

# House of Delegates Meeting - 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 8, 2023

### **Attendees**

#### **Board Members**

Aimee Onoszko – General Chair Jay Boudreau – Legislative Chair

Natalie Fennell – Admin Vice Chair Aimee McMillian – Officials Chair

Mike O'Shaughnessy – Finance Chair Ed Cullen – Safe Sport Chair

Jon Mengering – Senior Vice Chair - Not Present Lindsey Little – Communications Chair

Karen Cattaneo – Secretary Chip Holland – Sports Development Director

Mike Lane - Coaches Representative - Not Present Karen Alexander - Sanctions/Registrations Chair

Robert Lesh – Governance Committee Chair - Not Present Caden Wolf, Jake Root – Athlete Representatives

Karl Kozicki – Technical Planning Chair Martha Chiwanza – DEI Chair

Joyce Dodd – Treasurer Nate Murray – Age Group Chair

Annette Francescotti – Para Swimming Chair Avery Frece, Lilly Gault Abdella – Athletes at Large -

Not Present

#### **Team Representatives**

Anderson Area YMCA Makos – Brian Heaton

Carolina Aquatics - Pam Swander, Maliha Weaver, Jeremy Wilken, Kelly Giese

Clemson Aquatic Team – Lindsey Little, Mary Beth Kurtz-Edsall, Maja Jermanowska

Columbia Swimming – June Kinzie, Gretchen Dalrymple, Ewan Dalrymple, Mary Leigh Gaza

Gamecock Aquatics - Mike Kuzma

Greenview Dolphins - Stanley McIntosh, Alexandra Brooks, Natalie Gidney, Yarah Rose

Southern Marlins Racing Team (SMRT) - Josh Stroble

Team Greenville – Colton Sparks, Tayla Lovemore, Lorin Collins

Upper Palmetto YMCA Rays – Lynn Williams, Anne Impens,

Wahoos – Joseph Brooks, CJ Raybon

YMCA Columbia Swim Club - Barry Neville



Y Spartaquatics Swim Club – Kyle Bradley, Dan Mascolo, Wendy Viney, Parker Belle Fogle

Guests – (family members of Greenview Dolphins delegates)

The meeting was called to order by Aimee Onoszko at 2:00 pm and began with the reading of the SCS Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

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

## **Financial Reports**

- <u>Financial Committee Chair</u> Mike O'Shaughnessy Gave review of the LSC financial position Assets vs. liabilities equity is \$722 can be utilized by LSC (not part of daily operations) indicates a strong financial position; last year had budgeted revenues of \$339K vs actual revenues of \$323k last fiscal year revenue was pretty flat; we had budgeted to overspend in 2023-2024 proposed revised budget would bring expenses and revenues more in line Board recommended HOD approved new budget unanimously
- Annual review Joyce Dodd agreement signed; review will take 6 months to conduct

#### **Unfinished – Old Business**

<u>Long Course Senior Championships</u> – still have no host team bid for this meet; legislation to remove the finale meet – hoping to find a host, post legislation; dates remain the same; opening up the meet bid to the group – no teams have bid currently; bids should be submitted to Technical Planning – process will be communicated later this week

#### **Elections** – Nominating Committee, Volunteer of the year

<u>Elections</u> - Nominating Committee Nominations – Six names – Pam Swander, Karl Kozicki, Brian Heaton, Lynn Williams, Mary B Shaw, Aimee McMillan; 1 year term – can serve 6 consecutive years; will take nominations from the floor; Volunteer of the Year nominees – Lori Lucas, Galan Burdeshaw, Daphne Hoffman, Jon Mengering – there were no nominations from the floor for either category



<u>Winners for the Nominating Committee</u> – Pam Swander, Karl Kozicki, Brian Heaton, Mary B Shaw, Aimee McMillian

\*\*Winner for the Volunteer of the Year will be announced at the spring HOD meeting

### **New Business**

<u>Registration report</u> – Karen Alexander - Into the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the new season – registration numbers have been pretty consistent for the past several years; so far, this year – 545 new athletes; could be close to 4000 athletes once batch registrations are complete; more non-athletes than previous years; SWIMS 3.0 still has challenges – if teams have questions – just reach out to Karen Alexander; she can fix quicker than USA Swimming help ticket; reminder – need birth certificates for all new athletes

<u>USAS Annual Business Meeting</u> – Aimee Onoszko – Recap –USAS new board members were elected - Kathleen Prindle and Sabir Muhammad – USAS will do a combined meeting in September 2024 (due to Olympic Trials); reviewed the affiliate agreement; reviewed legislation (changes and housekeeping items); officials; working group for HOD was extended for one more year (coaches, athlete and non-athlete votes)

<u>Southern Zones Recap</u> – Aimee Onoszko – Recap of meeting – the Southern Zone is made up of 16 LSC's; the junior athlete term is now a 2 year term instead of 1 year; 31% of Junior World team was from the Southern Zone; will have an Olympic Trials watch party in conjunction with a clinic and camp at the University of Louisville; our LSC will have an opportunity to send athletes; Lucas, KY – will host open water zones meet next year

<u>Presentation of Time Standards</u> – Nate Murray – Age Group and Time standards committee have been working together to improve the state championship meet participation; key issues – times are too fast for 12 and under swimmers; goals – increase participation at state meet; still need to consider the championship meet format; proposed time adjustments were made – if less than 40 entries – 1% increase; less than 30 entries – 2% increase; less than 20 entries – 3% increase; for distance/stroke events in the 11-12 age group – consideration time was removed, and that time was made the state cut; suggesting that the 10 and under meet will be a 2 day meet, instead of 3; created an order of events that would accomplish the timeline (4 swims per day in the 10 and under session)

**Discussion** – removal of the 3 swim requirement for 10 and under 500 free (3 swims to qualify for state) is concerning (Stanley McIntosh); trying to balance the number of swimmers and getting them to swim to the time standards; will bonus cuts help? Not necessarily for the 12 and under swimmers; participation is still low – move to a vote – 5 opposed – **Age Group time standards have been approved by majority** 



Senior time standards – making cuts 3% slower across the board; the meet is too small; if you qualify for the short course meet, you automatically qualify for long course, but NOT the other way around; move to a vote – **unanimously approved** 

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

### Consent Agendas – approved unanimously as posted

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<u>DEI Committee</u> – Martha Chiwanza – committee approached radical collaboration with Para Swimming and DEI – call to others to work with committee – Chip Holland to put together a campaign "We are SC Swimming"; getting this out on social media

<u>Safe Sport Committee</u> – Ed Cullen – reminder to check on coaches, athletes, etc. to make sure they are current on Athlete Protection Training (APT); USA Swimming is revamping the APT course; try to complete trainings prior to 10/24; contact Ed with questions

<u>All State Committee</u> – Natalie Fennell – All state weekend in Columbia (701 Whaley venue) - April 2024; look for more information to come out in the coming months

<u>Age Group Committee</u> – Nate Murray – review of Zones meet; SC was strong in the 200 fly this year; athletes reported great feedback (lots of fun); select camp was a success; Palmetto Championship meet – 10 and under meet will follow a 2 day format, but the 11 and up meet format will remain the same

<u>Athlete Committee</u> – Caden Wolf – Athlete extravaganza – August 16 – had more than 30 athletes attend; working on some plans to attract more athletes; Arena is our new sponsor; Athlete reps are showing off jackets – working on an Arena team store for South Carolina Swimming – Open Water and Age Group zone athletes will get a practice suit, courtesy of Arena contract

<u>Para Swimming Committee</u> – Annette Francescotti – different time standards for athletes with physical, visual and intellectual impairments; reach out to Annette with questions

# **Sports Development Director Report** - Chip Holland

Zones update – successful meet – finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall; now 2 relays for each age group; top 16 reported to finals (instead of top 8); received lots of compliments from other zone teams;



- Collaborated with NC Swimming for open water champs; camp was a success lots of new faces;
- 50 kids attend the Age Group Select camp in Charleston; competed in a meet at the Wahoo's facility;
- Upcoming events developmental select camp Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Anderson; information goes out tomorrow for eligible swimmers; are working on a Fitter n Faster camp and Senior Select camp coming to Columbia in December; Carolina Crown – will partner with the Diversity camp in Clover (sometime in April);
- Encourage your athletes to participate on a committee have 12 new athletes that are interested in participating; still need a few more; a great way to gather information from athletes in the LSC; reach out to Chip Holland if interested
- Performance -
  - Eight Top 10 performances nationally in the long course season amongst five athletes-Ewan and Sean Dalrymple (in the room and recognized), Lilla Bognar, Lilly Gault Abdella and Grace Hunt
  - -Lila Bognar made the World Junior National Team and represented Team USA in Israel in September
  - -Maria Francescotti selected to represent Team USA at the 2023 Para Pan Games in Santiago, Chile in November
  - -Lilly Gault Abdella selected to National Select camp roster, held in Colorado Springs in October
  - o -Lindsey Little named to the USA Swimming Women Coaches in Governance program
  - -13 new college commitments
  - -13 new long course state records
  - -social media accounts reached 7500 people in the last 30 days; followers are up 5.6 % in the past 90 days
- Club Development program our own LSC programing; athlete engagement, community involvement; coach and athlete development; there are some prerequisites for the program (Safe sport certified, etc.)

**<u>Legislation</u>** – 7 Pieces of legislation brought forth –

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R1 – Adding late qualifying period for Short Course Championships – **motion unanimously passed** 



R2 – Remove Summer Finale – friendly amendment – adding "may" instead of "shall" – giving the teams the option to have the finale meet –  $\bf 2$  abstentions; motion passes by majority

R3 – Increase the SCS Seasonal Athlete Membership Fee - motion unanimously passed

R4 – Incorporate bonus swims into the SC LSC Senior Long Course Meet – **8 against; 1** abstention – motion passes by majority

R5 - Selection process for the Open Water Zone Team - Pulled

R6 – Amend the selection process for the Age Group Zone Team – **1 abstention – motion passes by majority** 

R7 - Amend the process for Club Development Program Awards - **motion unanimously** passed

<u>National Meet Reimbursement</u> – Aimee Onoszko - proposed schedule – no changes, except for NCSA reimbursement changing to \$400; USA Olympic trials is \$2000 (9 day meet); para team trials is \$1200 (4 day meet) – coaches should try to plan for reimbursements in advance and submit on time (60 day time frame for submission) - motion to approve – **passed unanimously** 

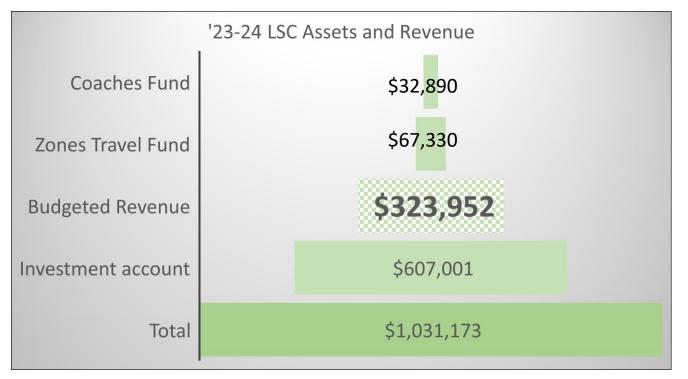
#### Items from the Floor -

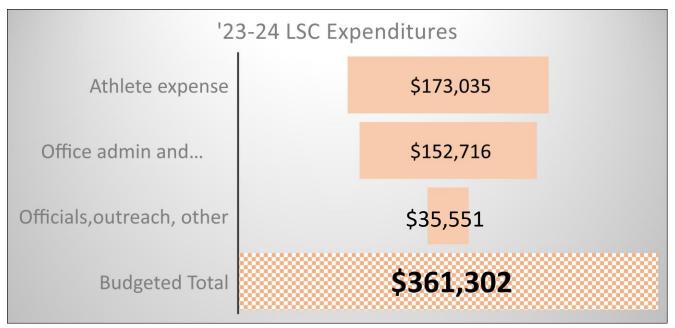
- Dan Mascolo now ASCA Director of Member Engagement and Events Club Success Initiative

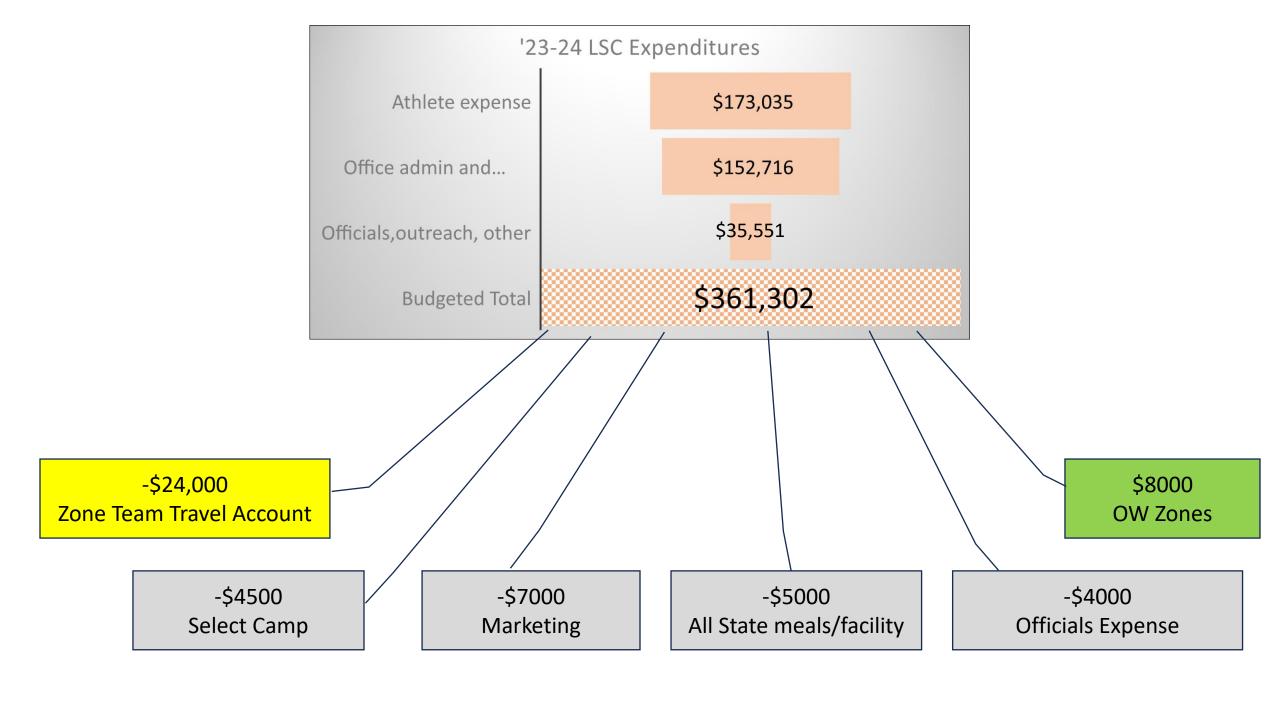
   one day workshop Speaker includes Frank Busch 4 Pillars of Success (Foundations of a successful club, coaching career, results and board parent relationship) November 4<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta; open to coaches, board members, etc. Coaches' funds are available from the Coaches Committee (check in with Mike Lane for more information); limited to the first 50 attendees
- Lynn Williams 8 and Under IM Tough qualifiers see Lynn if you have a swimmer that needs a shirt from last season

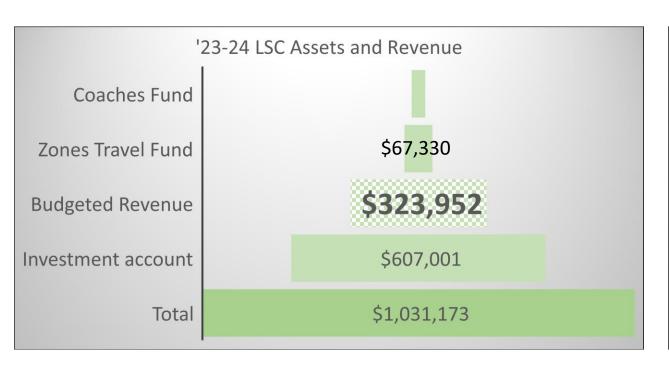
Motion to adjourn – approved and meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm

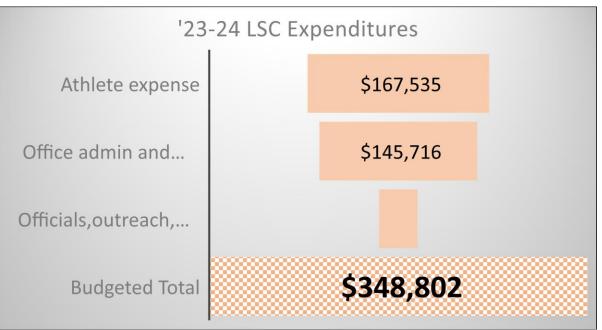
\*\* Appendix A - Revised 2023-2024 Budget - Pages 7-9











\$-24,000 paid by ZONES TRAVEL FUND

Creates a budget of \$323,952 in Revenue & \$324,802 of Expenses