



South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting – January 7, 2025, 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

Attendees

Jason Overby – General Chair	Natalie Fennell – Admin Vice Chair	Mike O'Shaughnessy – Finance Chair	Joyce Dodd – Treasurer – not present	Karen Cattaneo - Secretary	Senior Vice Chair – Brian Heaton – not present	Age Group Vice Chair – Nate Murray
Karl Kozicki - Technical Planning - not present	Brent Lightfoot – Governance – not present	Martha Chiwanza – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	Pam Swander – Coaches Representative – not present	Robert Lesh – Safe Sport	Lindsey Little – Communications – not present	Scott McMillian – Officials Chair
Karen Alexander – Sanctions	Chip Holland – Sports Development Director	Annette Francescotti – Disability Chair – not present	Jay Boudreau – Legislation – not present	Carson Wolf – Junior Athlete Rep – not present	Lilly Gault Abdella – Senior Athlete Rep – not present	Emily Heintz – Athlete at Large Rep
Alex Magargle – Athlete at Large Rep						

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm with the reading of mission, vision, core values, and duty to serve (care, loyalty and obedience).

Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes – October Board of Directors and House of Delegates – no corrections; unanimously approved

Report of Officers, Committees, Coordinators

General Chair Update – Thanks to Jay Boudreau for updating the By-Laws (by end of 2024) - we are in good standing with USA Swimming; Women in Governance Program 20025 – USA Swimming is revamping the program – LSC nominations will open in April; Jason wants our LSC to think about coaches we may want to nominate for the program; Chip Holland and Jason Overby did an interview with Terry Jones – talking about the achievements of our LSC – published on USA Swimming Network; Reminder – meeting in March – will be conducted over Zoom

All State Update – Natalie Fennell – Venue for All State will be Saturday, April 12 at the Mill Room in Rock Hill, SC; Carolina Crown will take place on April 13th in Charlotte – this was moved from the previous date of April 26th

Officials Chair – Scott McMillian – working through the certification process for officials; made tweaks to forms; making sure officials have appropriate number of sessions for certification; starting to ramp up for state meets – sign-ups are out for championship meet season

Safe Sport – Robert Lesh – scheduling a committee meeting for the next two weeks

Age Group Chair – Nate Murray – Chip is putting together the logistics for Zones; Age Group State theme is a Day at the Races; 8 and Under meet can adopt the same type of theme; time standards shift seems to be working thus far this season; no further discussion about adding 50 strokes at the championship meet – adding these events would change the timeline – working with North Carolina Swimming to see how they might implement

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Martha Chiwanza – Moving the diversity camp to Mecklenburg pool; Para Swimming time standards – information needs to be posted for LSC members; Swimmer Spotlight – Lila Bognar and Alex Magargle – looking to add Maria Francescotti for the next swimmer spotlight; next committee meeting on January 12th – focus is to provide more water safety classes for community; water safety day will take place in May

Athlete Committee – Alex Magargle, Emily Heintz – Committee meeting held in November; Alex attended the Southern Zone athlete summit – talked through ideas and have plans for an Athlete Summit in South Carolina – may be held at the University of South Carolina (discussion in the works); Jason encouraged the athlete committee to discuss ideas on how to reform the All-State weekend

Registrations/Sanctions - Karen Alexander – now about 100 flex memberships, 14 outreach, 225 officials (35 apprentice), 191 coaches and over 3000 premium registrations; reminder about

the Jennifer Smith Scholarship – only receive a few applications each year, but would like to see the number of applicants increase; long course meets are in the review process

Finance Committee – Mike O'Shaughnessy - gathering data to see how much income has been generated; want to form a committee and do further investigation as to how to best utilize the funds and reinvest in our clubs

Sports Development Director Report – Chip Holland – has booked hotels and transportation for Open Water Zones – has about half of the team already – hoping to get 48 swimmers – applications open this weekend; North Carolina is hosting the Carolina Crown meet this year; working on banners for the Age Group State meet; still trending upward on social media – had 2000th Instagram follower; state meet pages are up on the SC Swimming website – contains meet information, volunteers, etc.; **Mascot Contest** – USA Swimming has charged the LSC's to come up with Mascots for each LSC – right now have 4 or 5 good designs; deadline was January 5th – but will take additional designs for another few weeks; will let everyone vote and announce at the All-State banquet; Ewan Dalrymple will be attending the National Select Camp this week

Unfinished Business

Updates to the website – there have been a fair number of negative comments regarding the website; it needs to be consistent and current with information; anyone interested in helping to update the site – contact Jason Overby; Jason would like to work on this during late April/early May; board members should look at the site and make notes on changes that should be made

New Business – None at this time

Approval of applications for Group Membership – None at this time

Resolutions and Orders – None at this time

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 12th via Zoom

Motion to adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm