

Registration Report
Virginia Swimming House of Delegates
April 30, 2017

Membership Statistics:

Year-round Athletes: 6600
Seasonal: 57
Non-athletes: 922
Clubs: 47

Membership Cards: With the increasing use of Deck Pass and related legislation that was passed last year requiring LSCs to accept it as a valid verification of membership for non-athletes, USA Swimming will no longer be providing membership cards. However, LSCs can order cards from the same vendor at the same price paid by USA Swimming in the past. \$7.50 per 30 cards. Last year I ordered 200 non-coach cards for members registered as 'Other' and 725 coach cards. The cost to VSI for these cards for 2018 would be \$240 plus shipping. It costs approximately \$.56 to mail each card (postage plus lamination) and I estimate annual costs for this is \$500.

Action Item: Decide if VSI wants to continue providing non-athlete membership cards to coach members and those registering as 'Other'.

Contributions: Contributions have been made to the Alzheimer's Association and to the USA Swimming Foundation in memory of Bill Randolph.

Awards Celebration Update:

2017 Numbers

Athletes	Others	Coaches	Park Only
357	289	38	32

Compared to last year the total number of athletes attending year was almost the same but the number of others attending decreased significantly (479 last year). The number of those purchasing Park Only tickets decreased from 56 last year. Every athlete paid \$8 to attend the picnic this year but with VSI covering the additional \$10.52 for the cost of the lunch. We based our budget for the athlete lunches on 400 attending.

All Star Team: In September it was announced that the criteria for the All-Star Team was changed. The current definition is that athletes who rank in the top 5 of their age group in any event will be named to the team with a team being selected for Long Course as well as Short Course. The dates used for selecting the LC team were 3/1/16 – 7/24/16 while those for the SC team were 9/1/16 – 3/12/17. The 'top time' method of selecting the team was much less complex than that used previously. There were 229 different athletes named to the LC team with 223 named to the SC team. There were 315 different athletes named as All-Stars.

Background Checks: USA Swimming has changed vendors for BG checks. The former vendor's service and quality had diminished during the most recent years of the contract and so the change was made. However, because of the change, any BG check conducted through the new vendor will cost \$38 whether it is an initial screening or the renewal of a previous one. Subsequent renewals with this vendor will cost \$18. While I hope that BG checks with this new company will be finalized in a more timely manner, I do not know if that will be the case. Please do not wait until the last minute to initiate a renewal! With the previous vendor, Virginia was the slowest state in returning results. I believe this is a state issue and not related to the vendor but I am not certain.

Safe Sport: A change was approved to the Recommended Guidelines for as far as chaperones sharing a room with 12 and under athletes. The purpose of this change is to clarify that while USA Swimming does permit a non-coach, non-familial, non-athlete member adult to share a room with athletes under the age of 12 for purposes of safety and appropriate adult supervision, the recommended arrangement is for the adult to share a room with more than one athlete.

Changes to Membership Categories: At its meeting last weekend, the USA Swimming Board of Directors approved the following additions:

- Jr Coach Proposal: this will allow teams to have 16 or 17 year olds serve in a coaching capacity while under the direct supervision of a fully certified coach. The individual must meet all membership requirements except the BG check. Once the individual turns 18, s/he must pass the BG check. It is strongly recommended that teams still conduct pre-employment screening for the Jr Coaches (ex. Contact school officials, etc).
- Athletes who are coaches (and vice versa) will no longer be required to pay a fee for each membership category but will be required to submit a registration for each.
- Flex Membership Category: year-round membership category where athletes can participate in a maximum of two meets per year below the LSC championship level.

The legislation needed to put these into place will be submitted for consideration at Convention this fall. The anticipated implementation date of these programs: April 2, 2018

Swimposium 2017: This year's event will be held on September 30th at the Hilton Garden Inn (Innsbrook) in Richmond. Presenters for the Officials' workshop and the Coaches' workshop have already been secured as well as the Olympian for the Athletes' clinic. Arrangements have been made for the coach certification clinic as well. Both clinics will be held at CSAC.