

## Kentucky Swimming House of Delegates

September 17, 2022

12:30 PM (EDT)

Zoom Call

**Board Members Attending:** Joseph Phillips (General Chair), Mike Essig (Administrative Vice-Chair), Bobby Livesay (Finance Vice-Chair), Colin Faris (Age-Group Vice-Chair), Kevin Ryan (Coaches Representative), Terri Tonges (Records Chair), Nick Graves (Age Group Vice-Chair), David Barnes (Rules Chair), Becky Gilpatrick (Officials Chair), Kris Humphries (Technical Planning), Sara Smith (At-large member), Amy Albiero (past General Chair)

**Board Members Not Attending:** Brian Johnson (Program Development & Operations), Helen Glish (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), Ruth-Ann Bode (Athlete Engagement), Brent Runkle (At-large member), Lesa Boone (Safe Sport) and Katie Bridwell (Senior Athlete Representative)

### Club Members in Attendance:

CARD – 2	HA – 2	MYST - 2	RACE – 2	TNT – 3
CKA – 3	KYA – 3	NLY – 1	SEA – 1	Triton – 3
ET – 4	LAK – 3	PAC – 1	SKY –	
GSCS – 4	LEXD – 3	PST – 1	SWSF – 3	

Joseph Phillips, KYLSC General Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:31 pm.

### General Chair Welcome - Joseph Phillips:

For the 2021-2022 season, Kentucky Swimming came back strong from the 2020-2021 battling the setbacks from COVID. As 2023 swim year begins, we will be in the middle of the new USA Swimming online membership registration roll out.

Joseph thanked the club registrars and admins.

Registrations are up 17% from 2021 to 2022.

Even though Kentucky is one of the smallest LSCs in the county, we continue to raise up national-level athletes:

2023 National Team Members: Gabe Albiero-UofL, Mariah Denigan-LAK, Kelsi Worrell Dahlia-CARD, Zach Harting-CARD/UofL,

2023 Junior National Team - Hunter Tapp-LAK

Open Water Junior Nationals Qualifier - Justice Beard-PST

Joseph reminded the house that although we are all from separate teams, we need to be mindful that we are all part of a larger organization, Kentucky Swimming and need to work together for the good of the LSC.

**September 18, 2021, House of Delegates meeting minutes: Mike Essig moved/Becky Gilpatrick seconded/approved meeting minutes approved as read.**

**2023 LSC Budget: There will be a separate meeting to discuss and approve this year's budget.**

### Officer Reports

**Senior Vice-Chair - Colin Faris:** Scholastic All American (2021) 13 KY LSC Applicants

John Anderson (LAK), Jenna Brown (LAK), Charlie Crush (LAK), Annabel Crush (LAK), Brinly Hardy (LAK),

Eden Humphrey (CARD), Mackenzie Lanning (LAK), Sean Mackey (CARD), Madeline Meredith (LAK),

Sydney Perkins (LAK), Will Scholtz (LAK), Lucas Thomas (LAK), Isaac Wilson (LAK)

A report with

**Age Group Vice-Chair - Nick Graves:** For the 2021-2022 season meet format resumed as pre-COVID. The season went really well for short course. For the long course championship, Nick felt that the 12&U championship fell short of anticipated participation. Other summer meets affected participation.

**Technical Planning – Kris Humphries:** The Technical Planning Committee reviewed championships meets with special attention to participation. For 2023 SCY time standards, there was a hard reset on 12&Under standards to increase participation and inclusion. This will be open ended with the Technical Planning Committee looking at attendance each season. The committee is reviewing LCM championship meets.

Presentation of new Time Standards 2023 season – see attached.

**Coaches Representative – Kevin Ryan:** Kevin reminded the clubs that he is the BOD liaison for coaches. Anyone with ideas, questions, etc. can reach out to him.

Kentucky Swimming is trying to grow open water. The 2022 KY Open Water Championship doubled in size from the 2021 championship. He invited all clubs to participate in 2023.

**KYLSC Athlete Representative - Meg Robinson:** Meg reported the Athlete Executive Committee has been reaching out to clubs to build participation within the club athlete representative structure. Meg sent out a 12&Under Championship meet survey to athlete reps and coaches. The goal is to compile a report from the survey and present to the board by the end of the year. They are planning an athlete leadership summit in the near future.

**Records Chair – Terri Tonges:** There were 20 new short course yards and 20 new long course records set this year.

**Finance Chair:** Bobby reported that he and the KYLSC office will meet October 13 to close out 2021-2022 year.

#### **Officials Chair – Becky Gilpatrick:**

It was another busy year for KY Swimming officials. In many ways, the officiating group experienced a return toward normal from the pandemic-related restrictions in 2020 and early 2021.

Highlights of the 2021-2022 swim season:

- Over 11% increase in certified officials vs prior year
  - 181 officials @ end of 2021 season
  - 204 officials @ end of 2022 season
- Recruitment of new officials resumed
  - KYLSC certified a total of 38 new officials between September 2021 and August 2022
  - 32 as new stroke and turn officials (wet side)
  - 6 as new timing judges (dry side)
- Breakdown by club: CARD (9) - CKA (1) - ET (1) - GSCS (1) - HA (1) - KAC (1) - KYA (1) - LAK (8) - OMM (2) - PACK (1) -RACE (1) - SKY (3) - SWSF (2) - TNT (1) - TS (4) - YLOU (1)
- 30 KYLSC officials advanced to new certification levels
  - Deck Referee – 2
  - Starter – 11
  - Chief Judge – 15
  - Administrative Referee – 1
  - Administrative Official – 1
- 45 clinics conducted for officials (includes new officials, advancement for officials, and recertification)
- Open Water (OW)

KYLSC had zero (0) officials holding OW certification when OW meet planning began in spring 2021. Several KYLSC officials traveled in 2022 to obtain training and experience in order to conduct OW meets in Kentucky and grow the OW program.

  - April 2022 – Two (2) KYLSC officials (Ruth-Ann Bode and Becky Gilpatrick) worked at the 2022 National Open Water Championship in Fort Meyers Beach, FL. Becky Gilpatrick also participated in the National OW Officials Workshop while there.
  - May 2022 – Three (3) KYLSC officials (Ruth-Ann Bode, Kris Humphries, and Terri Tonges) worked at the 2022 Southern Zone Open Water Championship at Lake Winona, FL.
  - June 2022 – Three (3) KYLSC officials (Ruth-Ann Bode, Becky Gilpatrick, and Rachel Wilson) worked at the 2022 Central Zone Open Water Championship in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.
  - KYLSC hosted two virtual OW clinics in June 2022, led by Mike Murphy, USAS National Officials' Open Water Committee Chair
- KYLSC OW Championship meets
  - September 2021 – KYLSC OW Championship, Location - Kentucky River in Winchester, KY
  - Experienced OW officials from Ohio Swimming came to run the meet for us
  - Six (6) KYLSC officials became certified in OW
  - June 30, 2022 – OW Championship at Taylorsville Lake, Taylorsville KY
  - KYLSC officials conducted the meet
  - Total of seventeen (17) officials worked at the meet (Includes five (5) OW officials from four (4) other LSCs)
  - Currently thirteen (13) KYLSC officials hold OW certification
- Goals for 2022-2023 season: Continued focus on recruitment

#### **Athlete Engagement Chair – Ruth Ann Bode**

This year I began as the newly created athlete engagement committee chair. Coming out of all the COVID lockdowns/restrictions, this was a rebuilding year, and as such this group is still in its infancy.

The BOD athlete reps, Katie Bridwell and Meg Robinson, have been actively working to recruit club reps and form an active athlete group. I have stressed athlete participation on the BOD various committees, especially DEI, technical planning, SafeSport, and Open Water for example.

Meg recently constructed a survey and sent it to all club representatives asking for information regarding 12 and under champs and bonus swims. I also sent the survey to all the coaches listed in 2021.

Goals for the upcoming year:

- Have at least 1 athlete on each committee for KYLSC
- Complete the survey and present the results by the end of the calendar year
- Organize an athlete summit for either December 2022 or spring 2023.
- Send athlete rep to either SZ or USAS national program if offered this year.

### **2023 Short Course Championship Host Club – Venue**

12&Under Triton Swimming at Blairwood Tennis, Swim & Fitness; March 10-12, 2023 / approved by the HOD

13&Over Cardinal Aquatics at UofL; March 17-19, 2023 / approved by the HOD

**2023 Long Course Championship:** Kris Humphries reported that the Technical Planning Committee looked at how the meet was historically run, specifically last year's long course championships. The committee recommends combining the 12&Under and 13&over meets. The committee will continue to work on formatting for the meet.

### **Board of Directors Elections**

Kevin Ryan was elected as Coach Representative by the coaches at their meeting.

### **Slate of Nominees**

- Administrative Vice-Chair: Mike Essig Kris Humphries motioned/David Barnes seconded/approved
- Program Development Vice-Chair: Amy Albiero Teri Tonges motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved
- Rules Chair - Governance Committee: David Barnes Terri Tonges motioned/Kevin Ryan seconded/approved
- Member At-Large: Brent Runkle Dave Doolin motioned/Becky Gilpatrick seconded/approved
- Finance Vice-Chair: Looking for a USAS member with a finance background to take over for Bobby Livesay. Devin Murphy nominated JJ Rodgers from the floor. David Barnes motioned/Mike Essig seconded/approved. JJ Rodgers will work with Bobby for the next year to fill the position.

### **KYLSC Volunteer of the Year Award**

Terri Tonges nominated Kris Humphries. Amy Albiero nominated Terri Hixenbaugh.

Amy Albiero asked that both nominees share the awards. Mike Essig motioned/Kevin Ryan seconded/approved

### **USA Swimming Outstanding Service Award**

Ruth Ann Bode nominated Becky Gilpatrick. Approved

### **2023 House of Delegates**

LEXD - Dave Doolin submitted a bid for the 2023 HOD venue.

TS – Mike Essig submitted a bid for the 2023 HOD venue.

Lexington Dolphins will host the 2023 House of Delegates.

**2023 House of Delegates Date: September 16, 2023**

**Meeting Adjourned 1:45 Pm (ET): Terri Tonges motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved**

Respectfully submitted

Maureen McDonald

Executive Secretary