water certified officials. Kevin has been working with Chip Carrigan in Ohio who will run a clinic and provide opportunities to apprentice.

Amy thought the proposal was very creative and liked incorporating the meets to provide more opportunities for swimmers. Brent agreed and asked if clubs had provided input on their training for the KY Swimming championship in August. Kevin hasn't heard from other clubs but is willing to provide training for anyone across the state.

Amy suggested a Zoom Town Hall for the open water events.

Kevin will try to get USA Swimming in on the call. Zoom call to be scheduled in April.

Order of events at state meet: 2-day format with relays on the first and the longer individual events on the second day.

Joseph asked a CKA swimmer that attended a Zones Championship. She loved the relays more than the individual event.

Amy suggested to include some KY swimmers on the Zoom call along with Kevin, USAS and possibly an Olympian.

Mike Essig motioned/Joseph Phillips seconded/approved to adopt the Open Water

Kevin asked if there should be a championship meet bid process for the event. Mike suggested that the nature of this type of meet and the location that opening up for bids is not necessary.

Kevin is trying to lock down two locations: KY River at Fort Boonesboro and a private fishing lake in Winchester.

Amy feels that as it is running as a series with Kevin spearheading the process, it would be best if Kevin manages it from the beginning. If it were put out for bid, the board would present the adopted proposal and a team could bid to run the event as proposed. Kevin suggested to ask clubs if anyone is interested in bidding as host team for the event. Becky suggested to poll the clubs.

Terri asked if another team bids for open water, does Kentucky Swimming have policies for safety and security.

Response to Terri's question was that USA Swimming sanctions all open water events where all safety protocol and procedures must be listed on the application.

Kevin Ryan motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved to send out an email to check interest if any club wishes to host the Kentucky Swimming Open Water Championship in September.

Kevin will try to have everything wrapped up on his end by May.

### **20201 KYLSC Annual HOD**

The HOD meeting dates discussion was tabled at the last meeting. Board agreed to postpone discussion until after the championship meets.

### **Long Course Championships**

It is a strong possibility the Elizabethtown Dolphins will be able to host the 13&Over championship. **Joseph Phillips motioned/Mike Essig seconded/approved April 12<sup>th</sup> will be deadline to confirm venues and host club.**

### **KY LEADS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Kentucky was awarded a \$1,200 grant for a leadership summit. Joseph and Maureen have been discussing an overnight at Lake Cumberland.

Next Meeting: April 14, noon

Joseph Phillips motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved meeting adjourned 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Maureen McDonald – Executive Secretary