



Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee name: Disability Committee

Date and time of this meeting: May 5, 2021 at 8 p.m. ET

Function of committee: Empowering athletes of all abilities to compete and excel in the sport of swimming, promote access and inclusion in activities at all levels and encourage South Carolina Swimming athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to become involved in building a community with equal opportunities for everyone.

Committee Chair: Aimee Onoszko (Interim)

Meeting Location/Platform: Zoom

Members Present:

Karen Alexander
Kent Easty
Chip Holland
Aimee Onoszko
Ainara Garcia
Dawn Walker

Guests Present:

Chad Brown

Members Not Present:

Ann Ryan Alexander
Chris Wolford
Lindsey Burbage
Jack Greiner
Jesse Johnson
Morris Lee
Claire Natale
Hayden Penny
Aaron Egbert

Date of last meeting: 3/10/21

Date of next meeting: 6/23/21

Reports on Action Items:

Virginia Tate has expressed interest in chairing the committee. Aimee will seek board approval on appointing Virginia as the chair.



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Unfinished business:

Zones – brief discussion on attracting swimmers to be on the team and making sure that coaches are aware and encouraging swimmers to apply. Discussed the need for parameters to be established on how disability swimmers are selected for the Zone team.

Clinic – we were unable to have the disability clinic during All-State. The committee agreed that rescheduling during the State Championship meets may not be the best timing due to other clinics/activities scheduled during those weekends. The committee agreed that a virtual clinic late August or early September would be better and then an in-person clinic in October during HOD. Kent Easty is going to check on availability with Glenda Orth and Theresa Cohen.

Motions:

Approval of previous minutes.

New Business:

Aimee and Chip gave a debrief of the National Disability meeting that occurred during the virtual Zone workshop in April.

- The national disability athlete rep is working with the Center for Safe Sport to add curriculum to the MAAPP training to address bullying of disability swimmers.
- New webinar available from USAS for coaches: My disability swimmer is ready to swim in meets...Now What?

Announcements:

QT Taylor was selected to work the Paralympic meet in Texas in May.

Anne Ryan Alexander is graduating this month. We thank her for her service on the committee and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

Adjournment time:

8:37 p.m. ET