

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2020
2:00 pm
Zoom Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

We are officially shut down through the end of April. Mary has contacted all affected teams about meets and the cancellations have been posted on the website.

Meet Fees: Bob has not received rebates from four championship meets and five regular season meets. OME will distribute Senior Champs fees around the first of April. John wanted to see what was outstanding so we can work with clubs to resolve collection without being punitive. We can also waive late fees from March. Bill would like to see if can work with teams on a case by case basis including late fees.

VSI Finances: We will have no income for a couple of months as most income this time of year is in rebates. At the present time we have reserves to cover this shortfall in revenue.

Rescheduled Meets: Should we try to spread them out or just allow as many meets as possible? Mary noted there are only so many LC facilities, so we are constrained there. Mike Salpeter recommended that we take as many rescheduled meets as possible.

As meets are rescheduled, teams should submit a new meet invitation, but no late fees or re-sanctioning fees will be assessed. Updated meet announcements should be submitted as new dates are determined. Drew asked if adding a meet to the schedule would incur a charge. There would be no late fee. John mentioned there should be no extra fees incurred for any team who adds or changes a meet to the schedule.

Club Check in: Mary checked in about half of the clubs on Friday and will contact the others on Monday. As a rule, clubs are not too financially stressed yet, but they are trying to figure out how to best manage their financials and stay in contact with the athletes. Many are doing virtual drylands. Some are in the water keeping it within the 10-person limit. We are not in a position to provide monetary benefits but working with clubs on payments is one way we can help. Mary sent a letter with information about resources for small businesses to the coaches and club presidents. The USA Swimming website also has athlete helpful information for dealing with COVID-19 and training.

Age Group Champs/Sectionals Expenses: Mary calculates the total expenses for Age Groups to be approximately \$10,400. By using the awards from SC Age Group Champs for the LC meet, we will save about \$2800 of that amount. We do not yet have an exact dollar amount about what we will receive from USA Swimming for sectionals. We have already received \$5000 of the \$10,000 contracted rights fees. We have 950 credentials and caps that are specific to SC sectionals. We will send them to the teams who entered sectionals. CAC will not charge the rental fee for sectionals. The awards for SC Sectionals can be used for LC Sectionals. The cost to modify the awards is less than \$250. OME fees will be sent out once a month so we will probably get fees from Senior Champs the first week of April.

Athlete Leadership Camp: The Leadership Camp is scheduled for May 9. Jenni suggests that we move the camp back a year since athletes are not in shape. Chad and Mike suggest tabling the camp date to next Sunday when we have more information about school schedules. We will discuss the camp at our next meeting.

HOD Meeting: We will hold the HOD meeting scheduled for April 25-26 by Zoom conference. We will hold each committee meeting via zoom conference prior to the HOD meeting so we can get the reports completed.

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Endowment: Bryan will send out information to discuss next week.

Regional Coaches Clinic: The clinic scheduled for April 25 in Richmond has been cancelled.

Championship Meet Schedule Changes: Mary has received questions about whether there will be changes to the schedule. At this point, there is no reason to change, but she wanted to let the board know the question has been asked.

Competitive Spirit Awards: We will continue to gather the names for the Competitive Spirit Awards, but will now mail or deliver them when possible.

Next meeting: There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 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, Jenni Ryniewitz.