



House of Delegates Meeting – 1:00 pm, Saturday, April 13, 2024

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	Robert Lesh – Safe Sport Chair
Jon Mengerling – Senior Vice Chair	Lindsey Little – Communications Chair
Karen Cattaneo – Secretary	Chip Holland – Sports Development Director
Mike Lane - Coaches Representative	Karen Alexander – Sanctions/Registrations Chair
Robert Lesh – Governance Committee Chair	Nate Murray – Age Group Chair
Karl Kozicki – Technical Planning Chair	Martha Chiwanza – DEI Chair
Joyce Dodd – Treasurer	Caden Wolf, Jake Root – Athlete Reps - not present
Annette Francescotti – Para Swimming Chair – Not present	Avery Frece, Lilly Gault Abdella – Athletes at Large - Not Present

Team Representatives

Anderson Area YMCA Makos – Brian Heaton, Kyle Heaton

Carolina Aquatics – Pam Swander, Kim Gould, Kristen Kile, Maliha Weaver

Clemson Aquatic Team – Mary Beth Kurz, Lindsey Little

Coastal Aquatic Club – Fabio Silva, Simone da Silva, Logan Mendieta, Madison Jacquemin

Columbia Swimming – Lori Petrimoulx, Ewan Dalrymple, Mary Leigh Gaza, Jack Dalrymple, June Kinzie

Gamecock Aquatics – Robert Pinter, Christie Pinter, Michael Kuzma

Greenview Dolphins – Stanley McIntosh

Myrtle Beach Riptides – Antonel Neculai, Emma Neculai, Andrew Neculai

South Carolina Swim Club – Victoria Ratliff

Southern Marlins Racing Team (SMRT) – Michael Stewart, Josh Stroble, Usa Jickling

Summerville Family YMCA – Michael Fuller, Tony Schupp



Team Greenville – Danielle Parker, Carlton Bruner, Bridgette Parker

Upper Palmetto YMCA Rays – Lynn Williams, Cindy VanBuskirk, Anne Impens, Dominic Impens

Wahoos – Kennedy Anne Deveaux, Kevin Cooney, Matt Forston

Y Spartaquatics Swim Club – Wendy Viney, Tyler Clem, Lesley Keily

Guests – Annette Clark Brown

The meeting was called to order by Aimee Onoszko at 1:01 pm and began with the reading of the SCS Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Reading, Correction and Adoption of October HOD minutes – no corrections – minutes stand approved as posted

Financial Reports

- **Financial Committee Chair** – Mike O'Shaughnessy – Financial Position Summary – review of current assets (accounts receivables, investment accounts and operating budget) are \$893K – a lot of revenue is front loaded, with a majority of expenses coming in at the end of the fiscal year; for the most part – we are running a balanced budget (Expenses - \$348K, Revenues - \$323K – YTD not including 24K for Zones); Fiscal YTD – are 108% of Budget
- **Presentation and Approval of 2024-2025 Budget** – Presenting a 3% increase from last year's budget – Revenue is estimated at \$341K, Expenses are estimated at \$373K (to include Zones Travel and Athlete reimbursement – totaling \$30K); should delegates want a copy of the annual review or 2024-2025 budget – see Joyce Dodd (sign-up sheet at the HOD meeting) – motion to approve – **passes unanimously**
- **Presentation and Approval of Annual Review and Audit** – Joyce Dodd – Management Accounting Reports used in the review; USA Swimming requires an annual review and an audit every 4 years; 12 page report available to all delegates; it contains a Profit and Loss report, a detailed expense report, note explanations, etc.



Unfinished – Old Business

Senior State Meet bid – YSSC will be hosting the Long Course Senior State Championship meet in July, 2024

Elections – Board Positions, Athlete nominees for 2024-2025

Elections – Pam Swander - Will take nominations from the floor – there are no nominations from the floor; Nominees accepted as listed and unanimously approved

- General Chair – Nominee – Jason Overby
- Administrative Vice Chair – Natalie Fennell
- Finance Chair – Mike O'Shaughnessy
- Senior Vice Chair – Brian Heaton
- Officials Chair – Scott McMillian
- Administrative Board of Review – Nominees – Mary Beth Kurz, Michael Stewart, Annette Clark-Brown, JJ Johns

New Business

2024-2025 Bid Calendar – Karl Kozicki – presented calendar to the HOD; a few teams need to make changes to dates for proposed meets; there have been no bids for summer state meets (Age Group or Senior); teams that submitted a bid to host a championship meet had an opportunity to speak on their behalf

Palmetto Champs – board and Age Group committee preference is the meet should be a 3 day prelim/final meet format – in P & P – stated that prelims/finals should be offered for 11-12, 13-14 and 15-18 aged swimmers

Voting – using QR code and Google form – **winners – Senior State – Upper Palmetto YMCA Rays; Age Group State – Team Greenville; Palmetto Championships – Coastal Aquatic Club and Upper Palmetto YMCA Rays – motion to approve – unanimously approved**

****No further discussion was had regarding the summer championship meets in 2025; Big Show and Mike Lane will conduct a coaches meeting later this month to discuss**



Survey of Short Course LSC Championships - Aimee Onoszko – had 145 responses; majority responded from Age Group State; mostly from parents; Overall opinion – LSC is in 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 (both facilities); Hot heats, games at meets, athlete parade at the 10 and under session – received good reviews; Medal Ceremonies – needs improvement; MC – excellent; Recap – overwhelming response was no championship meet at YSSC facility; majority dissatisfied with location at Senior State; Short course championship meet host teams will receive a copy of survey results

Reports of Officers, Committees and Coordinators

Consent Agendas – approved unanimously as posted

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

Sports Development Director Report - Chip Holland

- Performance – 1 swimmer attended US Open; 20 new state records set; 230 All State swimmers (with a minimum 2 AAA times); 13 swimmers attended Winter Juniors
- Diversity select camp/Carolina Crown Weekend – Diversity Camp will be held April 27th in Rock Hill; Carolina Crown meet will be held on April 28 in Clover, SC; Aimee Onoszko will give an officials talk; Chip Holland will give a recruiting talk; Eduardo dos Santos will be a guest speaker during the weekend
- Open Water zones team applications are still open – looking to fill 48 spots – meet is near Bowling Green, KY; Open Water camp will be held in Pinehurst, NC in September – SC will use this as a selection for the zones team
- Age Group Zones team – flying out of Charleston to Midlands, TX; applications are open – due by July 1; Team will be announced no later than July 10th.
- Communications/Social Media – Chip Holland and Pam Swander attended the Mighty Mids workshop earlier this year in Colorado Springs; we are up 3.6 % on social media subscribers; 12.5K people viewed the SC social media accounts



Announcements –

- New Safe Sport Chair – Robert Lesh is stepping in to fill Ed Cullen’s term on the committee, as the Chair
- Coaches meeting to choose coaches rep immediately following HOD meeting; Pam Swander will be the new Coaches Representative
- Teams are welcome to start submitting meet information beginning April 14th;
- Athlete elections were held last week - Lily Gault Abdella – Senior Rep; Carson Wolf – Junior Rep; Alex Magargle, Emily Heintz – Athletes at Large were elected for the new term

Legislation – Jay Boudreau - 3 Pieces of legislation brought forth – see attached below

R1 – Housekeeping for the USA Swimming R9 changes – **unanimously passed**

R2 – Changing requirements to be the SC Officials Chair – **unanimously passed**

R3 – Open Water Zones team selection - ***requires a 90% vote to pass the house – changing the language to clarify the Athlete Selection (54 athletes) – received more than 90% approval – **legislation passes**

Legislative item from the floor – R4 - Karl Kozicki - move to increase the limit on entry fees from \$4 to \$4.50 per event and \$2 increase for relays – question – what about teams that have already bid on meets and set entry fee? This new policy would take effect on September 1, 2024; 1 abstention; 8 no votes; 44 yes votes – 84% approval – requires 90% - **R4 does NOT pass**

Items from the Floor - none

Motion to adjourn – approved and meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm

Attachments – Pages 6-14

Legislation R1-R4

April 2024 SC LSC Legislation

No.	Description	Location	Recommendation and Outcome (Pulled for discussion, tabled, endorsed, not endorsed)
R-1	House Keeping	III.A-D.E2	Recommend (Passed)
R-2	Update duties and Powers of Officials' Chair	I.H.3	Recommend (Passed)
R-3	SCLSC Open Water Zone Team Selection – 90% Required	XII	Passed
R-4	Increase Individual Swimmers Fees for Meets by \$0.50 and Relays by \$2.00 – 90% Required	VIII.E.4.a-b	Failed
R-5			
R-6			
R-7			
R-8			
R-9			
R-10			

R1

Directions:

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Proposed By: Name: Aimee McMillan
Email: aimeemcmillan@gmail.com

Date submitted to Legislative Chair: 3/5/24

Purpose of proposal: House Keeping

Proposed new language:

A. Certification Categories

The levels of certification for swimming officials in the SCLSC shall consist of, ~~but not be limited to~~, the following:

1. Stroke & Turn Judge
2. Open Water Judge
3. ~~Deck~~ Chief Judge
4. Starter
5. Referee – Open Water
6. Referee
7. ~~Referee – Administrative~~
8. ~~Referee – Meet~~
9. Administrative Official**
10. Computer Operator**
11. ~~Timing Operator**~~

~~**Administrative Official, Computer Operator, and Timing Operator do not have to possess any other official certification level(s).~~

~~B. Certification, Recertification, and Decertification of Officials~~

- ~~1. Certification initially will be effective until December 31 of the next odd number year. If the Certification occurs in an even numbered year, it shall expire at the end of the next year. If the Certification occurs in an odd numbered year, it shall expire at the end of the following odd numbered year.~~

- ~~2. Recertification: To avoid lapsing of certification, recertification of all officials will be done by December 31 at the end of odd-numbered years.~~
- ~~3. All officials must be current non-athlete members of USA/South Carolina Swimming and have completed the required background screening(s), concussion protocol training, and any other testing as required by USA Swimming.~~
- ~~4. Prospective and advancing officials must meet standards set by the SCLSC's Officials Committee which may include attending a clinic, taking and passing the required online testing, and receiving satisfactory rating from the Meet Referees where training sessions are worked.~~
- ~~5. Detailed certification, recertification, and decertification criteria will be published on the SCLSC's website on the Officials' page(s).~~

~~C. Transfer of Certified Officials into SCLSC~~

- ~~1. Officials with USA Swimming National Certification shall be given an equivalent level of certification by the SCLSC upon request. The transferring official shall request such certification from the Officials Chair of the SCLSC. The Officials Chair shall determine that the National Certification is current and valid and subsequently issue the SCLSC Certification for the equivalent level. Thereafter, the official shall be required to meet all requirements for recertification of officials as specified by the SCLSC.~~
- ~~2. Officials who possess current certification as swimming officials from other LSCs (lacking National Certification) shall request transfer of LSC certification from the Officials Chair of the SCLSC. Upon determining that the certification is current and valid, the transferring official shall work a least one (1) session under the observation of a SCLSC-certified referee at a SCLSC-sanctioned meet. This observing referee should make an effort to both discuss the policies and procedures of the SCLSC and observe the official during the course of the swim meet. With the concurrence of the observing referee the transferring official shall be allowed to serve in the capacity at which he was certified during this observation period. The referee should communicate an evaluation to the Officials Chair of the SCLSC subsequent to the observed session(s). If the observation period is acceptable, the Officials Chair of the SCLSC shall subsequently issue a SCLSC certification to the transferring official. Thereafter, the official shall be required to meet all requirements for recertification of officials as specified by the SCLSC's Officials Committee. Certification and recertification requirements may be found on the SCLSC's website Officials page.~~

~~D. Officials Required~~

- ~~1. All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, Administrative Official, or Stroke and/or Turn Judge at a swimming meet shall be certified in such position by an LSC prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official. See the SCLSC website under the Officials tab for certification requirements.~~
- ~~2. Officials other than the Referee and Administrative Official may act in more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may simultaneously time and judge the order of finish.~~
- ~~3. The SCLSC shall follow the dictates of USA Swimming's minimum number of officiating positions filled during a meet by meet categories, i.e., dual meets, non-dual meets or championship meets. These minimums can be found in the USA Swimming Rule Book within the Officials section.~~

E.2. Each certified official shall be responsible for following the guidelines provided by the Officials Committee for **showing proof (e.g., USA Swimming App, photo of certification)** of their Official's certification ~~cards~~ issued by USA Swimming. These guidelines will be outlined on the SCLSC's website under the Official's tab.

Does this proposal amend an existing provision (circle one): **Yes** No

If yes, which provision: III.A. and III.B. and III.C. and III.D. and III.E.2.

Have you reviewed the P&P or bylaws to ensure no other provisions are impacted:
(circle one) **Yes** No

If not an amendment, in which section or article do you propose the new language be added:

This section to be completed by Legislative/Rules Committee:

Date sent to HOD: 3/14/2024

Recommendation:

R2

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Proposed By: Name: Aimee McMillan and Jason Overby
Email: aimeemcmillan@gmail.com; overbyj@cofc.edu;

Date submitted to Legislative Chair: 3/5/2024

Purpose of proposal: Update duties and powers of the Officials Chair

Proposed new language:

3. Officials Chair

The Officials Chair shall chair the Officials Committee which is responsible for recruiting, training, certifying, and supervising officials for SCSL. The Officials Chair shall be ~~either a Meet Referee certified by SCSL prior to February 1, 2024, or equivalent (N2 Deck Referee, N2 Chief Judge and N2 Administrative Official and has been a meet referee for a minimum of two (2) prelim/final meets.) certified by SCSL and official members of the Officials Committee shall be a certified official of SCSL.~~

- a. An Officials Chair for the SC-LSC shall be elected by the House of Delegates.
- b. The Officials Chair's functions shall include but not be limited to:
 - (1) The Officials Chair shall appoint an Officials Committee, which shall consist of at least two other SC-LSC Certified Officials at the Referee level and a student athlete representative.
 - (2) Coordinate the activities of the other members of the committee and chair all meetings of the committee or designate an alternate in cases where chair is unavailable to oversee the committee meetings.
 - (3) The Officials Chair, or a referee designated by the officials committee **with at least equal certifications of the Officials Chair**, shall serve as the Meet Referee for the SC-LSC Short Course and Long Course Championship meets.

- (4) ~~Complete the initial SC LSC certification process of all SC LSC officials.~~
- (5) ~~Complete the SC LSC recertification processes of all SC LSC officials on an annual basis.~~
- (6) ~~Complete the SC LSC advancement certification processes of all SC LSC officials.~~ **Assist with the SC LSC certification, recertification, and advancement certification processes of all SC-LSC officials.**
- (7) Assist with the USA Swimming National certification and recertification processes for all SC-LSC officials seeking national certifications.
- (8) Oversee, or designate another official to oversee, the entry of officials working each meet session into the USA-Swimming OTS website.
- (9) Maintain records of all officials working national championship meets to help identify candidates for assignment and acceptance/invitation to national championship meets, including the Olympic trials meet.
- (10) Provide regular reports to the General Chair for inclusion in his or her reports to the Board of Directors.
- (11) Participate as a member of the SC-LSC Board responding to questions posed by officials, coaches, swimmers, and parents.

Does this proposal amend an existing provision (circle one): **Yes** No

If yes, which provision: I.H.3.

Have you reviewed the P&P or bylaws to ensure no other provisions are impacted:
(circle one) **Yes** No

If not an amendment, in which section or article do you propose the new language be added:

This section to be completed by Legislative/Rules Committee:

Date sent to HOD: 3/14/2024

Recommendation:

R3

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Proposed By:

Name: Chip Holland, Jon Mengerling, Will York, and Lindsey Little

Email: sdd@sc-swimming.org

Date submitted to Legislative Chair: 4/12/24

Purpose of proposal: SCLSC Open Water Zone Team Selection

Proposed new language:**A. Team Size**

1. Six 11-12 boys
2. Six 11-12 girls
3. Six 13-14 boys
4. Six 13-14 girls
5. Six 15-16 girls
6. Six 15-16 boys
7. Six girls in open age group (defined below)
8. Six boys in open age group (defined below)
9. Up to six paraswimmers

B. Open Age Group Definition

1. South Carolina swimming will fill the open age group with 17-18 year old swimmers. If all six spots are not filled by 17-18 year old swimmers, the remaining spots may be filled with the fastest 15-16 year old swimmers.
 - a. In the event that one or more 15-16 swimmers is moved into the Open Age Group, South Carolina Swimming may fill the vacated spots in the 15-16 age group.

C. Paraswimmers

1. In order to be on the team must have competed in a USA Swimming sanctioned open water event within two years of the date of the Open Water Zone meet.

D. Athlete Selection

1. First round selection

a. The first round of athletes selected will be those who have qualified for and completed at the most recent Open Water National Championship or Open Water Junior National Championship preceding the Zone open water meet.

2. Second round selection

a. Up to five athletes for each gender/age group will be chosen based on finishing place at the WAVE Carolina Cup open water meet that takes place in Lake Echo, NC in September.

i. These athletes may be a participant in the NC/SC Open Water Select Camp, but this is not a requirement to qualify for Zone Team selection. The meet is open to any athlete of South Carolina Swimming in good standing.

ii. If a swimmer will age up between this qualifying meet and the Open Water Zone meet, they will be required to swim with the older age group in order to be considered for selection for the SC Open Water Zone team.

3. Third round selection

a. Any remaining spots will be chosen based on fastest 1650 yard freestyle times achieved within 12 months of the Open Water Zone meet.

i. In order to be considered in this round, an athlete must have competed in at least one USA Swimming sanctioned open water competition within 12 months of the Open Water Zone meet. The distance of that competition must be 3 kilometers or longer for 13 and over and 1 kilometer or over for 11-12 age group. An example of a sanctioned open water competition would be the Death Valley / SC Swimming Championship Open Water Meet.

Does this proposal amend an existing provision (circle one): Yes **No**

If yes, which provision:

Have you reviewed the P&P or bylaws to ensure no other provisions are impacted: (circle one) **Yes** No

If not an amendment, in which section or article do you propose the new language be added: Section XII

This section to be completed by Legislative/Rules Committee:

Date sent to HOD: 4/13/2024

Recommendation: 100% Approved

R4

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Proposed By: Name: Karl Kozicki
Email: Technical.Planning@sc-swimming.org

Date submitted to Legislative Chair: 4/13/2024

Purpose of proposal: To increase individual swimmers fees for all meets by \$0.50 and relays by \$2.00

Proposed new language:

4. Entry fees for age group and senior events may be:
 - a. Up to ~~\$4.00~~ **\$4.50** for individual events
 - b. Up to ~~\$8.00~~ **\$10.00** for relays

Does this proposal amend an existing provision (circle one): **Yes** No

If yes, which provision: VIII.E.4.a-b

Have you reviewed the P&P or bylaws to ensure no other provisions are impacted:
(circle one) **Yes** No

If not an amendment, in which section or article do you propose the new language be added:

This section to be completed by Legislative/Rules Committee:

Date sent to HOD: 4/13/2024

Recommendation: 85% Approved, needed 90%