

KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting

February 28, 2022

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, Mike Essig, Margaret Robinson, Terri Tonges, David Barnes, Sara Smith, Brian Johnson, Kris Humphries, Nick Graves, Kevin Ryan, Becky Gilpatrick, Colin Faris, Ruth Ann Bode, Lesa Boone, Helen Glish

Not Attending: Bobby Livesay, Brent Runkle, Katie Bridwell, Amy Albiero

Joseph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm (EST)

Approval of Agenda: Mike Essig approved/Becky Gilpatrick seconded/approved with addition of budget report to agenda.

Approval of January 19, 2022, BOD Meeting Minutes: Becky Gilpatrick motioned/Lesa Boone seconded/approved January 19, 2022, meeting minutes.

KYLSC 9/1 2021 – 1/31 2022 Finance Report

Registrations – Budget report indicates 96% of projected registration revenue has been collected; however it does not include payment to USAS for January registrations.

Splashes/Surcharges – As of January 31, meet fee collections is 34.9%/55.5%. We should be on target to meet budget as some uncollected fees from January, income from regularly sanctioned February – March meets and long course meets are still out. Kentucky Swimming receives approximately \$12,000 from the championship meet fees.

Sponsorship – Sponsorship donation has not been collected. Swimville will pay \$3,000 after the short course championship meets and \$3,000 after the long course championship.

Short Course Championships

Becky Gilpatrick reported that officials signups are on track.

S Zone Open Water Championships

S Zone increased the number of athletes to 48 participants. The meet information came out so late which made it difficult to reserve flights. A bus has been chartered – 13 hour drive. Kevin Ryan, Nick Graves and Colin Faris are coaching. Budget is a little under \$500 per athlete.

KYLSC Open Water Championship

Kentucky Swimming received one bid from Swimchester Sailfish for the 2022 KYLSC Open Water Championship. Kevin Ryan presented his bid.

Date: June 30, Thursday

Location: Taylorsville Lake State Park – manmade lake with large boat ramp and dock

There have been triathlons there for the last 15 years.

Masters Swimming: looking into a Masters event with 1k/3k/5k to run before the LSC championship

KYLSC: 4 x 400 Mixed Gender Relays first

Individual events: 10&Under 1k/11-12 2k/13-14 3k/15&Over 4k

Boats – Four boats for officials are needed.

Date was chosen for several reasons:

- The weekend immediately following is July 4th weekend, so there is no pool meets to compete with.
- Ohio Swimming has their open water championship July 29, and Kevin was hoping to pull officials in from that meet without competing with it.
- If fits within training plans.
- Kevin feels like more swimmers would participate in June rather than September where swimmers have not been training for long and are not in shape for a long distance event.

Mike Essig motioned/Nick Graves seconded/

Discussion: Ruth Ann Bode asked if there was an alternate date. No alternate dates have been planned. Becky and Ruth Ann recommended that KY Swimming not officiate the Masters Swimming event to ensure there is enough time to setup and prepare for the LSC meet.

approved to accept Swimchester's 2022 Open Water Championship meet bid for June 30, 2022, at Taylorsville Lake.

KYLSC and KHSAA Partnership

- Kevin Ryan polled KYLSC coaches and found the majority are in favor of a fall high school season with high school regions and state in November or early December. Kevin noted 4-5 smaller areas were not in favor because of athletes participating in other sports.
- Kevin talked to Sarah Bridenbaugh, the KHSAA Assistant Commissioner. Before any decision is made, high school coaches and athletic directors would have to submit the request.
- At the high school championships, several high school coaches expressed interest to Joseph.
- Meg Robinson, athlete representative, explained that she participates in cross country which is a fall sport. There was no taper for her for high school regions/state as she was training for KY Swimming championships. She feels it is important to discover the opinions of the high school coaches.
- Mike Essig said there was no coaches' committee at the high school level. The process would start with high school coaches and directors followed by support from the Kentucky Swimming board of directors. At this time, there is no organized format for high school coaches which is imperative to making changes. He doesn't think there is any harm in distributing a LSC letter of support to Sarah Bridenbaugh.
- Sara Smith from MYST has talked to Region 1 high school coaches, and the majority are not for moving high school swimming to a fall sport. It would be detrimental. Her club would lose many of their swimmers if high school state was moved.
- Becky Gilpatrick felt there should be further discovery involving the wants and needs of the high school coaches and programs before any letter was submitted to KHSAA.
- Lesa Boone reminded the board that the swimmers' needs should also be considered as it impacts them the most – Meg Robinson agreed as it is important to consider the athletes' participation in other sports, activities and their school work load.
- Joseph felt there should be no action taken immediately and need input from high school coaches, etc. needs to be in place first.

2022 House of Delegates

Dave Doolin has confirmed that Transylvania is available for the September 18th date. Maureen is unavailable that date.

Long Course Season: The schedule is posted and there are open dates to add meets.

Officials Chair - Becky Gilpatrick

- Officials Committee is doing well with recruiting with 65 apprentice officials being tracked for certification this year.
- 32 newly certified
 - 8 CARD
 - 5 TS
 - 5 LAK
 - 3 SKY
 - 2 OMM
- 198 officials certified
- Ruth and Becky have been approved to officiate at Open Water Nationals.

Safety Chair – Lesa Boone

- 4/5 clubs are Safe Sport Recognized
- 17 clubs are in process
- Lesa will be reaching out to teams who are not certified

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Helen Glish

- USA Swimming has released its 19.0 Athlete Inclusion, Competitive Equity, and Eligibility Policy. The policy outlines eligibility for elite athletes in regard to transgender female and male athletes. USAS 19.0 doesn't address LSC policy for age-group programs.

- Ruth Ann suggested coach education is important.

Athlete Representative – Meg Robinson

Meg reported that through December, school activities have been occupying the committee representatives' time. At high school state, Several of the committee members were able to meet and cheer each other on.

Next Meeting: April 18, 2022, at 7:30 pm (EDT)

Mike Essig motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved meeting adjourned 8:47 pm (EDT)