



South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting – March 11, 2025, 8:00 pm (via Zoom)

Attendees

Jason Overby – General Chair	Natalie Fennell – Admin Vice Chair	Mike O'Shaughnessy – Finance Chair	Joyce Dodd – Treasurer	Karen Cattaneo - Secretary	Senior Vice Chair – Brian Heaton	Age Group Vice Chair – Nate Murray
Karl Kozicki - Technical Planning	Brent Lightfoot – Governance – not present	Martha Chiwanza – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion – not present	Pam Swander – Coaches Representative	Robert Lesh – Safe Sport – not present	Lindsey Little – Communication Chair	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 – not present
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 – January Board of Directors – no corrections;
unanimously approved

Report of Officers, Committees, Coordinators

General Chair Update – Jason Overby – All State Weekend is in one month in Rock Hill; Saturday will have the board meeting and HOD prior to the banquet – currently no legislation on the docket; decision was made to hold only one meeting on Saturday – nothing on Friday night, but the LSC will pick up the tab for a room if needed

June Board Meeting – scheduled for Sunday, June 8th but will have to come up with an alternative date, as Jason cannot make the meeting on June 8th; will discuss more in April

Officials Chair – Scott McMillian – North Carolina is hosting the Carolina Crown and will also host a Swimposium; they have reached out and asked SC officials to be a part of this – Scott will reach out to officials to see if there is interest to attend

Age Group Chair – Nate Murray – still working on adopting the 100 IM for the Age group state meet for the 13-14 age group; most coaches at the Age Group State meet were receptive to this idea, but the committee has not yet discussed this; still want to collect more data to continue to tweak time standards

Finance Committee – Mike O'Shaughnessy – message to committee members - please check out the Google Sheet and make adjustments to the budget numbers if you haven't already

Unfinished Business

None at this time

New Business

Jason Overby – Survey from championship meets was not done this year, but one issue that did arise was the air quality at the Senior state meet; ideas were discussed on how to control air quality issues – no good solution offered from the LSC, but the decision to host the meet is left to the teams bidding the meet and the voters

****One positive comment was the success of the 10 and under parade at the age group meet;**

2025-2026 Meet Calendar – Karl Kozicki – Karen Alexander and Karl Kozicki went through the calendar and selected the protected dates for next season; dates for open water and age group select camp were left open (possibly 2nd weekend in September); having the state meets a week later this year did create an issue for the YMCA teams, but this will be changed for next year;

Carolina Crown will be held in SC in 2026 – working on combining All State and Carolina Crown – possibly in Charleston; Open water zones is in late April in Galveston, TX – want to avoid having swimmers chose between events/weekends

Discussion on All State Weekend – this event is for the athletes, but want to get a consensus from the athletes, if this is the event they want to continue to have; however, the LSC has not been able to get an answer; if no answer from the athlete committee in the next month, the board will make the executive decision for them; idea tossed around about tying an athlete event to the Carolina Crown – one thing to remember is that the Crown event is only for 15 and over swimmers; idea thrown out to suggest two options for the athlete committee and let them choose; **Alex Magargle** - From the athlete perspective – a unique experience is more important than recognition; being social and having fun is the consensus from the athletes – will table the discussion for the next board meeting

Feedback from Sectionals - The Senior Sectional meet is now March 12-15 in 2026; the meet will be up for bid; want to move competition from the weekend of Daylight Savings;

SC Senior LC state meet - now going to flip weekends with the Age Group LC state meet beginning this summer

October board meeting – motion made to move the meeting from October 5th to the 12th – unanimously approved – now a protected date on the calendar

****Motion made to approve the protected dates as presented – unanimously approved – meet bids will open this week and will be due on April 7th**

Board Elections – positions available – Secretary, Age Group Vice Chair, Treasurer, Technical Planning, Rules/Legislation, Safe Sport and DEI – nominations have been received by the Governance committee; have 2 candidates for Secretary – nominations will also be taken from the floor

Credit Card Issues - Joyce Dodd – issue with Credit cards – The LSC has a PayPal account in Bobette Sweezer's name; it has become difficult and costly (accounting in our LSC) to continue using the PayPal account, as a credit card is needed for monthly billing- a motion was made to close the PayPal account and require check, ACH or Credit card payments from clubs going forward– motion approved unanimously

Approval of applications for Group Membership – None at this time

Resolutions and Orders – None at this time

Next Board Meeting – April 12th, Rock Hill, SC

Motion to adjourn – meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm