

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 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, Terri Tonges, Helen Glish, Brent Runkle, Kris Humphries, Megan Zerhusen, Jason Brown, David Barnes, Kevin Ryan, Nick Graves, JJ Rodgers

Joseph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35PM (EDT)

Terri Tonges motioned/Helen Glish seconded/agenda approved as presented

Brent Runkle motioned/Jason Brown seconded/approve to table approval of May 1, 2024, minutes until next meeting.

House of Delegates Meeting: During the June 2, 2024, HOD special meeting, the house approved the redistricting of Kenton County, KY from Ohio Swimming to Kentucky Swimming which will allow the Northern KY Clippers to join the KYLSC. All required documentation was submitted to USA Swimming. A confirmation of receipt was emailed to the KYLSC office.

Finance Report: JJ Rodgers, Finance Chair, reported that the LSC income exceeds expenses and is ahead of last year's margins. JJ will determine the financial impact of adding the Clippers to the LSC which may remedy the need to increase fees to subsidize KYLSC special teams, specifically Zones Age Group. If the income the Clipper's will generate isn't enough, he recommended increasing next year's splash fees or registration fees. KYLSC sponsors, JJ wanted asked the board if they preferred one sponsor or would like to see a tiered sponsorship program introduced. Discussion was table for a later meeting.

SZone Open Water Championship: Kevin Ryan, meet director, explained to the board that due to heavy rains and storms the week before and leading up to the meet, the venue (Barren River Lake) didn't change, but the entry point and courses did. Kevin said Becky Gilpatrick, meet referee, did a phenomenal job along with all other officials. He specifically thanked Helen Glish and her husband for supplying boats and volunteers. Kevin plans to bid again in three years.

Nick Graves, head coach, reported that Kentucky had 32 competitors which is probably higher than in the past. Two top eight finishers were, Clay Baumann fourth in the Open division and 7th overall and Sydney Green was 3rd overall and 2nd in the 15-16 division. Given the fact that half of the team had not competed before, they did a great job. Kris added the coaches were wonderful and that over 350 athletes competed. Nick added that this event had the greatest number of entries for a SZ open water championship.

KYLSC Championship Meet Bids: The board reviewed, discussed and voted on the following 2025 and 2026 short course and long course KYLSC championship meet bids.

12 and Under Short Course: Cardinal Aquatics, Lakeside Swim Team and Triton Swimming – Lakeside won the bid.

13 and Over Short Course: Cardinal Aquatics and Central KY Aquatics – Central KY Aquatics won the bid.

Long Course: Elizabethtown and Triton Swimming – Triton Swimming won the bid.

Approval from the KYLSC House of Delegates is required and will be on the KYLSC HOD Agenda, September 14, 2024.

2025 Short Course Championship Dates: Jason Brown motioned/JJ Rodgers seconded/approved

12 and Under Short Course Championship: March 14-16

13 and Over Short Course Championship: March 21-23

2024-2025 USAS/KY Swimming Membership Fees: USA Swimming will not raise their fees for the following year. It was recommended to leave the KYLSC fees as is. It was agreed that potential income would be greater by increasing splash fees as opposed to registration fees. Jason Brown motioned/JJ Rodgers seconded/ approved for 2024-2025, membership fees will not change.

Sponsorships: Joseph suggested postponing the discussion of the sponsorship contract until JJ Rodgers was ready to present.

Long Course Meet Schedule: A request for bids will be sent out at the end of August due in September.

Officials Committee: Jason Brown, Officials Chair, reported that Joseph Phillips will be the meet referee for the 13 and Over long course championship and Jason Brown will be the 12 and under meet referee. Ruth Ann Bode researched other USAS LSC's policies and submitted findings to Jason. He is reviewing her report and will propose a travel fund reimbursement policy for officials at a later date. JJ recommended increasing the Officials membership fee and using the additional funds for an Officials Travel Fund. It was agreed to hold off approving the Officials non-athlete fee until they have a better understanding of the number of officials working at the national level. Jason will send out findings to the board before the next meeting.

13 and Over Short Course Championship Meet: Because of the impact the high school championship schedule has had on the 13 and over athletes, Joseph asked Terri to reconvene the technical planning subcommittee to address those issues. Survey results have indicated a preference to a January KYLSC 13&O championship meet. Technical Planning will present options at the September HOD meeting.

Next Meeting: July 31, 2024

Meet Adjourned: Brent Runkle motioned/Jason Brown seconded/adjourned at 8:48PM

Respectfully submitted: Maureen McDonald, Executive Secretary