

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
February 7, 2022
Executive Director Report

2022 Registrations (2/4/22)	2021	2020
Athletes: 5997 (inc 202 upgrades)	5774 (226)	6058 (134)
Flex: 1031	693	765
Outreach: 68	74	63
Seasonal: NA	NA	NA
Total: 7096	6341	6886
Non-Athletes: 998 (inc. Life)	898	947
Clubs: 40	39	45

Numbers are looking good – we are also ahead of where we were at this time in 2019, our largest year ever! All of these numbers are as of 2/4 of the given year. As you can see, Flex continues to be a good option for us. One thing to note, since championship meets are starting, our number of upgrades is likely to increase by the end of the month.

Another new team, Franklin County YMCA, is working on completing its registration for 2022. This team is located in the SW District.

Background Check Change: In January, registrars were informed that USA Swimming membership is now required for individuals to initiate a background check. This change went into effect on January 10th. This is a major change to the process that has been in place since BG checks were originally required. Prior to now, individuals could initiate a check before submitting a registration form. As is true for any membership or safety requirements, please have anyone who is experiencing problems contact Emily or me for assistance.

High School Meets: High school championship season is underway! We will be observing any requested regional and state meets as in the past as well as multi-team invitationals. Many regional and state meets are being held in our territory so I will be loading those times into SWIMS. It is a tedious process to match times swum at these meets to the correct swimmers and sometimes times are missed. With that said, any help that club coaches can provide to ensure that the high school coach uses the correct name and birthdate for registered athletes is greatly appreciated. Remember - if a time that was achieved in a VSI facility is not available in SWIMS, please contact me so that I can investigate and hopefully load the time.

Athlete Scholarships: The deadline was January 31st and we received approximately the same number of applications this year as last. Emily and I are currently working on preparing the application packets to be sent to members of the Scholarship Committee. The scholarship winners will be announced on Friday night at Senior Champs.

Graduating Senior Recognition: We will continue the practice of creating a slideshow of the graduating seniors again this year. Teams will be asked to submit pictures of their seniors for the slideshow which will be displayed on Saturday night at Senior Champs and then posted on the Athlete page on our website. Emily and I plan to get additional input from the Athlete Committee at its meeting on Sunday about this.

USA Swimming Workshop: This event will be held April 21 – 24 in Denver. Content will be included for General Chairs, Registrars, Times Officers, DEI Chairs, Coaches and Athletes. Attending virtually is an option. Here are links for the [agenda](#) and [registration](#). I have reserved rooms for our group.

Online Member Registration: Work is moving forward for athletes, non-athletes, and clubs to register for 2023 directly through the USA Swimming website. The family or individual will begin the process on the club's website and then be transferred to the USA Swimming website to enter registration information. Once the information is entered, they will be transferred back to the club website to finalize payment and any additional club membership requirements. Except for payment of club dues, the flow of money will be the same as in the past – we will invoice clubs for their registrations and USA Swimming will draft our account on the 10th of each month. Clubs will pay their portion of the registration fee directly to USA Swimming during the renewal process but we will invoice the club for the LSC portion of the registration fee. Training for LSC Registrars will begin at the USA Swimming Workshop. This will be a very different process for our membership so Emily and I plan to provide multiple training opportunities for our club registrars as more information is available.

All Star Team Gifts: In the past couple of weeks, Emily has distributed the gift to most if not all of the 2021 All Star Team members. This year we chose a stocking cap embroidered with our logo on it – a most appropriate choice considering the cold temperatures we have been experiencing!