

West Virginia Swimming  
House of Delegates Meeting  
October 18, 2020 at 1 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Member teams: CLST, CM, FAST, HSC, MYAC, PAQ, PKB, RAYS, WILD, YKVK, YSWV

Attendance: Logan, FAST, CM, PKB, Huntington, Kraken, MYAC, Eastern Panhandle, Rays,  
Wild - absent, YSWV - absent

II. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

General Chair – Renee Riggs, stepping down

- *Overall good participation in the Virtual National Convention.*
- *20/21 Open Water champs will be held in Chattanooga TN and if we are NOT participating we need to declare that.*
- *The WV LSC has been granted the 2022 Senior Southern Zone meet.*

Vice Chair/Admin – Sarah Nisewarner

- *Vice Chair: Sanctioning has changed dramatically in the fact that there is a lot of COVID language that has been added with additional paperwork submission. Please contact Sarah Nisewarner with plenty of turn around time if you are considering submitting a sanction.*

Vice Chair/Senior – Vic Riggs

- *Nothing new.*

Vice Chair/Age Group – Rick Johnson

- *Nothing new.*

Vice Chair/Finance – Matt Urse

- *Unable to attend*

Treasurer – Scott Wilson

- *Reported on 2019 and 2020 finances. We still need to look into a refund from Pioneer Charters on the Southern Zones bus. We owe USA swimming a little over \$2000 for registrations over the summer that were not automatically drafted due to COVID related issues.*

Secretary – Sarah Nisewarner

- *No new information.*

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Athlete Rep – Jaden Welsh

- *No athlete reps on call.*

Coaches Rep – Ryan Zundell

- *Not on call.*

Club Development – Tom Phillips

- *Other than the legislation we passed to compensate teams there is no new legislation that has been released yet.*

Diversity & Inclusion – Harsha Hatti

- *Receiving calls about every month or so in our zone. The biggest thing discussed is the lack of opportunity during COVID for kids to even get in the water.*

Disability Chair – Vic Riggs

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Marketing Chair – Ryan Zundell

- *Not on call.*

Meet Sanction Chair – Sarah Nisewarner

- *Again if you are interested in sanctioning a meet please reach out to Sarah well ahead of your planned meet.*

Officials Chair – Scott Claypoole

- *Several teams have inquired about having a Provisional Officials for meets to stand in. If there is any club that wants to have a new officials clinic reach out to Scott. Had meetings with Southern Zones chairs and there are some teams still not getting pool time. Shared information on different protocols on how different meets are being implemented.*
- *Video streaming is something that is becoming more popular among teams so that people can watch the meet and try to control crowds for COVID.*

Records Chair – Stephanie Claypoole

- *No new updates.*

Registration Chair – Stephanie Claypoole

- *No Records chair updates*

Registrar Chair:

- *Reminders club registrations are due by Dec. 1 for \$100 made out to WV Swimming after that date is \$200. Reviewed individual registration. Head coaches must have their full credentials in order for the club to be registered. Any athlete or non-athlete over the age of 18*

Safe Sports Chair – Samantha Benito

- *Make sure that everyone over 18 is Safe Sport Certified. All Safe Sport trainings are optional, but once you are a certified Safe Sport Team you have to renew every 2 years, but they can always go back and do that to earn more points for your team. You need the optional points to become certified.*

Safety – Marra Johnson

- *Not on call*

Southern Zone – Rick Johnson

- *Not on call*

SWIMS Chair – Melissa McGlothen

- *Adult athletes MUST have their Athlete Protection completed or their times will not be imported into SWIMS.*

V. Presentation and Approval of Annual Budget

- *The proposed budget is based on having a “normal” year. However, that is up in the air this year due to COVID. Recommending that if anyone has an expense request they get it approved first due to the current situations. Motion to approve the 2021 budget. Seconded by Vic Riggs. All ayes.*

VI. OLD BUSINESS

*\*Financial distributions made to all teams. No plans for further distribution at this time.*

- *None*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

*\*Club Mountaineer/Aquatic Center at Mylan Park along with WV Swimming has been granted the 2022 Southern Zone Senior Champs. Date TBA but will be at end of July or beginning of August (it coincides with the Southern Zone Age Group Champs).*

- *No Discussion*

*\*18 and Under Winter Championships.*

- *Futures cuts +1% to qualify for this meet. This will eliminate many of our swimmers in our LSC, and most smaller LSCs are in this boat. If you choose to do this the time standards are up to the team, but USA Swimming will only take those with the cuts for the scoring of the meet. You must*

*follow all local COVID protocols of your facility. These are not designed to be big meets. Club Mountaineer is hoping to host one of these depending on pool rent.*

- *Vic Riggs: What does the LSC want this meet to be? Do we want to allow outside LSC teams in? 1. Is there something the LSC wants to do? 2. Is it something that the LSC will support regardless of the entry times? 3. How many people is the LSC comfortable with in holding this meet?*
- *Tom Phillips: He would love to have this meet and he thinks it's a great idea, but the LSC doesn't even have maybe a dozen kids who could qualify for this meet. We would greatly have to adjust the time standards. Also does not see any chance of having a roll back of restrictions to allow that many swimmers.*
- *Vic Riggs: WVU isn't allowed to compete this fall and they are looking at that meet as an opportunity for college swimmers to swim. The only way he can figure out to make it work is to have a female session in the morning, a male session in the afternoon, and a 19+ session in the evening. This would average 40-60 kids per session and try to still have it done safely. This isn't even taking into consideration having parents in the stands. Mylan Park is still a business and has to make a profit.*
- *Tom Phillips: What are the odds that the old WVU pool could be used?*
- *Vic Riggs: The WVU pool is drained and gone. Although Mylan Park may be working with us on adjusting the pool rental. Suggested dates are Dec. 12-13.*
- *Renee Riggs: Suggested that coaches go back and look at this issue and revisit at the end of October to make a decision.*
- *\*Movement to make DEI Chair a voting member of the BOD.*
- *This is a national movement, the only suggestion was to consider how big your making your voting group.*
- *Tom Phillips: No problem issue personally with the issue, but he does note that if we add this we will have to add one more athlete to maintain the 20% requirement.*
- *USA Swimming tabled this issue for the following year.*
- *\*Replace Renee Riggs as General Chair, Jael Dankle on Southern Zone Committee and Reagan Linkous on Finance Committee*
- *Motion to move Sarah Nisewarner into the General Chair position and Samantha Benito into the Secretary position by Tom Phillips. Seconded by Vic Riggs. All ayes.*
- *We need to fill the athlete positions for Jael Dankle and Reagan Linkous. Suggested that teams go back their teams and discuss with their athletes. These athletes can be appointed by the General Chair or their committee. They must be at least 16 years old or a sophomore.*

#### Other Updates

- *Teams and Pool Tim: Chief Logan - not swimming, FAST - not swimming, Panhandle - not swimming, Rays are limited, YSWV - not swimming*
- *High school swimming is currently scheduled to begin the season on time.*
- *Make sure swimmers who may be swimming in other facilities with other teams are doing so safely.*
  
- *Motion to adjourn by Melissa McGlothen. Seconded by Harsha Hatti. All ayes. 2:39PM.*