

## **KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting**

May 11, 2020  
Conference Call

### *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:** Amy Albiero, Kris Humphries, Cory Pierce, Brian Johnson, Bobby Livesay, Terri Tonges, Mike Essig, Chip Augustus, Chrislyn Ruddy, Pedro Pereira, Ruth Ann Bode, Bucky Stoess, John Hayes, Lily Jones, Joseph Phillips, Brent Runkle and Bonnie Senft, Elodie Elayi

**Not Attending:** Becky Gilpatrick, Jack Grigsby, Mike DeBoor, Robyn Brandenburg, Kaitlyn Brandenburg, Emily Peck, Hayes Varvel, Katie Bridwell and Abby Warren

**Amy Albiero, KYLSC General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.**

**Approval of April 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Mike Essig moved/Kris Humphries seconded/minutes approved as read.**

### **General Chair Report: Amy Albiero**

#### **USAS Updates**

1. Nothing new to report from USA Swimming.
2. There are a few parts of the country that are starting to open up and begin practice.
3. In some areas where pools are opening, some clubs and parents are choosing not to practice.

#### **State of Kentucky Updates**

1. Kentucky Swimming submitted a Healthy at Work proposal.
2. Several USAS/KY clubs along with country club teams and LSA teams have also submitted proposals.
3. No one has received a response from the government.
4. The Governor's verbiage has changed somewhat in that there is an indication they may start looking at facilities separately. The word gym has been replaced with fitness center.

#### **Discussion**

1. Kris Humphries reached out to UK's facility manager. UK has not been contacted by any state official.
2. Bucky Stoess asked if USAS had a blanket policy for resuming sanctions. Amy explained that USAS will view the nation as a whole. When a certain percentage of pools open across the country, they will reinstitute sanctioning. They want to keep it an even playing field and not cause more stress to athletes.

#### **Program Development – Brian Johnson**

Brian reached out to the Lexington Mayor but has not received a response. He has a couple of feelers out to governor's office.

Joseph Phillips suggested to find state officials' tag lines and tag them when posting on social media.

#### **Technical Planning**

Does Kentucky Swimming continue to plan and schedule meets in July and August, or should it be tabled until more information in opening pools in Kentucky is established?

Discussion: How will parents react if the meets are scheduled only to be canceled? They will have something on the schedule would provide motivation even if they are canceled due to pool closings and gives a sense of

normalcy. Parents should understand if there is a cancellation – Parents’ schedules are affected when meets are cancelled – Disappointment could cause more anxiety – It is not good practice to throw out specific dates when nothing is concrete at this time – Need more specific information regarding numbers before a meet can be planned.

**Diversity, Equity a& Inclusion - Ruth Ann Bode:** Information and guidelines for “I am Kentucky Swimming” video and poster/postcard has been posted and sent to clubs. The deadline for submission is June 29. A friend of Ruth Ann’s will put together the video. We are hoping to include past Olympians in video.

**Safe Sport – Kris Humphries:** Chrislyn has been working with Kris to create a process and procedure document to help clubs become USAS Safe Sport Recognized. Several Clubs have started the process. There are USAS webinars available through June.

**KY LEADS:** There were about 27 attendees on the call.

Chip Augustus had a great presentation of Mental Health Tips.

Reviewed guidelines for “I am Kentucky Swimming” video challenge.

Discussed advocating to open pools for swim practice.

**Coaches Representative – Pedro Pereira:** Jay Chambers shared Greensboro Aquatic Center’s return to practice proposal. There was someone that knew a government official. It was discussed who Kentucky Swimming should be reaching out to. It would be great to get a video of a club that is practicing demonstrating what a safe practice would look like.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Format of May 14 Town Hall Meeting was discussed. Any requested board members in attendance send in a short bio.

**Next Meeting:** May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM

**Meeting Adjourned:** Brian Johnson motioned/Terri Tonges seconded/approved meeting adjourned 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted by  
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Executive Secretary