



South Carolina Swimming Board of Directors Meeting – April 12, 2024, 7:00 pm
Spring Hill Suites (511 Lady Street, Columbia, SC)

Attendees

General Chair – Aimee Onoszko	Admin Vice Chair – Natalie Fennell	Senior Vice Chair – Jon Mengerling	Secretary – Karen Cattaneo	Age Group Vice Chair – Nate Murray	Finance Chair – Mike O’Shaughnessy	Technical Planning – Karl Kozicki – not present
Governance – not present	Treasurer – Joyce Dodd	Coaches Representative – Mike Lane-	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Martha Chiwanza	Safe Sport Chair – Robert Lesh	Legislation Chair– Jay Boudreau	Sports Development Director – Chip Holland
Sanctions – Karen Alexander	Officials Chair – Aimee McMillian	Senior Athlete Rep – Caden Wolf – not present	Junior Athlete Rep – Jake Root – not present	Athlete at Large – Lily Gault Abdella – not present	Athlete at Large – Avery Frece – not present	Disability Chair – Annette Francescotti – not present
Communication Chair – Lindsey Little						

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm with the reading of mission, vision, core values, and duty to serve (care, loyalty and obedience).

Reading, Correction and Adoption of Minutes – March Board of Directors Meeting – no corrections; unanimously approved as distributed

Report of Officers, Committees and Coordinators – Consent Agenda Report – motion to approve; unanimously approved as posted

https://www.gomotionapp.com/szscslsc/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/spring-2024-consent-agenda-summary-report_047781.pdf



Preparations for All-State

Banquet - Natalie Fennell – good to go for Saturday

Committee Meetings – Natalie Fennell – Governance, Age Group holding committee meeting tomorrow; coaches committee meeting will be held after HOD

HOD Meeting – Aimee Onoszko

- Legislation – Jay Boudreau – 2 items - will also take items from the floor
R1 and R2 – Housekeeping –redefining officials certification categories and requirements –R9 (USA Swimming) was approved Feb. 1, 2024 – our legislation updates the language to include requirements for the Officials chair of the South Carolina LSC – 37 people currently qualified to be the officials chair; **board recommended R1 and R2**
- Nominations – Open Board Positions – will take nominations from the floor – **motion approved unanimously for recommendation**

General Chair – Jason Overby

Admin Vice Chair – Natalie Fennell

Finance Chair – Mike O'Shaughnessey

Senior Chair – Brian Heaton

Officials Chair – Scott McMillan

Admin Board of Review – Mary Beth Kurz, Michael Stewart, Annette Clark-Brown, JJ Johns

- 2024-2025 Bid Calendar – Aimee Onoszko – Need to amend a few of the entries – (season officially starts on 9/1/2024; no meets on protected weekends);

Discussion – should we protect the “Carolina Crown” weekend, when the meet is held in our state? – Aimee McMillian reviewed the P & P language; opinion is that it should be protected when held in SC, but not necessary when held in NC; Other item for discussion - no teams bid on the Age Group or Senior State meets for Summer 2025; coaches will be meeting after HOD tomorrow to discuss; several ideas were discussed (short course pool – in the summer – combining Age group and Senior meet; using different locations – Augusta, Savannah, GA)

*****Board agreed to hold on recommendation until issues are resolved**



- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) – 2023-2024 budget – 108% of budget projection; Zone air travel does not come out of the budget – separate account for air travel to Zones; on the high side for revenue and expenses – but overall a mostly balanced budget- assuming the remainder of the season goes as anticipated
- Budget Overview 2024-2025 – added 3% to the projected budget from 23-24; a little bit low on the revenue side; allowing an additional \$20k for athlete reimbursement and senior select camp; \$10k in zones travel; in Olympic years – we allow for a 4th meet reimbursement; in non-Olympic years – only three meets – have room in the budget this year (2023-2024); minus the Covid year – the number of reimbursements is going up each season

****Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget – approved unanimously for recommendation**

Unfinished Old Business

2023-2024 Short Course LSC Championship Survey Results – Aimee Onozsko – had 145 responses; majority responded from Age Group State; mostly from parents; Overall opinion – LSC is average to above average in running championship meets; majority of responses – needs improvement with respect to facilities (parking at the Duncan facility); sound quality needs improvement – both facilities; air quality – average to needs improvement in both facilities; Hot heats, games at meets, athlete parade at the 10 and under session – all received positive feedback; Medal Ceremonies – needs improvement; MC – excellent; Recap – overwhelming response was no championship meet should be held at YSSC facility; majority dissatisfied with location at Senior State

Athlete Elections – Aimee Onozsko – held last week – Lily Gault Abdella – Senior Rep; Carson Wolf – Junior Rep; Alex Magargle, Emily Heintz – Athletes at Large

Zone Athlete Leadership Summit – Aimee Onozsko – happening this summer at University of Louisville (June 23rd-25th); host of events lined up for athletes; Chip is compiling a list of athletes – our Senior and Junior athlete reps will be in attendance and will take 4 more; will not be carpooling with athletes from NC, so will need to rent a van; Chip Holland to chaperone – staying in dorms on campus

Other – none at this time



New Business

DEI Select Camp – Martha Chiwanza – camp will be held in 2 weeks; opened it up to 50 swimmers; have filled all spots; Coach Deon Dean will be coming from VA – have 2 activities this week and next prior to the camp – trying to get the kids excited prior to the camp; camp will be held in Rock Hill – SC has more swimmers this year (than NC) Aimee Onoszko will host an officials clinic and Chip Holland will give a recruitment talk; Eduardo Dos Santos will be a guest speaker

Carolina Crown – Chip Holland – have 260 athletes – equal number of coaches from North and South Carolina; meet will be held at the Clover, SC facility (Fort Mill facility is the backup); everything is ready to go – April 28th is the meet date; format change – no more 200 distance stroke events – replaced them with the 50 of each stroke; no more 400 free – now a mixed 400 free relay

Open Water Zones Update – Big Show and Lindsey Little – this year – applications have been sent – unique selection process (race for qualification – was not able to finish – 11-12's were hindered by weather) so the committee will be taking mile times and considering open water experience; legislation has been drafted for the open water selection process; meet will be held in KY; our goal is to have a full team of 48 athletes from SC; team will be announced in May; Coaches will be Lindsey Little, Big Show and will recruit a 3rd coach; may need a chaperone – bus will depart from Spartanburg – athletes will need to get themselves to the Upstate; will return on Sunday following the meet

Sports Director's report – Chip Holland - will give a more in depth report tomorrow at HOD

Other Business from Floor – Karen Alexander – modification to Outreach Policy for 2024-2025 – family income that is taxable/non-taxable; we have nothing in the outreach policy to be able to use different qualifications – “All sources of family income (taxable and nontaxable) will be used in determining eligibility. This includes alimony, retirement, social security, disability benefits, foster care, and other nontaxable incomes.” This will be used to determine outreach qualifications – no approval needed from Board



Appointment – The Board previously voted to have Robert Lesh finish out Ed Cullen’s term as Safe Sport Chair; Aimee Onozsko brings forth Brent Lightfoot’s name to fill the spot on the Governance Committee – motion to approve; **unanimously approved by the board**

Resolutions and Orders – None at this time

Motion to adjourn – meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm