

Governance Committee meeting via Zoom
October 22, 2024 7-8pm

Attendees: Committee members Sammy DeClerq, Kaitlin Diver, Lara Pietsch, Casey Jensen, Carrie Runnion and Tracy Haling were present. Guest attendees were Sara Johnson Higgs, Jennifer Davis and Mary Ellen Tyenan.

The committee opened discussion on the P&P Districts and District meets. Tracy Haling had presented to the WYSI board of directors on 10/6 the committee's recommendation to strike the entire section outlining District meets, citing that the policy which was developed during Covid, was no longer relevant, not available to every swimmer in the LSC and the policy is not being currently followed by any of the active districts. At that time, the board requested the committee further consider the policy with the direction of looking at Last Chance meets instead of district meets.

Sara Johnson Higgs/Riverton was invited to share her concerns with getting rid of the district/conference meet. She said the timing was not ideal as the season is well underway and their team is already working on the meet announcement for the Big Horn Basin conference meet and counting on the funding stipend that is currently offered. In a letter submitted by Jennifer Davis/Worland, poor timing in addition to a long standing tradition of the BHB meet as an invitational for those teams, was referenced.

Tracy discussed two thoughts on funding options for Last Chance meets: in the fall HOD meeting, tiered funding options were passed for the individual and relays events for regular season meets, district meets and championship meets. The second option was to continue the stipend option with criteria that must be met by the Last Chance meet and would be approved by the board. In the case of the increased individual event fee, the families would have an increased entry fee and so was discussed as not ideal.

The committee closed the discussion with the plan of circulating the district policy and making revisions with the hopes of having a workable solution to discuss at the next committee meeting November 5th and present at the next WYSI BOD on November 10th.