

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
May 1, 2024
Zoom Meeting**

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, JJ Rodgers, David Barnes, Sara Smith, Nick Graves, Meghan Zerhusen, Kevin Ryan, Ruth Ann Bode, Hannah Andrews, Mike Essig, Marcelo Acosta

Joesph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:39PM (EST)

Terri Tonges motioned/Colin Faris seconded/agenda approved as presented.

Kevin Ryan motioned/Jason Brown seconded/March 23, 2024, board meeting minutes approved as presented.

SZone Open Water Championship: Nick Graves, Team KY head coach, reported that at application closing, there were 21 applicants. It was decided to extend the deadline through Friday, May 3. Three have applied since the extension. After Friday, open spots will be open for the NKY Clippers.
Kevin Ryan reported that in regard to meet operations, there is still a lot to do but he is on schedule.

SZ Athlete Summit and Olympic Watch Party: Due to the Southern Zone not being a legal entity and is unable to sign contracts with the venue, KY Swimming will now be listed as the host. Bucky Stoess worked with Ruth Ann Bode, reviewed the contracts. Joseph Phillips, General Chair, will sign the contracts and forward to the S Zone coordinator.

SZone Age Group Championship: Nick Graves reported that 16 athletes applied for the Zone team which fell short of the required 24; therefore, the LSC will not support this event. Nick asked Maureen to send an email to all the clubs encouraging them to send their 13 and overs to the SZone Senior Championship in West Virginia. Any interested athletes would represent their club wearing their club apparel and cap. **David Barnes motioned/ Kevin Ryan seconded/ approved KY Swimming will send a coach as support for any club that cannot provide a coach.**

Long Course Championship: Terri Tonges, Technical Planning Chair, reported that the Technical Planning Committee met April 14, 2024.

Attending	Terri Tonges (Chair)	Kris Humphries	Decklan Jeffs (Ath Rep)
	Joseph Phillips	Lesia Boone	Ethan Hatfield (Ath Rep)
	Jason Brown	Megan Zerhusen	Jacob Phillips (Ath Rep)
	Colin Faris	Lynnette Murphy	
	Kevin Ryan	Sam Gaddie	
	Brent Runkle		

Terri Tonges motioned/Jason Brown seconded/approved/The 2024 long course championship format will be consistent with the 2023 long course championship, a 4-day event, combined U12/O13 with the addition of the 200M Backstroke, Breaststroke, and Butterfly events for the 11-12 age group.

Terri Tonges motioned/Kevin Ryan motioned/approved/12 and under entry limits will be increased to (9) nine events (consistent with 2024 SCY format, and per the updated KYLSC Championship Meet Rules).

Terri Tonges motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved/The High Point calculations will be based on an athlete's best seven events instead (of all nine possible swims).

Terri Tonges motioned/Kris Humphries/approved/For the 800M Freestyle, the top 8 athletes have the option to compete in prelims or finals. For every 800M Freestyle entry, coaches must declare the athlete's intentions with their entries as described in the meet information. The entry chair will compile the finals eight lineup, and if there are any issues, there is time to adjust before the start of the meet.

The committee recommends further exploration of adding Open 50 events to the 2025 championship meets (i.e. tracking possible cannibalization of participation in longer events, seeing what other LSCs are doing, etc.).
The Committee recommends moving Championship meet entries to SWIMS Online Meet Entry beginning 2025. Implementation/announcement and timing TBD by BOD. One suggestion is to have training for coaches at HOD by Terry Jones.

NKY Clippers Boundary Redistribution: Jospheh was notified by the NKY Clippers head coach, David Pursley, that Ohio Swimming approved the release of Kenton County where the Clippers are located. David is requesting that KY Swimming add Kenton County to jurisdiction. **Kevin Ryan motioned/David Barnes seconded/approved/**The board will support their request and call a special HOD meeting to be scheduled Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 6:00PM (EST).
As they wait for USAS approval, the Clippers may transfer to KYLSC as unattached swimmers and compete in the long course championship. Allowing them to swim relays as exhibition was discussed.

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges reported that based on the short course championship meet results, four time standards will be adjusted for the 2024-2025 season.

Officials Committee: Jason Brown, Officials Chair, reported that the LSC needs more recruits for volunteer officials.

Coach Representative: Kevin Ryan, Coach Representative, motioned/Jason Brown seconded/approved/The KYLSC Board of Directors will add the KHSAA Coach Committee Chair as an at-large, non-voting member.

Next Meeting:

HOD Special Meeting - June 2, 2024, 6:00PM

BOD Meeting – June 12, 2024, 7:30PM

Jason Brown motioned/Helen Glish seconded/approved meeting adjourned at 9:01PM.