

House of Delegates/Board of Directors
West Virginia LSC
4/28/2024

Call Meeting to Order

Role Call:

- Present: RAYS, MSS, YKVK, PKB, GVAC, CM
- Absent: CLST, HSC, SUWC, YNCWV

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were provided from Jan. 14th meeting; Tom Plemons made a motion to accept; Heather Priddy seconded; minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers:

- General Chair (Eric Anger) –

SC state meet went well/smoothly running two pools

- Senior Chair (Vic Riggs)

Not in attendance

- Age Group Chair (Tara Kurilchick-Green)

Will give report under new / old business

- Finance Chair (Rob St. Jean)

Nothing to report

- Treasurer (Scott Wilson)

Not in attendance

- Secretary (Melissa McGlothen)

Nothing to report

Reports of Committees:

- Athlete Representative (Daniel Priddy)

Proposed LC state meet themes would be “Rock the Waves” with different music genres for each day; work on Social media presence during the meet. Unsure how this would work with a combined meet with AMS.

Discussed creating a GroupMe with the LSC athletes and Tara as the admin to make it easier to discuss topics and share ideas around the state; increase involvement from around the state.

New Reps were elected: Bella McGrady (MSS - Sophomore); Jacob Kenner (MSS – Junior); Maddie Schaefer (YKVK – Senior)

- Coach Representative (Renee Riggs)

Nothing to report

- Club Development (Tom Phillips)

Nothing to report

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Katie Paulson)

Nothing to report; has call coming up and will report out any updates

- Disability (Heather Priddy)

Nothing to report

- Marketing (Eric Householder)

Nothing to report

- Meet Sanctions (Ali Walker)

Tab on TU page (Forms/Documents) that lists observed / approved checklists which has specific language that must be listed on forms as well as a meet program template.

All sanctions submitted so far have been approved, only remaining is LC state meet.

- Officials (Rob Clevenger)

Working on standardization of official certifications which requires revisions of the LSC policy.

Faster track to become starter more quickly; rolling out some easier paths for stroke / turn officials self-paced training; apprenticeship must be 4 session – 2 different meets and only sanctioned meets count for apprenticeship.

Over three years must work minimum of 8 sessions to maintain full registration.

- Records (Sarah Nisewarner)

LSC state records / state meet records for short course should be updated by the end of the week.

Working on long course meet records; LSC records for long course are already listed.

- Registration/Registrar (Lora Snodgrass)

Nothing to report

- Safe Sport (Erin Ballard)

Working to get more clubs Safe Sport Recognized; working with Beth Winkowski to get ideas on how to help.

- Southern Zones (Tara Kurilchick-Green)

- SWIMS (Melissa McGlothen)

Teams can continue to build meets within SWIMS and upload results; or I can do that if there is an issue. Times / matches will be approved at the conclusion of the meet when errors arise.

- Operational Risk Committee/Safety Chair (Pinar Nalcakan)

Nothing to report.

- Governance Chair (Sarah Nisewarner)

At the National HOD meeting, there were proposed policies coming from USA Swimming – updating terms/language or omitting words from current policies in place; observe swims and how those are done; mixed gender relays (below LSC champ level); adding 50s of strokes back in as competition options for 13-14 age group.

Old Business:

– West Virginia Short Course 2024 Meet Review

440 swimmers (373 from WV); social media presence was a little lacking

Running 2 pools went well, but would need a 2nd facility manager if continue that format. Indicated would need to increase rental fee for that if needed. Something to consider going forward.

Great volunteers / officials to cover two pools; LIVEBARN now has a contract with aquatic center and USA Swimming, if we use our own streaming would have to pay them. Not sure how this will work going forward.

Athletes raised a question of the shared locker room space with smaller children of families using the community pool; this is something to consider and those spaces can be rented as well.

New Business:

– Southern Zones 2024

27 swimmers confirmed, 4 chaperones (Joe/Barbie Dailey, Zack Musselman, Heather from Herd aquatics)

Coaches selected – Ali Walker MSS (head); Heather Priddy PKB; Tristan SUWC

Theme – Deep in the Heart

Hotel / flight have been book (using travel agent)

Working on scheduling a practice

– WV Long Course 2024

Combined with AMS – meet cap is 600 swimmers; rental % will be based on # of swimmers coming from each LSC. Payment will go to WV Swimming.

AMS / WV will separate entries due to AMS having time standards. Short course yard times will be permitted – seeding will be LC times first then SCY

Motion - WV having Time Standards for the 800 / 1500 free to be BB 11-over and BB + 10% for 10 - under 400 free – Tom made motion; Erin Ballard seconded; not discussion; motion carried

– New Policies

Sara submitted new policies (copies provided via email).

- 1) Participation in LSC Sponsored Team Events. (ISSUE – how do we handle LSC members who have violated USA code of conduct or Safe Sport Violation regarding LSC Team participation and qualification?).

Currently have a policy for when an athlete violates code of conduct while already traveling, but no policy in place if athlete violates COC prior to qualifying an LSC sponsored team event.

Proposed policy was presented, read aloud -

Tara made Motion made to accept the policy as written using the alternative highlight option.

Daniel seconded; no discussion; motion carried.

- 2) Coaching of UN athletes and athletes from other clubs (ISSUE – There have been recent issues of USA Coaches coaching both attached and UN US athletes within a territory without the formation of a formal club. This is an insurance violation. Recruiting may or may be occurring to try and form a formal club.

Proposed policy was presented, read aloud

Tara made a motion to accept the policy, Melissa seconded; no discussion; motion carried

- 3) statement on COPPA (Children's online privacy protection rule)

Many LSC's are adding the link to the website. Not a policy requirement but a suggestion that we may want to include a statement of COPPA on ours. Sarah will work to get it updated under Safe Sport tab.

- 3) Crisis Management Plan – ISSUE – LSC does not have a crisis management plan

Recommendation – do we need one

Eric made a motion to table this development until the fall; Melissa seconded.

– Sea Snakes swim team Proposed Move 604.2

Sea Snakes have requested a move to the MD LSC. Eric read aloud their request. Main goal is access to competitions and many of the current swim meets they participate in are in MD and it is more efficient w/ travel and fees.

Participants on the call discussed options with Beth Winkowski offering clarification on what the move would mean. Voted to not accept the request as teams can travel to meets in different LSCs for competitions throughout the year.

– West Virginia LSC short course state meet 2025

Bids have been received from Marshall and Mylan Park.

– Elections:

Administrative Vice chair – Ali Walker

Coach Representative

Age Group Chair – Tara Kurilchick-Green

Treasure

DEI Chair – Katie Paulson

Senior Athlete Rep – Maddie Schaefer (Senior), Jacob Keener (Junior), Bella McGrady (Sophomore)

Elections:

FALL HOD Sunday 10/13 (will see if Bridge is available)

BOD Zoom Sunday 7/21 @7:00 pm. Link to be sent later

– Meeting Adjourned