

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
January 8, 2024
Executive Director Report

2024 Registrations as of 1/5/2024

Athletes: 5226
Flex: 648 (inc. 50 upgrades)
Outreach: 68
Ind. Season: 165 (inc. 16 upgrades)
Total: 6107
Non-Athletes: 885
Administrators: 60
Clubs: 43

2023 Registrations as of 1/5/2024

Athletes: 5028
Flex: 663 (inc. approx. 70 upgrades)
Outreach: 37
Ind. Season: 268 (inc. approx. 35 upgrades)
Total: 5996
Non-Athletes: 825
Administrators: 48
Clubs: 44

Registration Summary: As you can see, our athlete registrations are about 100 higher than last year at this point. It's still too early to draw any inferences from this but some teams have indicated that their numbers are higher than last year.

Records: Jessica and I are working together on updating records. I anticipate that we will be able to post updated lists for SC by the end of the week.

Swimmer of the Year Gifts: We will be providing towels to members of the 2023 SC & LC All Star Team. Once Emily and I doublecheck numbers we will place the order with delivery of the towels expected by the end of the month.

Athlete Scholarship: The submission deadline is January 31st so applications and accompanying documents are beginning to be submitted. This year four scholarships at \$1500 each will be awarded. After consultation with our athlete reps this change was made so that additional athletes could be recognized for their leadership within the LSC or on their teams. We will be following the same process as in previous years. Emily and I will prepare the applications for review and provide the rubric for evaluation to the committee members. We will then compile the results of their evaluations and identify the recipients who will be announced at Senior Champs just prior to finals on Friday night.

Graduating Senior Recognition: We will soon be contacting clubs to send us the names of their graduating seniors. As in the past, this recognition will be done at Senior Champs just prior to finals on Saturday night. We plan to follow the same procedures that we have for the past two years – create a slide show from group pictures submitted by the clubs as well as recognize the athletes by club as a group instead of announcing each athlete individually.

High School Season: We will be observing district, regional, and state championship meets again this year and I have received observation requests for 19 high school invitational or end of season championship meets at this point. Thus far loading the meets into SWIMS seems to be less time consuming than in the past with missing birthdates being the main error that causes a record to be flagged. Information was sent to our clubs as well as the hosts of the observed meets specifying

the athlete's information that needs to be included in the entry file. Some clubs and meet hosts are doing a better job of that than others.

USA Swimming HOD Working Group: I continue to serve on this working group that is reviewing the size and composition of the House of Delegates so please share your opinions with me. Additionally, send me any questions that you may have. If I don't know the answer I will try to get them