

Registration / Office Administrator Report
House of Delegates & Board of Directors
Meetings August 28, 2016

- **2016 Registration Numbers as of 8/21/16:**

Athlete:	6273	Non-Athlete:	981
Athlete Outreach:	49		
Athlete Season 1:	130		
Athlete Single Meet	2	Clubs:	52
Total:	6454	Organizations:	1

- **Awards Celebration Update:** The 2017 event is scheduled for April 29th and will again be held at Kings Dominion. Several recommendations made by the Task Force have been approved by the Board of Directors:
 - o The All Star Team will now be based on top times in the LSC at the end of Age Group Champs and Senior Champs for each season. Swimmers who place in the top five in any event in their respective age group (10 & U, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18) will be named to the team. The list for each course will be compiled at the end of Age Group Champs for 14 & younger athletes and at the end of Senior Champs for 15 & over athletes.
 - o Instead of paying for lunch for the All Star Team members and Competitive Spirit winners attending the picnic, Virginia Swimming will subsidize the cost of the picnic lunch for every athlete attending the Celebration.
- **Potential Changes to Seasonal Registration:** Because of competition from lower cost swimming programs which have resulted in a slight but continuing reduction in registrations over the past few years, USA Swimming is looking at its membership categories and how it might address this challenge. At its most recent meeting, the USA Swimming Board of Directors was given information about some potential restructuring of the categories. While there were several proposals, those related to Seasonal registrations resulted in proposed legislation for consideration at this year's Convention. This legislation, if approved, would reduce the cost to the athlete significantly and also limit the amount that an LSC can charge as its portion of the fee. It is also proposed that the fee paid by an athlete for Seasonal registration can be credited toward the year-round registration fee. However this will require significant programming changes so it expected to be a future enhancement.
- **SC Zone Meet Task Force:** The Eastern Zone has created a task force to discuss and contemplate the future of the SC Zone meet. This the result of several LSCs indicating that they are reviewing their involvement with the meet as it relates to the cost of fielding a team as well as if the current format meets the needs and desires of their athletes. A representative from each LSC is serving on the task force. Steve is the representative from VSI and I am serving in an ex-officio status.
- **New Club:** A new club has joined Virginia Swimming. TORP is located in Loudon County and will be practicing at Claude Moore Recreational Center. Their membership will become effective on September 1.
- **Membership Cards:**
 - o Athletes - USA Swimming has decided to move away from the physical membership packets that have been mailed to athletes the past few years. Instead, it will now offer an online card that will provide the athlete with easy accessibility through Deck Pass. Instructions for accessing the card will be posted on the Virginia Swimming website and will be emailed to each athlete.
 - o Officials – I will not mail cards to Officials this year because the certification card that is available through OTS shows all of the membership requirements. I greatly appreciate the flexibility demonstrated by everyone in accepting this change last year!!

- o Coaches – I will continue to mail membership cards this year. However, USA Swimming has decided to move to only digital cards for coaches in 2018. So, if you have not done so already, get friendly with Deck Pass and using it to display your credentials. If currently proposed legislation passes next week, every LSC will be expected to accept Deck Pass as a verification of membership requirements.
- **Outreach Membership:** Please remember to submit the Outreach Application with the file that includes any athlete who has been identified as meeting the requirements for Outreach. It is not necessary to send me any additional documentation. If an athlete was registered as Outreach in 2016, please wait to renew his/her membership until after the team has determined if s/he is eligible again this year. Outreach is valid until the athlete is renewed so if you send the athlete's registration without the required form, his/her status will change to year-round.
- **Background Checks:** Remember, most of us will need to renew our BG checks this year. Please be certain to initiate the renewal at the beginning of the month that your check expires so there is no lapse in your membership.