

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 2020
2:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Meeting

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

VSI will continue to follow USA Swimming's sanctioning process recognizing that Virginia has a June 10 "Stay at Home" order.

LSC Communication with USAS: USAS plans to open up the country for meets up at the same time. There was discussion about Rule 203.5 (transfer rule) on the call with no plans to modify. Small business loans through the CARES Act were also discussed. USAS clarified the statement for Zoom meetings for LSC as long as there was no conflict with state law. Virginia law allows for video conference meetings.

Website: John had a conference call with Team Unify since the March 29 board meeting. He is confident there is plenty of time to make a smooth transition to properly display information and involve committee heads to work on their web pages. Mary confirmed with Team Unify that legacy information from our previous website can be transferred without issue. John recommended VSI move forward on transferring data to Team Unify.

- **Domain Name & Server:** Michael Braum takes care of the domain name right now and is renewed in September. The difference in cost between our current website and Team Unify is a \$500 transfer fee, support costs with programming are an hourly fee. The website is made to have multiple users who can update information. We currently pay \$920 per year for the server and domain name. We will no longer pay the rental space for the server once the information is transferred to the new site. We will always pay the domain name fee. Team Unify has its own server where the VSI data will be housed.
- **Webmaster Role:** There was discussion about having a dedicated webmaster and determining who the "Super Users" would be. Steve wanted to know who would be responsible for troubleshooting when issues occur. He also wanted discussions with other LSCs about their experiences with moving to a Team Unify platform. Mary has had conversations with other LSCs who report positive experiences. John will contact other LSCs this week and bring more information next week.
- The final decision will be made after the information from other LSCs are reported.

HOD Meeting: The HOD information will be uploaded to the website and emailed to the delegates later today.

VSI LC Season: USAS will likely extend the moratorium on meets. The speculation is that June 30/July 1 as the new date to begin meets. No discussion yet on allowing practices. It was also noted that return to practice dates are different from meet dates. Morgan and Mike will hold a Zoom call for coaches throughout the LSC to discuss several topics including potential changes to the summer schedule of meets. Whether to hold the Zone Meet will be deciding factor about how the meets will lay out. The Zone has a meeting scheduled for April 18 and the topic of the LC Age Group Zone meet will be discussed. Hotels used for the need to be notified around the first of May. Several options about the meet schedule for the summer were discussed. This is an opportunity to do creative things with meets and practices. School schedules do not need to be taken into consideration for LSC meets but will need to be considered for the Zone meet. According to Chad, it was mentioned at the LSC Development meeting that USA Swimming may impose limitations on the number of athletes at practices and meets once things start to open up again.

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Budget 2020/2021

- **Grant Proposal:** Bill proposed a grant proposal that would provide surplus funds back to the clubs. The first wave of surplus funds total about \$30,000. These are the estimated funds left over after the Zones meet and LSC LC season. The motion to give grants to the clubs was approved.
 - **Distribution:** The number of athletes per club (potentially \$5 per swimmer) or an equal distribution to each club (potentially \$800 per club.) Drew proposed a minimum amount to all clubs under a certain size with a per athlete distribution to the remaining clubs might be another option to equitably distribute funds. Bill will examine the hybrid version in more depth this week.
 - **Additional Requirements:** Other LSCs are tying a grant into requiring things like Safe Sport certified and LSC Club Recognition levels to the grant funds. An application would be required for clubs wishing to receive grant funds.
 - **Number of Athlete Calculations:** There was discussion about the number of members using premium members or premium and flex members. It was agreed that the LSC would use the number of members as premium and flex members.

The LSC could issue a second round of grants after it is known how many meets are held. A club must be in good standing to be eligible for the grant. Chad asked about using some of the reserves to build the amount up.

The details including whether to distribute by athletes or by club or some hybrid as well as adding stipulations to receiving the grant (i.e. Safe Sport, etc.) were tabled to the April 12 meet.

Budget: Bill sent out the proposed budget to the board. Endowment income is included in the budget. There is a proposed \$34,000 deficit budgeted for the 2020-2021 budget. The number of premium athletes is 6200 and 1000 flex athletes. The number of athletes in both categories has been reduced by 10-11% in membership. There are many things on the expense side that may not happen next year (convention, awards banquet, etc.) The budget will be presented to the HOD. The budget was approved by the Board.

Next meeting: There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.

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