

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
August 29, 2021
Executive Director Report

Final 2021 Registrations	2020:
Athletes: 5887	6191
Flex: 857	781
Outreach: 87	65
Seasonal: 58	0
Total: 6889	7037
Non-Athletes: 984	973
Clubs: 40	46

Athlete registrations for 2021 are down 2.1% as compared with 2020. One thing to remember is that the registration year started on June 1 so there are three months in which registrations overlapped this year. That said, only 382 athlete registrations were processed between June 1 and Aug. 31 last year. Our 2019 athlete registrations totaled 7489, our highest number ever. 2021 was 8% lower than that number. All in all, I believe we fared better than most LSCs in the country!

Additional Membership Requirement for Clubs: Earlier this month clubs were informed that all adult employees (anyone for whom the club generated a W-2) are required to be members of USA Swimming. This is a directive that came from the Center for Safe Sport. Clubs were informed about the requirement and have been working to comply with the requirement. When clubs register for 2022, they will be required to list the names of their adult, non-coach employees in addition to the members of their board of directors if a board run team. As Emily and I process the club renewals, we are expected to check the membership status of each of these individuals and notify the club of any who are not in compliance.

APT Issues: The Center for Safe Sport has changed how they provide the APT courses to USA Swimming and all the data has not yet been migrated. This seems to be causing issues in several areas affecting those trying to take a Refresher course as well as records being updated correctly for those who have completed a course. USA Swimming's vendor is currently working with the Center's provider and hope to have the issues resolved by the end of the week. Recommendation – tell anyone who takes the course to save a copy of the course completion certificate just in case. This can be sent to HQ and used as verification if the course does not automatically update in the system. Please have individuals who experience difficulty contact Emily or me so that we are aware and can provide assistance.

LSC Select Camp: Emily has been working diligently on the details for the camp this month and plans are coming together. The camp will be held on Sunday, September 26th at NOVA Aquatics Center – Regency. As previously reported, targeted camp attendees are selected based on their LC IMX scores for this summer. Invitations were sent Tuesday morning to the top eight 11 to 14 year old athletes per single age group per gender for a total of 64 campers. The deadline for accepting the invitation is September 1st and we will fill any open spots with the next eligible athlete to ensure that 64 athletes attend. The schedule for the day will include in-water training as well as

classroom sessions on DEI, Safe Sport, and Nutrition. The deadline for submitting an application to serve on the camp coaching staff is Monday, August 30th.

Zoom Licenses: If enough teams and LSCs sign up again this year, USA Swimming will continue to offer the license at a reduced rate. While the cost will be \$240 annually which is higher than last year, it is still much cheaper than the price an individual team or LSC would pay for the same services. Teams that did not use the service last year can add it this year, if desired. I will contact teams to determine the number that are interested in continuing to use the service and submit that information to HQ.

2022 Zone Meets:

- VSI and HOKI will host the SC South Region Sectional meet on March 23 – 26 at CAC.
- VSI was also awarded the EZ LC Age Group Championship Meet to be hosted August 3 – 6 at CSAC. Since that time, CSAC has notified me that they will not be able to serve as host because Masters' Nationals will now be held at the facility around those dates after being cancelled in 2020 and we need to let the members of the Zone know that this is our only option. Given the reservations put forth at the EZ meeting at the 2021 Convention with regards to hosting a meet at Liberty, it is entirely possible that the Zone will choose to withdraw its approval of our bid to host the meet.
- SRVA wants to submit a bid for 2022 LC Super Sectional in May. No bid for the meet has been submitted prior to now.

Action Item: Approve request to submit a bid to host the 2022 LC Super Sectional in May at CSAC.

2023 Zone Meets: Bid requests to host the Zone meets in 2023 must be submitted by September 12th.

- LC Age Group Champs: SRVA and NOVA would like to be considered as potential hosts. August 2-5
- LC Super Sectional (May): SRVA wants to host the meet. May 11-14
- SC South Region SC Sectional (March): HOKI wants to host the meet. March 23-26

Action Item: Identify what bids to submit for 2023 Zone meets.

2022 Registrations: An email with instructions for 2022 registrations was sent to teams in early July and we are already receiving registrations. We must wait to process these registrations until September 1st so we are maintaining a file of them until that date. The new forms are already available on the website. (<https://www.teamunify.com/team/va/page/registration/registration-forms>).

Announcements:

- We are making arrangements for the House of Delegates meeting and Swimposium to be hybrid events. The meetings will be held at CSAC – Swimposium on Saturday, September 18th and HoD on Sunday, September 19th.
- All Star Team: The lists for short course and long course will soon be posted on the website ([teamunify.com/team/va/page/athletes/recognitions](https://www.teamunify.com/team/va/page/athletes/recognitions)). Gifts for the team members will be distributed in the coming weeks.