# **Athlete Committee Meeting**

09/21/2025 / 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

#### Call to Order

Kase called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

#### **Roll Call**

Kase Reckling present
Christopher Hager present
Kaitlin Diver present
Scarlet Jacob absent
Kayleigh Hood absent
Ricardo Villanueva-Ordonez absent
Tripp Montgomery present
Valeria Benitez present
McCullough Frobouck present
Milana Wood absent
Kelan Stakes present

**August Meeting Minutes:** <u>08/17/25 Minutes</u>

Motion to approve August minutes made by Valeria, second made by Kaitlin

#### **Old Business**

- 1. Olympian for Spring Clinic
  - a. Think big, we want someone current and exciting! Options include: Lilly King, Reagan Smith, Kate Douglas, Bobby Finke, etc.

The committee agreed on having Regan Smith as our final choice of Olympian for the spring clinic.

## **New Business**

- 1. Spring Clinic Other Ideas
  - a. Last years' clinic, thoughts/concerns?

When with Shaine Casas, it was fun when we got to talk with him in the gym about his experiences and life. Similarly, with Jacob Pebley, we liked hearing his story and asking questions. With the clinic, the different drills and more advanced work he did with the older kids was very engaging. We liked splitting the clinic up into older and younger kids. There was a smooth transition between the two sessions and it was more fun and engaging as senior athletes without the younger athletes in the same clinic.

b. Banquet

Having Regan Smith speak at the banquet and talk about something would be cool. Keeping her involved in the whole weekend would help participation in the weekend's events. Raffle is always fun to try and win things. Fundraiser idea where we sell days of the months which can go into the raffle, getting you 1-31 dollars/entries into the raffle. Multiple months could be sold so multiple of each dollar value can be purchased.

### 2. Social Media Policy

- a. <u>Draft Social Media Policy</u>
- b. Thoughts/Ideas?

As a group, we went through the entire draft social media policy, discussing positives, negatives, and changes to make it work best for WYSI. All specific thoughts and ideas were left as comments by Kase on the document linked above.

### c. New Athlete Committee Position

The new Social Media Manager Position and Assistant Social Media Manager Position would be athlete committee members. We discussed how these positions would be selected. The consensus was on appointment from the chair of the athlete committee. This would be before approval by the Social Media Administrator. Athlete committee would then vote to approve the appointment(s).

## 3. Winter Champs Events - Stroke 50s

Athlete committee members all agreed that they would like to continue to see stroke 50s at our LSC championship meets, including the 2026 winter championship meet. As most of the meeting time was spent on social media policy, we did not have time to discuss implications or meet structure further.

#### 4. Athlete discussion

### a. Questions, comments, concerns, recommendations

Various athlete committee members brought up issues with facility access for their clubs around the state. At least two clubs are facing heavy fee structures and pushback from school districts about access to high school pools, especially during summer. Another club struggles with getting pool time and lane space from the town due to the lack of additional facilities. One club also is restricted in lane space and time availability at a public pool for their club, in addition to having to pay memberships to the facility to use the pool with the club. Pool access appears to be a widespread issue across the LSC, which may be having negative impacts on our membership and participation year over year.

**Next Meeting:** Schedule fall meeting dates:

3rd Sunday of Each month @ 5:30pm

October 19th @ 5:30pm

November 16th @ 5:30pm

The athlete committee will be scheduled to meet on the third sunday of every month at 5:30pm mountain time for the months of October, November, December, January, and February. These

dates/times are subject to change depending on committee member availability. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 5:30pm.

# Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Valeria, second made by Christopher. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.