

# Kentucky Swimming House of Delegates

September 19, 2020

1:00 PM (EDT)

Zoom Meeting

**Board Members Attending:** Amy Albiero (General Chair), Bobby Livesay (Finance Vice-Chair), Brian Johnson (Program Development & Operations), Terri Tonges (Records Chair), Mike Essig (Age Group Vice-Chair), Bucky Stoess (Rules Chair), Beck Gilpatrick (Officials Chair), Kris Humphries (Safety Chair & SafeSport Coordinator), Ruth-Ann Bode (Diversity Equity & Inclusion), Kevin Ryan (Coaches Representative),

**Board Members Not Attending:** Jack Grigsby (Member At-Large), Robyn Brandenburg (Technical Planning), John Hayes, Katie Bridwell, Clare Canter (Athlete Representatives)

## Roll Call:

CARD - 3	GSCS -1	LAK - 1	NLY - 1	PST - 1	TNT - 1
CKA - 1	HA - 1	LEXD - 1	OMM -1	RACE -1	TS - 2
CSC -1	KAC - 2	MAC -1	PAC -1	SEA -2	
ET - 2	KYA - 7	MYST - 1	PACK - 2	SWSF - 1	

- Amy Albiero, KY Swimming General Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanked the House of Delegates Planning Committee (Becky Gilpatrick, Ruth Ann Bode and Mike Essig) for organizing the meetings and thanked the KY Swimming Board of Directors for their hard work and due diligence during the pandemic. She explained to the House of Delegates that since March 2020, the board of directors met 10 times and additional meetings conducted by Program Development, Technical Planning, Coaches and KY LEADS. The KYLSC Board of Directors is committed in bringing all USA Swimming information to its members, meeting with government officials to open facilities and fighting for the sport of swimming in Kentucky.
- **Ruth-Ann Bode motioned/Joey Gracia seconded/ approved 2019 House of Delegates Minutes as read**
- Finance Vice-Chair Report Bobby Livesay submitted reports including 8/31/2020 Balance Sheet and a 2019-2020 year-end Financial Report – see attached.  
2020-2021 KYLSC Budget – see attached: **Brian Johnson motioned/Brent Runkle seconded/approved**
- Report of Officers:
  - Administrative Vice-Chair (seat vacant)
  - Senior Vice-Chair (seat vacant)
  - Age Group Chair : Mike Essig  
Mike Essig reported that during the shutdown, approximately 25 athletes participated in several KY LEADS (KY Leadership Education for Athlete Development through Swimming) meetings. Guest speakers included Abbie Fish and Nic Albiero. Two National team members, Mallory Comerford and Zach Harting will be giving a Zoom presentation after the HOD meeting for any athlete interested.
  - Program Development & Operations Vice-Chair: Brian Johnson  
Brian Johnson reformatting LC champ meet. Committee met evaluated possibility of doing that. Due to cancellation of 2020 long course championship meets, the committee tabled that but will revisit before long course season. COVID plan submitted to governor’s office at the beginning of the pandemic and used successfully to get back into the water. For the coming year Brian would like to look at reviving what would look something like the old state “B” meet. With this hopefully being an Olympic year and the additional excitement that it should bring, it would be a great opportunity to schedule a meet like that. Running the meet right after the summer championship meets possibly keeping the summer swimmers engaged a little longer and increasing USAS members numbers.
  - Technical Planning: no report
  - Coach Representative: Kevin Ryan  
Kevin Ryan reported he was voted in as Coaches’ Representative the night before. He will be reaching to the coaches in the next few weeks to introduce himself and get to know the KYLSC coach members. During the Coaches’ meeting, 8 coaches from the 27 KY Swimming clubs were present.  
Senior Coach of the Year – Chip Augustus (CARD)  
Age Group Coach of the Year – Mike Essig (TS)  
Pedro Pereira, outgoing Coaches’ Rep, held weekly Zoom meetings during the shutdown. Now that practice has continued, the meetings will become monthly discussing updated USAS/KYLSC policies and discussing coaches’ concerns.

Amy wanted to thank Mike Essig and Pedro Pereira for continuing to keep the coaches and athletes engaged and encouraged.

- Athlete Representative: no report
- Safety Chair:
  - Kris Humphries reported that the focus for 2020-2021 is clubs become a SafeSport Recognized club. If coaches or club board members need help with credentialing, Kris will be glad to help. Please forward all SafeSport information to your swim families.
- Officials Chair:
  - Becky Gilpatrick reported KY Swimming officials are a completely dedicated group of volunteers. Town Hall Meeting earlier in the morning where 51 officials attended.
  - August 2019 through February 2020: 203 officials certified, officials worked 1,800 different sessions equating to 7,100 volunteer hours, 39 clinics – 13 recertification clinics and 26 clinics for new officials or for officials wanting to advance to higher positions. KY Swimming should keep almost all officials from last year.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:
  - Ruth Ann Bode reported working on committee meetings and will reformulate soon. Ruth Ann, along with Becky Gilpatrick, was able to participate and form the KY LEADS program for club athlete representatives. At the kick-off meeting, there was a DE&I presentation expressing the importance of diversity and engaging participation. There was the formation in Louisville of a new swim team with 20 members under of the auspices of Ali Center and Trident Swim Foundation, motto “Float with our butterfly – Sting with our free.” Louisville, Kentucky is the site for the 2021 national DE&I Select Camp sometime in early June. Coaches please encourage your athletes to apply. Earlier this morning, Peggy Ewald, Team USAS - Olympic Para-Swimming Committee presentation, including the para swimmer at the club and LSC levels. Several officials have researched certification at the para swimming level. DE&I is looking to engage not only athletes but officials. Ruth Ann will work with coaches to recruit not only athletes in minority areas but recruitment with coaches as well.
- Records Coordinator:
  - Terri Tonges reported that record updates have been updated.
  - New long course records - U8: 1 new record, 11-12: 1 new record, 13-14: 4 new records, 15-18: 13 new records and Open: 27 new records
  - New short course records – 13-14: 5 new records, 15-18: 15 new records, Open : 27 new records
  - A long-standing record set in 1984 was broken: girls 13-14 relay set by Lakeside and broken by Lakeside.
- Rules Chair:
  - Bucky Stoess reported that no proposed rules changes submitted for the Bylaws and Handbook to be presented at the House of Delegates.
- Membership:

REG. YEAR	Y-R	FLEX	OUTREACH	SUMMER	TOTAL ATHL	TOTAL NON-ATHL	TOTAL
September 2018 -August 2019	2,181	194	139	27	2541	381	2922
September 2019 -August 2020	2,126	259	181		2566	365	2931

- New Business
  - 2020-2021 Short Course Meet Schedule: 2020-2021 Meet schedule it on the web site. Schedule consists of meets approved during the meet bid process and new meets. Some of the originally scheduled meets may be cancelled due to pool availability.
  - Championship Meets: Amy Albiero reported the short course championship meets are scheduled for March 12-13 and March 19-21. For the current meet hosts, neither facility have access to the pools. The board has decided to wait closer to December to discuss moving on with a different plan and send out for a rebid. Coaches meeting are dates are concrete, and the answer is no. State meet may take place over several weekends in several different locations. Have state championships is a top priority.
  - Sanctioned Meet Requirements: USAS requires an additional host plan to be included with your sanction application and meet announcement. All documents and templates can be found on the web site.
  - Timing Systems: Bucky Stoess explained timing systems requirements. A primary system shall always be in place and shall consist of one of the following, listed in their preferred order of use: Automatic Timing – touchpads, Semi-Automatic, with three (3) or two (2) buttons per lane, each operated by a separate timer, and Manual, with three (3) watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer. Secondary System — If manually operated watches are not the primary system, a secondary system of precedence equal to or lower than the primary system must be used. These requirements have always been in place with the addition for a secondary system of overhead video with 100 images per second.

- Elections (Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates) Marvin Watson, Nominating Committee Chair, thanked the committee, Bucky Stoess – outgoing Rules Chair, Chris Fugmann (HA), Matt Vogelpohl (NLY), Joseph Phillips was on the committee but resigned when he was nominated for a position.

Amy asked if there were any nominations from the floor. **Kevin Ryan moved/Ruth Ann Bode seconded/approved to accept the slate from the Nominating Committee by acclamation.**

Administrative Vice-Chair: Joseph Phillips (CKA)  
 Senior-Vice Chair: Neil Romney (RACE)  
 Program Development & Operations (Brian Johnson KYA)  
 Rules Chair: David Barnes (GSCS)  
 Finance Chair: Bobby Livesay (HA)  
 Member At-Large: Brent Runkle (LAK)

- KYLSC Volunteer of the Year Award: Any non-athlete and non-coach person may be nominated by any member of the Kentucky Swimming House of Delegates to the Secretary of Kentucky Swimming. The persons nominated must have served Kentucky Swimming within the previous year. The persons may have aided in improving or helping upgrade Kentucky Swimming in any manner. Brian Johnson nominated from the floor. Brian Johnson nominated Amy Albiero. Brian would not usually nominate a General Chair for this award because they usually know what they sign up for, but in this case and year it is a little different, and Amy got more than what she signed up for. Amy has been the face of KY Swimming in the media, active in getting to the governor's office in getting the swimmers back to the pool. Brian is impressed how she has fought for the entire LSC and not just for her team. And for that, Brian nominates Amy.  
 Ruth Ann Bode nominated Becky Gilpatrick has worked hard in keeping all the officials informed, doing recruiting and good programming. She has done an outstanding job. **Mike Essig moved/Joseph Phillips seconded/ approved Brian Johnson and Becky Gilpatrick named 2019-2020 Volunteers of the Year.**
- USAS Outstanding Service Award: The Outstanding Service Award was established in 1981 to recognize the invaluable contribution to the volunteer service to USA Swimming. The award, sponsored by ConocoPhillips, is presented annually to an honoree named by each of the 59 Local Swimming Committees (LSC). Selection criteria considers quality, level and years of volunteer service in elected or appointed positions from among the categories of administrator, official, and coach.  
 USA Swimming and ConocoPhillips take great pride in honoring the role of the volunteer as an important investment in the future of all swimming athletes and the growth of the programs they represent. **Kris Humphries named USAS Outstanding Service Award.**
- Other Business: Ruth Ann Bode – Now is a great time to speak to swim families about sponsors. Does any person in the LSC have a connection with Toyota?
- 2021 HOD Meeting - Date, Place & Host Club: Triton Swimming offered to host. **Mike Essig moved/Joseph Phillips seconded/approved to table dates for HOD.**
- Adjourn: **Ruth Ann moved/Becky Gilpatrick seconded/adjourned**