



USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 27, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Zone Directors:

Dave Smith - Non-Coach
Jim Kelly - Coach

Zone Secretary/Treasurer - Herb Schwab
Zone Age Group Chair - Jonathan Watson
Zone Senior Chair - Matt Webber

Zone Open Water Coordinator - Nick Graves

Zone Officials Coordinator - Trish Martin/Traci Johnson
Zone Senior Athlete Representative - Annie Norris
Zone Junior Athlete Representative - Ryan Gibbons

Call to order by Jim Kelly, Zone Director, on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at 7:02 p.m. Eastern Time.

Roll Call - Herb Schwab

14 LSCs in attendance with 113 delegates. BD was absent.

LSC	Del	Ath	LSC	Del	Ath
Border			North Carolina	X	X
Florida	X	X	North Texas	X	X
Florida Gold Coast	X	X	South Carolina	X	
Georgia	X	X	South Texas	X	X
Gulf	X	X	Southeastern	X	X
Kentucky	X	X	West Texas	X	X
Louisiana	X	X	West Virginia	X	X
Mississippi	X	X			

Voting Process

Herb explained the process that we will use tonight for voting for the sites of the championship meets. Herb asked each LSC to use the Zoom private chat feature to send him the number of votes that the LSC wishes to cast for each site.

Results of Athlete Representative Elections

Annie Norris announced that the athletes held their election on Sunday, September 13, 2020, and elected Ryan Gibbons (FL) as the Senior Athlete Representative for a two-year term, and elected Lauren Hurt (SE) as the Junior Athlete Representative for a one-year term. Annie will serve on the Athletics Executive Committee as the Program Events Chair.

Zone Directors Council

Jim announced that Dave and Ryan have been elected as the two Co-chairs of the Zone Directors Council.

Open Water Coordinator

A Motion was made and Seconded to revise the position of the Open Water Chair to be an elected, voting member of the Southern Zone. Motion carried. The election for the Open Water Chair will be held in odd-numbered years. Nick Graves will continue in this role, until the elections are held next year.

2022 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Site Selection

Voting for the 2022 Southern Zone Age Group Championships was held with each LSC and voting Officer submitting their votes electronically to the Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Arlington ISD Aquatic Club was selected as the host for the 2022 Southern Zone Age Group Championships.

2022 Southern Zone Senior Championships Site Selection

Voting for the 2022 Southern Zone Senior Championships was held with each LSC and voting Officer submitting their votes electronically to the Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Club Mountaineer Aquatics was selected as the host for the 2022 Southern Zone Senior Championships.

Announcements

Dave thanked everyone for attending this meeting and asked whether the Zone Delegates would prefer having a single meeting or two meetings in the future, one for a business meeting and one for a voting meeting. Email your preferences to Dave.

The Scholastic All American list has been posted on the Southern Zone website. Once again, the Southern Zone led all of the Zones by a large margin. FL, NC, GA, and ST are in the top 10 of the LSCs. SwimMAC, Dynamo, and TAC Titans are in the top 5 clubs in USA Swimming. The Zone Directors Council made several recommendations to the Times and Recognition Committee about changes in the Scholastic All American criteria, but no changes were made for this year.

FL, NC, and GA are in the top 10 LSCs in having clubs to be SafeSport Recognized for this year. Last year, we had 3% of the clubs across the country to be SafeSport Recognized; this year we have 20%. The goal for next year is 100%. In 2022, SafeSport Recognition may become a part of the Club Excellence Program.

Last year, a proposal for an increase in club dues was proposed and failed to pass the House of Delegates. That increase in club dues will probably be proposed again next year.

Legislation item R-22 passed, which eliminates the Zone Bylaws and requires the Zones to have an Administrative Procedures document. The Southern Zone is working on combining the information in the Bylaws and the Policies and Procedures and creating a single Administrative Procedures document. When that document is ready, Dave will distribute it to all of the LSCs and ask for a vote to approve the document at a later date. The goal is to have the Administrative Procedures approved by January 1, 2021.

2021 Zone Open Water Championships

Stan Corcoran (SE) announced that the 2021 Open Water Zone Championships will be held in Chattanooga on June 4-6, 2021. Warm-ups and coaches' meetings will be held on Friday. Individual events will be held on Saturday. Relay events will be held on Sunday. The website should go live in December - ChattanoogaSwimfest.org. If any LSCs are not planning on attending, please let Stan know. Also, on Sunday after the relays, a separate event will be held that will be open to any USA Swimming or USMS member, limited to about 200 athletes.

2021 Sectional Championships

Herb asked for all of the Sections to please send the sites and dates for their Sectional Championships to Herb.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded at 7:29 p.m. Eastern Time. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Schwab
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Zone