

# Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2020  
2:00 pm  
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

## MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

Bryan noted that the entire climate changed dramatically since our Wednesday meeting.

**Age Group Champs:** Discussion about possibly rescheduling Age Group Champs. Drew has not received a request. Mike Salpeter noted that a coach had CSAC available at the end of April and could use the facility to run the meet at that time. If it is rescheduled, Scott Baldwin deserves first right of refusal on the option. Bryan discussed with Scott Baldwin about hosting at a future date and CAC is not interested as they have other events coming up. Drew would need to get the opinion of the Age Group Committee. Steve noted that it would be difficult for a team to get the athletes ready for another meet with many teams shut down for the time being.

The motion to permanently cancel Short Course Age Group Champs for 2020 was approved.

**Age Group Champs Reimbursements:** Mary asked about reimbursement for the entire meet. All money came in the form of a check and none have been deposited. Mary will shred all checks. Mary discussed with Scott Baldwin what the expenses were from CAC and will get those taken care of. We will move forward on reimbursing CAC once we have more numbers. Mary will also inform the clubs. The board approved not billing for any meet fees for the Age Group Short Course meet.

**Sectionals:** The Sectional meet has been cancelled. Mary received clarifications from USA Swimming. VSI can be reimbursed for any expenses up to the licensing fee that we received. \$10,000 was pledged from USA Swimming and VSI has received \$5000 to date. Teams that have paid OME by credit card will be refunded by USA Swimming. Mary will get clarification about the credit card fees that we would lose. We have received partial payment of entry fees so far. Mary will talk to USA Swimming about them. She proposes that 100% of the entry fees be reimbursed. Mary will submit receipts to USA Swimming for things we have purchased. The board approved refunding the fees for sectionals.

**30 Day Suspension of Activity:** Bryan has fielded many questions about teams holding time trials or inter-squad meets. USA Swimming says VSI would increase our liability and risk to insurance. There will be no sanctioned or approved meets for the next 30 days. CGBD, SEVA, SRVA, GATR, Sectionals meets scheduled during the 30 day time period are all cancelled. Those teams may host at a later date if they so choose without penalty. The website will be updated by tomorrow. Mary said we will likely get notification from USA Swimming to ban meets for a certain length of time. They were waiting for the traveling athletes to return home before sanctions were pulled. The VSI Board will meet weekly to check in and continue to plan for future meet.

**Practice Suspensions:** There has been no mention of teams continuing to hold practices with regards to the assumption of liability from USA Swimming. Bryan spoke other LSCs who reported they had received a request from coaches asking about the cancellation all practices for the next two weeks. John Stanley notes that the teams' insurance is through USA Swimming. Bryan notes that the LSC could issue a statement about following CDC recommendations and USA Swimming guidelines.

- Quest Swimming will continue to hold practices with the following precautions. QSTS has scheduled a 30-minute window between practices providing for 15 minutes for one group to leave and another 15 minutes for others to arrive. Bags are not allowed on the pool deck. Equipment goes home to be washed. They practice in an outdoor facility. They throw away their mats for dry lands. Only

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senior athletes are doing dry lands. Athletes must arrive and leave in their swimsuits. Locker rooms are closed. Siblings and parents are not allowed on the pool deck.

- TIDE is doing the same plan for practices, but the YMCA controls the availability of the facility. TIDE also practices in an outdoor facility.
- NOVA has suspended its practices. As members of the community, NOVA is abiding by the recommendations of the state government.
- 757 SWIM's facility is shut down for the week. They have garage doors on their facility. They also discussed starting lanes at the opposite ends. The county facilities in the Peninsula area have closed.
- Rappahannock area YMCAs have suspended all activity.
- Steve Hennessey notes that what we do now might make it easier to get back to normal faster.
- SEVA has no practice until further notice.

VSI will recommend that member clubs that we follow the NGB recommendations, state regulations, local regulations and what their locality is advising when making their decision. USA Swimming has ceased all events that are gatherings. It encourages LSCs to suspend sanctioned activities.

VSI recommends to clubs that they follow the NGB, state and local recommendations and limited practices to as few as possible. A statement will go out to the clubs.

**House of Delegates:** A discussion was held about whether to reserve May 9-10 as a potential new date for HOD should we need to hold it on a different date. We also discussed whether we should try to hold HOD electronically. Mary suggests that we come up with a game plan to conduct the meetings electronically. The final decision has been tabled, but we will start looking into how to hold it electronically if necessary.

**Next meeting:** There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.

Attendees: Drew Hirth, John Stanley, Dave Henderson, Bryan Wallin, Maddie Wallin, Chad Onken, Morgan Cordle, Maureen Tolliver, Logan Euker, Emily Fagan, Bill Geiszler, Mike Salpeter, Steve Hennessey, Bob Rustin, Mary Turner.