

KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting

May 27, 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, Brian Johnson, Bobby Livesay, Mike Essig, Chrislyn Ruddy, Pedro Pereira, Ruth Ann Bode, Bucky Stoess, Becky Gilpatrick, Lily Jones, Katie Bridwell and Joseph Phillips

Not Attending: Cory Pierce, Chip Augustus, Jack Grigsby, Robyn Brandenburg, Terri Tonges, Mike DeBoor, John Hayes, Hayes Varvel, and Abby Warren

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

Approval of May 11, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Brian Johnson moved subject to typo/Ruth-Ann Bode seconded/minutes approved with correction in point number 2 under USAS updates.

General Chair – Amy Albiero:

- Town Hall - Overall, the meeting was accepted positively by the attendees/parents. They appreciated the bios of and reports from the board members. Jane Grosser suggested holding another town hall meeting. Amy spoke with Kevin Ryan regarding his email to the board. His main concern was that all clubs follow Healthy at Work guidance when returning to practice. If a club is not doing it the right way, it may ruin it for others.
- To date, Healthy at Work guidance specifies one swimmer per lane using every other lane. Sean Mackey, with TNT, wrote a letter to the governor. In the letter, he requested a meeting in with Amy and Mike DeBoor to attend. They met with Zach Dembo, Chief Policy Adviser who assists in writing Healthy at Work guidance Thursday, May 21. KY Swimming's Healthy at Work proposal among others were pulled and reviewed. Mr. Dembo didn't understand the diagrams. Amy and Mike explained the USAS practice diagrams and recommended revisions. Amy is waiting for a follow up email from Dembo.
- June 15 – team settings allowing ten people at a time.
- June 29 – team settings allowing 50 people at a time
- Clubs Status: see below
- High School Dead Period – Would sending something from Kentucky Swimming to KHSAA on behalf of the swimmers help? Bucky Stoess implied that the dead period encompasses all sports. Bucky feels KHSAA will lift dead period by the end of the month.
- Once a complete list of clubs' pool access status is compiled, it can be distributed to clubs, so they can team up and possibly share facilities.
- Kris Humphries spoke to Ruth Ann Palumbo (State Representative) and Mark Daugherty (infectious disease specialist) regarding adjusting guidance for practices. She feels we are facing an uphill battle getting non-swimmers understand what a practice looks like.
- Ruth-Ann Bode continues to be advocates. As we learn who is in the water and using them to gather evidence proving there is a way to practice safely and forwarding to the governor's office.
- Mike Essig asked if someone can supply data to the governor's office reflecting the safety of practicing with one person per lane when lanes are at least six feet apart and the data that specifically says that the virus cannot be transmitted in chlorinated water. The governor is doing the right thing from a safety standpoint. Mike is concerned that the existing guidance will have an affect on the swimmers and on the organization. What is Kentucky Swimming's stance? Outside of one thousand meetings, what can the LSC do to make sure pools open. He heard South Carolina took an approach to go to the Governor with a lobbyist and an attorney. He asked if KY Swimming should be taking that sort of action to help the clubs and kids get into the water. Bucky reminded the board that Kentucky has one of the most restrictive governor's in the nation. Bucky asked, "What should the board of directors be doing versus each club?"

- Becky Gilpatrick emphasis that knowing someone is important. Suggested to talk to someone in Indiana and Ohio. She heard Kentucky is collaborating with those states.
- Amy feels that hiring a lobbyist may help.

Finance - Bobby Livesay:

- Bobby is thankful that the shutdown did not happen in July or August preceding our registration period. Most of revenue was collected, and we cut back on some of our expenses. At the end of this fiscal year, we are fairly stable. We will have to wait and see what happens next fiscal year.
- Kris Humphries thinks government is waiting to see what the numbers will be after Memorial Day weekend. If they are stable, and there is no spike, Kris predicts they will accelerate opening up the plan.

USA Swimming

USAS no sanctions through June 30th

Summer Season - Scenarios:

- Technical Planning Committee should meet before next board meeting to discuss meet bids for August
- Virtual meets – Kevin Ryan’s proposal was very in depth.
- Program Development meeting - Short Course ~ could see reduction in numbers.....creative ideas to help teams generate revenue and continue growth.....one year/season fee reduction
How can we best help our teams?
Reduce fees

Officials Becky Gilpatrick: Are there any virtual training options for officials?

Becky Gilpatrick reported that USA Swimming has ongoing discussions but nothing concrete. USA Swimming has been gathering information from the LSCs that have been doing virtual trainings. It is part of the conversation. It doesn’t always work best for each position. The thing with officiating is that learning is derived from experience and is hands on. Meets are needed to apprentice.

Coaches Rep – Pedro Pereira: Jay Chambers from S Zone Swimming explained what an exciting time it was for swimming and reflected USA Swimming’s attitude. Discussed long course changes that can be made. Brainstorming about championship meets for example changing the dates of short course champs from March to December.

Age Group Chair – Mike Essig: KY LEADS Update Mike Essig reported there have been two meetings. Chip Augustus gave a presentation about mental awareness and tools they can use. Abbie Fish did a presentation on what it takes to get back in shape. It went really well. Hoping to reach out to other coaches during the Zoom meetings. The athletes discussed a writing campaign. Guidelines for the “I am Kentucky Swimming” video challenge was discussed. Mike was happy with the turn out. In the future the goal is that the swimmers start running their own meetings.

I AM KY Swimming Video: We have received quite a few videos which have been posted on the KY Swimming Instagram page. William Kolbe in charge of media and communication for Masters Swimming will create the collage.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Ruth-Ann Bode: National meetings indicate that many of the LSCs are similar. DE&I workshops will be later in the year as opposed to September during the USAS virtual convention.

Safe Sport - Kris Humphries: Kris is excited to announce that Central Kentucky Aquatics is the first club in Kentucky to achieve Safe Sport Club Status. Another club is ready to submit to USAS for review. USAS Zoom trainings for parents, athletes and coaches will continue through June. Kris can do in person group meetings. Kris is a resource for any help needed by clubs.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Ruth-Ann Bode motion/Pedro Pereira seconded/approved meeting adjourned 8:42PM.

Respectfully submitted
Maureen McDonald
Executive Secretary

CLUB	Pool Available	COMMENTS
AAY		
BYB		
CARD		
CKA	NO	We do not have pool access to begin. Our facilities haven't given us a date that they will begin opening. Hopefully, the high schools will be available June 15. Still communicating with school officials.
CSC		
ET	YES	We will be starting at short course pool at ESFC on June 15th. We will have the pool from 1-4pm Monday-Sunday. The long course pool will not be available.
GSCS		
KAC	NO	Pool is closed. The University coach said it will probably not re-open until the students start back on August 24. That is as our last communication on May 21. Eric said the University will not open pool until phase 3 and then not until students are back.
KYA		
LAK		
LEXD	YES	June 1 will have college swimmers who will be used as a trial run. June 15 Age-group start practice if pool is ready
MAC	NO	not sure they will be able to have a team this year
MYST	YES	Start June 1
NLY		
OMM		
PAC	NO	As of today, our country club pool will open for swim practices and member lap swimming. PAC practices at the club and I have been allowed to practice there because I work there. But yesterday they told me if there is no country club meets then there will be no practices and I will not be able to practice there. And the pool we practice in during the winter is at the high school pool- and they absolutely said NO to practice!!!!
PACK		
PBCY		
PST		I am hoping to get in by the 15th. However, Our facility owner -knows very little about the guidelines and is not asking. He was unaware that he could open the pool on the first with restrictions. I am going to try to catch him up next week. I did have one question... Are we still to follow aquatic center guidelines when we can resume practice on June 15, or can we follow our plan but limit groups to 10?
RACE	YES	Waiting on the KHSAA. We might have a few options at a country club but the feasibility of renting lane space for every other lane doesn't seem very practical. If KHSAA lifts sanctions and we can get in our normal pool, we hope we will be ready to go next week.
RPC		
SEA		
SKY		
SWSF	YES	We plan on starting on June 15, using both the Winchester Country Club and the Winchester-Clark County Parks and Rec Pool.
TASC	NO	practice at high school - has email into principal
TNT	MAYBE	If they loosen up on the parameters to the point that I conduct swim practice, I hope to start promptly. The way I read their current guidelines, TNT or PACK does not fit into the stated guidelines listed by Falling Springs.
TS		