

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, March 29, 2020
2:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

In the last week, there have been many meetings amongst the LSCs. Bryan acknowledged that it is difficult to plan for things when so much is still unclear.

Club Communications: Fourteen replies were received from clubs in response to VSI survey sent out this week. Clubs seem to be in a holding pattern and comfortable for now. Clubs should be aware of the new loan forgiveness programs offered in the new legislation passed by Congress. USA Swimming sent out an article today from the US Chamber of Commerce with important information for small businesses found in the CARES Act. Mary will check with all long course facilities in our territory to determine if any have made plans yet for their facility through September 1.

HOD Meeting: We will hold the HOD meeting in April. Our bylaws and the state law permit us to meet via video conference. We will need to call it an "Emergency" meeting given the restrictions for in person meetings. Bryan will double check on the non profit status and any potential conflicts.

Insurance Liability: Steve explained that USA Swimming requires adult supervision via video with a coach to swimmer ratio of 1:8. Online group classes need to be live. All members received the new directive from USA Swimming. Insurance is not voided, but some liability risks may exist. A waiver is suggested for families to sign. Mary has had the statement posted on the website.

Athlete Select Camp: The camp was scheduled for May 9 in Richmond. The board decided to postpone the May camp. We will try to have it later during this season. The qualified athletes do not yet know they have been selected. There was considerable discussion about whether to inform the athletes they have been selected given the possibility that the event may be canceled. The athletes prefer to not announce the participants. Mary will notify the coaches who were running the camp and USA Swimming to let them know we will look for a later date this season. We will announce the All-Star Team for Short Course.

Finance Committee: One rebate has been paid this week. No teams are in arrears yet. Bryan asked the finance committee if there are any type of monies that can be returned to clubs if we have a surplus this year. The finance committee will meet by email to put together the budget for next year. Mary will also check with officials who were scheduled to come to Virginia for meets whose flights may have been canceled. There were also canceled flights for the Zone Workshop.

Endowment Task Force: Bryan sent the proposal out by email to the board prior to the meeting. For LSC dual sanctioned meets, the task force decided on a \$2.50 per swimmer fee instead of a swimmer fee/splash fee model. The rebates will go into effect on September 1, 2020. The information will be sent out to VSI and other LSCs after the HOD meeting. The board approved the language in the Endowment Task Force proposal and will move towards presentation at the HOD meeting in April. Mary will post the proposal on the website.

Website: John spoke to Team Unify about the website and will set up another call to clarify a few points. The board agrees a website is needed that committee heads and leadership can update directly. The website is required for Leap One. Team Unify provides some financial benefits. It would cost \$500 to upload our current website to the new site. The current contract expires on August 31. Our times can also be uploaded to Team Unify which sends it to the other participating teams. Bob asked about how legacy data will be

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handled. Team Unify will transfer everything and then each committee will need to work on their individual pages.

VSI Hosted Eastern Zone Meets: The purpose for the May Super Sectional meet on May 28-31 was to get cuts for Olympic Trials. Olympic Trials have now been canceled. There was considerable discussion about whether to cancel the meet. The motion to cancel the May Super Sectional meet on May 28-31 was approved.

VSI LC Season Meets: VSI supports hosting meets if athletes are permitted to begin training. There is no reason to cancel the meets at this point, but the question needs to be asked. VSI will continue to follow USA Swimming's lead about getting back into the water and holding meets. Morgan echoed Steve's comments about national meets likely off the table and we need to adjust our lens about being flexible with the meets this season.

Committee Meetings: No committee chair has reached out to Mary yet about committee meetings prior to HOD.

Athlete Elections: The deadline was extended to Friday, March 27. The athletes who registered to vote in 2019 and 2020 will be eligible to participate. Only currently registered VSI athletes remain on the voter registration list. Elections will begin on Wednesday, April 1. Bios will go on the website. Bios and pictures will go on the ballot.

Next meeting: There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 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, Jack McCann