

2023 KYLSC HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting Minutes September 16, 2023 Transylvania University

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 Board Members:

Joseph Phillips – General Chair
JJ Rodgers – Finance Chair
Hannah Andrews – Athlete Representative
Mike Essig – Administrative Vice-Chair
Colin Faris – Senior Vice-Chair
Nick Graves – Age Group Vice-Chair
Kevn Ryan – Coaches Representative
David Barnes – Governance Vice-Chair

Amy Albiero - Program Development Vice-Chair
Kris Humphries – Technical Planning
Terri Tonges – Records Chair
Becky Gilpatrick – Officials Chair
Lesla Boone – Safety Chair/SafeSport Coordinator
Brent Runkle – Member At-Large
Sara Smith – Member At-Large
Ruth Ann Bode – Athlete Engagement Chair

Attending Clubs: AAY, BA, CKA, CARD, ET, GSCS, KAC, KYA, LAK, LEXD, MYST, NLY, OMM, PAC, PST, RACE, SKY, SWSF, TNT and TS

Mike Essig motioned/David Barnes seconded/September 17, 2022, House of Delegates meeting minutes approved as read.

Finance Reports: JJ Rodgers presented the following.

- 2022-2023 Balance Sheet
- 2022-2023 Profit & Loss
- 2023-2024 Budget

JJ informed the house the goal for 2024 is to acquire more corporate sponsors to offset special teams' expenses.

Ruth Ann Bode motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved 2024 KYLSC Budget.

Athlete Representative: Hannah Andrews reported that ten athletes and three parents attended the athlete/parent track, Building Resilience, Open Water Swimming and Dryland Strength Training Workout at the house of delegates sessions.

Jacob Phillips, Ethan Hatfield, Decklin Jeffs, Zachary Preen and are the new KYLSC Athlete Representatives.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Nick Graves presented the 2023 Top Performance winners – [see below](#).

Coach Representative: Kevin Ryan reported that there will be continued dialog between KY Swimming and KHSAA regarding the new KHSAA swimming schedule.

Officials Chair: Becky Gilpatrick reported the following:

KYLSC Officials have done a great job with meeting the goals for 2022-2023 season: Continued focus on recruitment of new officials, advancement, and education of certified officials, and growing the base of certified open water officials.

Highlights of the 2022-2023 swim season:

USA Swimming's Officials' Tracking System (OTS) was taken down on September 1, 2022, with the implementation of SWIMS 3.0.

The loss of OTS involved online testing, tracking of meets and sessions worked, tracking of activities and clinic attendance, working with certifications, and access to officials' data for pre-meet validation of credentials.

Several steps were taken to ensure our processes continued with as little interruption as possible.

- o Weekly emails were sent throughout August and September to help officials understand what was happening and actions that needed to be taken.

- o KYLSC OC captured historical data between 2010 - 2022 for all KYLSC officials prior to the loss of OTS.

- o Fall 2022 was a test year for recertification. We encouraged testing prior to the shutdown. Over 70% of KYLSC officials completed their recertification testing by August 31, 2022.

- o Officials went back to wearing credentials on deck and checking BGC, APT, certification info in person at meets.

- o KYLSC OC collected paper sign-in sheets to maintain a record of everything that happened over the short course season. Functionality to enter sessions worked was restored by the beginning of long course.
- o As of today, a large portion of OTS is functional. KYLSC's officials can view their certification history, sessions worked, and SafeSport data through the USAS website. However, OTS is not expected to be fully functional until mid-to-late 2024.

KYLSC's number of certified officials continues to increase.

- o Speaks volumes to the level of commitment these volunteers have.
- o 186 officials @ end of 2020 season (my first full year as OC)
- o 207 officials @ end of 2023 season

Recruitment of new officials made a substantial difference in the overall numbers.

- o There were 113 people being tracked as new officials over the past year.
 - 20 attended a Timing Judge clinic; 93 attended a Stroke and Turn clinic
- o KYLSC certified a total of 40 new officials between September 2022 and August 2023
 - 35 as new stroke and turn officials (wet side)
 - 5 as new timing judges (dry side)
- o This means that 38% of our population of certified officials (or 78 out of 207) have joined in the last two years.
 - 40 for the 2022-23 season (35 ST/ 5 TJ)
 - 38 for the 2021-22 season (32 ST / 6 TJ)
- o Breakdown of new, first year officials by club
 - LAK (10) - TS (7) - SWSF (4) - LEXD (3) – OMM (3) - RACE (3) - CARD (2) - ET (2) - KYA (2) — KAC (1) - MYST (1) - TNT (1) - UN (1)

33 KYLSC officials advanced to new certification levels (some to multiple certifications in the same year) PLUS 5 more KYLSC officials nearing completion of advancement to a new level.

- o Deck Referee – 10
- o Starter – 8
- o Chief Judge – 11
- o Administrative Official – 2
- o Timing Judge – 1
- o Open Water Referee - 1
- o Open Water Judge - 6

Prior to HOD, there were 34 clinics conducted over the course of the year (includes new officials and advancement for officials). There were 7 clinics offered the morning of HOD.

- o Clinics for all certification levels – TJ, AO, ST, CJ, SR, DR
- o New Meet Referee qualification clinic – Training for Deck Referees who are interested in advancing to serve in a Meet Referee role
 - Qualification, not a certification – Very few LSCs certify Meet Referees or offer MR training
 - MR clinic plus a minimum of 12 sessions worked as DR are the minimums for MR qualification Existing Deck Refs who are experienced MRs are grandfathered in as qualified
- o 63 Total attendees at HOD clinics
 - Includes 14 people who attended a new officials' clinic

KYLSC's Open Water (OW) program continues to grow.

- o KYLSC had zero (0) officials holding OW certification when OW meet planning began in spring 2021
- o KYLSC now has 19 officials holding OW certification.
- o KYLSC OW championship in June 2023
 - Total of nineteen (19) officials worked at the meet
- o Includes three (3) OW officials from two (2) other LSCs
 - Visiting officials were very complimentary of our OW program, saying we run our OW meets like OW National Championships.
- o We are looking forward to (hopefully) hosting the Southern Zone OW Championship at Barren River State Park in May 2024 as well as our LSC championship in June 2024

SafeSport Chair: Lesa Boone reported that 12 KYLSC clubs have started the process for SafeSport Club Recognition. Kentucky Aquatics is the only club that has completed the program for 2023.

There have been several Operational Risk changes which has made it hard for meet host clubs to comply, i.e., meet worker requirements and being proactive to provide psychologically and physically safe environments for the athletes.

Technical Planning: Kris Humphries reported that looking at the number of qualifiers versus the number of participants, the hard reset for the 12&under time standards was successful. Historically, times standards were reviewed annually by taking the four-year rolling average with the 35 th fastest for the 13&overs and the 42nd fastest for the 12&unders from the championship meet psych sheet. Upon review it was determined that the time standard was too fast, so there were never 42 participants at the state level. In addition, there were fewer than 2 full heats in many of the 12 and u championship events, noticeable in the SCY Championship meet but much more apparent in the LCM meet. Upon evaluation it was found that younger athletes tend to swim at championships when they achieve the standard. When top times were analyzed, it was found that very few athletes were meeting the standards for state meet participation in the 12 and u and 10 and u age groups Kris looked at standards established at other LSCs and found that several were doing hard resets making standards slower. The Technically Planning Committee looked at USAS Motivational Times and the 32nd fastest time based on state top times and decided that the 32nd fastest time would be used to allow for 4 full heats and additional space for bonus entries. For the 12&under age groups, because of the reset, the participation at both state meets improved. For the long course championship meet, combining age groups also increased participation for the 12&unders. It did not help with the 13&over age group because participation at these meets is not restricted by athletes achieving the standard. After the reset, establishment of standards will revert back to the prior formula. For 2024, there are seven new times standards all of which are in the Open (15&Over) division. Time standards were determined using the four-year rolling average of the 35th fastest time as per the formula listed above and posted on the KYLSC website. Further analysis will be conducted to determine the impact of an earlier meet on participation at the 13 and over SCY Championship meet.

Athlete Engagement: Ruth Ann Bode reported that many of the KYLSC athlete representatives are cycling out. Hannah Andrews will be representing KY Swimming at the S Zone annual meeting.

Records Chair: Terri Tonges reported that the KYLSC records have been updated on the website. For the 2022-2023 season, there was a total of 42 new records.

Short Course Yards: 4 female/11 male

Short Course Meter: 5 female/9 male

Long Course Meters: 3 female/10 male

2024 Short Course Championships:

The 12&under championship will be held at Blairwood Tennis, Swim and Fitness, March 8-10.

For the weekend of March 51-17, 13&over short course championship, UofL is not available. UofL was awarded the NCAA Regional Dive Competition. At this discovery, the board of directors requested new bids, and one was received from Bulldog Aquatics at Union College in Barbourville, KY. The venue and host club regarding officiating, hotels, timing pads and other facility specifics was discussed.

Amy Albiero motioned/Ruth Ann Bode seconded/denied, to approve the venue at Union College for the 2024 13&over Short Course Championship. Dave Doolin motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved to destroy the ballots.

Amy Albiero motioned/JJ Rodgers seconded/Sam Geddie motioned to amend the motion to change the motion to any date, no second. Paul Dole called the motion approved to reopen the bid for Cardinal Aquatics to host the 13&over championship on March 22-24 at UofL.

Paul Dole motioned/Amy Albiero seconded/approved to suspend the rules for the process to accept bids for the championship.

Paul Dole motioned/Amy Albiero seconded to approve Cardinal Aquatics' bid to host the 2024 KYLSC 13&Over Short Course Championship bid at UofL, March 22-24, 2024. David Barnes motioned/Dave Doolin seconded/ approved to amend the motion to accept a bid from Bulldogs Aquatics for those dates.

Cardinal Aquatics was awarded the bid for the 2024 KYLSC 13&Over Short Course Championship, March 22-24. Terri Tonges motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved to destroy the ballots.

2023 Board of Directors Elections: David Barnes, Governance Chair, presented the 2023 KYLSC Board of Directors election slate.

General Chair: Joseph Phillips

Senior Vice-Chair: Colin Faris

Age Group Vice-Chair: Nick Graves

Officials Chair: Jason Brown & Ruth Ann Bode

Records Chair: Kris Humphries

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Helen Glish

SafeSport Chair: no nominations

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges & Jordan Wessels

Member At-Large: Sara Smith & Jordan Wessels

Nick Winters was nominated from the floor for member at-large.

Amy Albiero nominated Marcelo Acosta for SafeSport Chair.

Sam Geddie motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved the slate of nominees.

David Barnes motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved to accept the nominees for positions with one member on the ballot.

Jordan Wessels asked to be removed for consideration for the member at-large position.

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Age Group Vice-Chair: Nick Graves

Records Chair: Kris Humphries

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Helen Glish

Safety & Safe Sport Chair: Marcelo Acosta

A ballot vote took place for the positions below.

Officials Chair: Jason Brown

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges

Member At-Large: Sara Smith

Lesa Boone motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved to destroy the ballots.

Next House of Delegates Meeting: September 21, 2024

Four clubs bid for the 2024 House of Delegates meeting, MYST, CKA, TS and LEXD.

Lexington Dolphins won the bid.

Colin Faris motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/ approved to destroy the ballots.

Colin Faris motioned/Brent Runkle seconded/approved, meeting adjourned 2:52PM (EST)

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen McDonald

KYLSC Executive Secretary

TOP PERFORMANCE AWARDS

2023 SHORT COURSE			2023 LONG COURSE	
Swimmer Name	Club		Swimmer Name	Club
17-18			17-18	
Madison Patel	PST		Georgia Kahler	LAK
Johnny Crush	LAK		Johnny Crush	LAK
15-16			15-16	
Haley McDonald	LAK		Charlotte Crush	LAK
Thomas Mercer	LAK		Clark Coyle	KYA
13-14			13-14	

Charlotte Crush	LAK		Mia Jones	KYA
Wilson York	LAK		Wilson York	LAK
11-12			11-12	
Mia Jones	KYA		Page Page	LAK
Wilson York	LAK		Noah Walters	RACE
9-10			9-10	
Yan Zheng	KYA		Claire Liu	LAK
Wyatt Allen	SWSF		Zackary Vlahos	TS