

# **House of Delegates Meeting, May 1, 2022**

# **Attendees**

#### **Board Members**

Aimee Onoszko – General Chair Jay Boudreau – Legislative Chair

Dan Mascolo – Admin Vice Chair Aimee McMillian – Officials Chair

Jake Ritz – Finance Chair Heather Alexander – Safe Sport Chair

Jon Mengering – Senior Vice Chair Lindsey Little – Communications Chair

Karen Cattaneo – Secretary Chip Holland – Sports Development Director

Mike Lane - Coaches Representative Karen Alexander – Sanctions/Registrations Chair

Caroline Parker - Senior Athlete Representative Vaughan Dodd – Governance Committee Chair

Jason Overby – Technical Planning Chair Alex Ritz – Athlete Representative at Large

Stanley McIntosh – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Chair Darden Tate -Athlete Representatives at Large

#### **Team Representatives**

Anderson Area YMCA Makos – Brian Heaton YMCA Columbia Swim Club – Barry Neville

Carolina Aquatics – Pam Swander, Jeremy Wilken, Kelly Geise Y Spartaquatics Swim Club – Wendy Viney, Ed Cullen

Charleston Southern Marlins Racing Team – Michael Stewart Guests – Robert Lesh, Jacque Grossman

Clemson Aquatic Team – Mary Beth Kurtz-Edsall

Coastal Aquatic Club – Beth Boudreau, Katherine Dettlaff, Ryan Boudreau (Athlete)

Columbia Swimming – Mary Leigh Gaza

Gamecock Aquatics – Michael Kuzma, Robert Pinter, William Alexander (Athlete)

 $Myrtle\ Beach\ Riptides-Mary\ Churchill$ 

South Carolina Swim Club – Dave Horton, Eric Lane

Southern Tide Swim Club – Jennifer Bowers

Summerville Family YMCA – Susan Nesselrode, Kara Bartnett

Team Greenville - Karl Kozicki, Danyelle Parker

Upper Palmetto YMCA Rays – Jenna Pehowski, Lynn Williams, Scott McMillian, Mason Martin (Athlete)

Wahoo Aquatic Club - Caroline Spence, Jack Abrahms (Athlete), Kennedy Anne Deveaux (Athlete)



The meeting was called to order by Aimee Onoszko at 10:00 am and began with the reading of the SCS Vision, Mission, Core Values and Duty to Serve.

<u>Reading, Correction and Adoption of October HOD minutes</u> – no corrections – minutes stand as approved

<u>Financial Committee Chair</u> – Joyce Dodd/Jake Ritz – The Financial Report to the Board of Directors & House of Delegates includes the Treasurer's Report for the period ending 4/25/2022, the Interim Statement of Financial Position as of 4/25/2022, and the Interim Statement of Financial Activity (Interim YTD Actual vs Annual Budget) – 9/1/2021 - 4/25/2022.

As seen in previous years, the LSC Net Operating Revenue is favorable to budget at this point in the Fiscal Year (FY). The favorability will decrease as expenses normally out-pace revenue in the last half of the FY. While the positive net revenue will decrease it is likely to remain favorable to budget through fiscal year-end.

#### **Budget**

See the 2022-2023 Budget Proposal Letter to the Board (Page 14) and the Proposed Operating Budget FY 2022 – 2023 (link to website).

The 2022-2023 budget passed with unanimous approval from the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates.

## <u>Unfinished – Old Business</u>

<u>Elections</u> – Lynn Williams gave the nominations – General Chair - Aimee Onoszko – re-elected; Admin Vice Chair – Natalie Fennel – elected; Finance Vice chair – Mike O'Shaughnessy – elected; Senior Chair – Jon Mengering – re-elected; Officials chair – Aimee McMillian – re-elected; Admin Board of Review – Heath Edwards, Karl Kozicki, Michael Stewart, Dan Mascolo – elected;

## **New Business**

<u>2022-2023 Bid Calendar</u> 3 teams bidding for Short Course Senior Championship meet – YSSC, RAYS, SCSC – SCSC was awarded the bid and will host Senior Championships; 3 teams bidding for Palmetto Championships – YSSC, RAYS, CA – vote for top 2 choices – bids were awarded to CA and RAYS



\*\*Meet bid calendar was unanimously approved

<u>Time Standards – Para Swimming</u> – Chip Holland – adding language to include para athletes to the state championship time standards page – motion to approve; unanimously approved

Language added to the SC State time standards document - PARA-SWIMMING: Para-Swimming athletes are eligible to compete at LSC Championships provided they achieve the USA Swimming suggested LSC time standards for any offered event

## **Reports of Officers, Committees and Coordinators**

<u>Safe Sport Chair</u> – Heather Alexander – reminder – 18 year old athletes need to complete APT prior to practice, competition, etc. USA Swimming – APT program is being revised; a couple of teams going through renewal – no new clubs – USA Swimming is still offering virtual training for clubs

<u>Technical Planning Chair</u> – Jason Overby – Reminder – when submitting meet information, remember that we are still under COVID Restrictions, until end of August; Championship meet information will be standardized; LSC run events, meet templates will be set for host teams; will update the meet information template

<u>Sanctions Chair</u> – Karen Alexander – Meet Director workshop – virtual this week (Tuesday and Thursday); Can send all applications for hosting meets at same time; deadlines need to be adhered to; use the meet directors checklist; follow up to be sure check is received

<u>Officials Chair</u> – Aimee McMillian – working on changing training for officials from virtual to in person; will work closely with Karen A. to utilize SWIM 3.0 for officials tracking (certifications, etc.). Aimee was added to a subcommittee for the National Official's Committee – representing the Southern Zone

Communications Chair - Lindsey Little - new chair - updating the all state logo on the website

<u>DEI Chair</u> – Stanley Macintosh – Update on Diversity camp with North and South Carolina; June 4<sup>th</sup> – event to educate on aquatic safety; committee's goal is to get 1 athlete from each Club to represent and educate respective clubs on DEI events; want to host a 12 and under clinic

<u>Senior Chair</u> – Jon Mengering – Coach Jen Bowers added to committee; have reimbursed 42 athletes at NSCA meet level and above; more than previous years; Athlete reimbursement number in budget is large – travel expenses to families has drastically increased; LSC is able to offer assistance to families; discussing ideas on how/when the mile will be swum in championship meets; also working on selection criteria for open water zones team; Carolina Crown hosted in Greenville – Karl Kozicki integral in hosting



and stepping up to coach a team at the last minute; even split between SC and NC athletes and coaches; very successful event – next year meet will be held in Greensboro, NC

<u>Age Group Chair</u> – Eduardo Dos Santos – via Chip Holland – Zone team trip is moved to Tupelo, MS; athletes will leave day after senior state championship meet; July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the new deadline for selecting the 15-18 age group for the zones team – may use this date going forward; Age Group select camp at YSSC –in May – girls on Saturday, boys on Sunday; Long course Age group meet – relays will be at the end of finals sessions (Thursday through Saturday) and at the end of prelims on Sunday; Awards from Age group state are now available

<u>Finance Chair</u> – Jake Ritz – General reminder to clubs that the LSC is tracking compliance to deadlines and that there is no desire to see fine revenue increase, so please pay attention there. Also, there is ~\$17,500 on deposit in the LSC accounts that belongs to clubs that have overpaid the LSC to avoid missing future deadlines. This is not a practice the LSC supports and needs to be managed down by the clubs who are in this situation. If anyone is interested in joining the Finance Committee, please email finance@sc-swimming.org.

<u>Coaches Representative</u> – Mike Lane – Seeking opportunities for coaches; funds are available to assist

<u>Athlete Committee</u> – Caroline Parker – Attended the USA Swimming Workshop for Athletes; goal is to connect with athletes in the LSC; improve communications; started working on a project to promote growth and engagement on the athlete committee; want to get one representative from each club on the committee; Darden Tate – Senior Athlete Rep; Jake Ritz – Junior Athlete Rep; 3 new athletes at large – Lilly Gault Abdella, Jake Root and Caden Wolf

<u>Governance</u> – Vaughan Dodd –Robert Lesh was appointed to committee; Vaughan attended the Governance meetings at USAS Workshop – BOD and Committee engagement/apathy is number one issue to be resolved; update coming to LSC Bylaws – regarding "Group Member"

Paras Swimming Committee – new chair appointed by Board of Directors – Annette Fransecotti

<u>Update from USAS Convention/Workshop</u> – 5 Representatives attended from SC – Karen Alexander (Registration), Vaughan Dodd (Governance), Stanley McIntosh (DEI), Caroline Parker (Sr. Athlete Rep), Colton Sparks (Coach); Karen Alexander gave a registration update – SWIMS 3.0 – 4 areas - Safe Sport, Member value, Member Services, Future adaptability – A general summary was presented at the workshop; new portal will do meet sanctions, registrations, time standards, etc.; more information will be sent as we receive from USA Swimming



<u>Sports Development Director Report</u> - Chip Holland – working on recertification of the LEAP program (Learning Platform – Governance, Programing and Communication); membership survey will go out and be available for a month; 20% of board is made up of athlete reps; balanced board; rolling out new partnership with summer league programs around the state; Communications have been added to strategic plan – coaches, parents, athletes have a page on the website with information and resources; registration numbers are up this year – about a 10% growth from past 2 years; social media interactions are up

## **Legislation**

- R1 Passed unanimously
- R2 Passed unanimously
- R3 Passed unanimously
- R4 Passed unanimously
- R5 Passed unanimously

R6 – Needs 90% approval – Recognizing Para athletes for the Howard Wheeler Award – will offer this classification – **Passed unanimously** 

R7 – Needs 90% to pass – Remove the financial obligation from host team – LSC will pay for awards at Championship meets – Short Course, Long Course and Open Water meets only – **Passed unanimously** 

#### **Business from the floor**

Jason Overby – Encouraged a discussion amongst clubs and coaches to bringing back the finale meet during Long Course for the 2023-2024 season;

Motion to adjourn – meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

## **Attachments**

Letter to House of Delegates - Page 6

Proposed Budget, Financial Reports-

https://www.teamunify.com/team/szscslsc/page/system/res/146646

Legislation - Amended/approved -

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Dear Board of Directors and House of Delegate members,

Attached is the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year budget proposal for the LSC. The Finance Committee recommends approval. Please note that this budget projects an operating loss of -\$61,130. The budgeted overage is driven most by the continuing emphasis on sport development and marketing outreach of the LSC to attract new athletes and to increase spend in areas benefitting athletes including developmental camps and recognition. This is the second year in a row where a budget was presented with a projected net operating loss, this year's (21/22 FY) budget was approved with a -\$75,973 operating loss projection.

While the Finance Committee recommends approving a budget with a projected net operating loss for a second year in a row, it also notes that this is sustainable in the short term only and that the 2023/2024 budget should be carefully considered to ensure the long-term financial health of the LSC. The cash reserves and invested assets of the LSC remain above minimum requirements but have lost value over the last few months due to the general market downturn. Please see the most recent set of Treasurer's Reports for the details.

If athlete membership continues to rise due to the increase in marketing and sport development, registration and meet revenue will increase to allow maintaining near current levels of projected expenses. The Finance Committee recommends monitoring and comparing actuals vs. budget to ensure that revenue and expenses are tracking as budgeted or better and to improve projections for use in future budget proposals.

Sincerely,

Jake Ritz Finance Vice-Chair