

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday November 20, 2017 - 8:30pm
Video Conference

AGENDA

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

Meeting started at 8:28pm.

Minutes from October's board meeting Ashby Marcy

Ashby reviewed the minutes from October's meeting. A few small edits were made, and the minutes were voted and approved.

Consent Agenda

Finance Division Reports

- Treasurer Report Bob Rustin
- Finance Committee Bill Geiszler

Nothing additional to report from this area.

Administrative Division Reports

- Registration/Membership Mary Turner – report submitted
- Technical Planning Jessica Simons

BASS has asked to be moved to the Southwest for short course regional's. Numbers would support this.

- Awards Banquet Mary Turner - report submitted
- Club Development See Report

Age Group Division Reports

- Age Group Committee Drew Hirth

No new business at this time.

- Disability Committee David Strider

Report submitted, nothing to add.

Senior Division Reports

- Senior Committee Steve Hennessey

Short Course Senior Champs will be held at CSAC. When deciding this, the committee looked at opportunities for swimmers and the cost estimates we received from facilities. This was given to the committee a second time and voted on in favor of CSAC. Ted Salade resigned from the committee. Jonathan Kaplan has asked to join this committee. Asked for group to approve Jonathan as nominee. There were no objections to adding Jonathan.

Drew asked if he could get together with Steve to review meet hosting procedures

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Operational Risk Division

- Operational Risk Committee Report Gordan Hair

Gordon sent out report. He is concerned that the Concussion report (3 page document to be completed) has not gotten out to the club level. **Could Mary send this out to the clubs? Try to clean up this document first.** Attachment is a statement from USA swimming regarding the concussion protocol which clears up some of the confusion from one month ago.

- Open Water Coordinator Stephanie

Stephanie has gotten information for open water meet. Lists hosts as RVA Swimming. Bryan asked Stephanie to follow up on this with Mary.

Athlete Committee

Grace Edwards

Started a new Instagram account. Sarah has been posting a lot of the college commitments, and other activities.

Coaches Committee

No Report

Old Business

- Swimmer fee to cover cost of heat sheet

Ashby reviewed the topic from the previous meeting. This item had been brought to Mary's attention. Not fair for families with multiple swimmers. There is a procedure stating that the swimmer fee is \$2.50. If we are looking into this fee, we should also review event fees as they are climbing as well. **This should be discussed at next HOD meeting.** John and Tech Planning to look into this area.

New Business

- **Procedures- Does the current Fee/Surcharge and Rebate program function properly with our meet structure?**

Steve gave historical perspective on fees. Bryan asked for feedback from Drew as rep from NOVA who hosts a lot of meets. Drew feels we should try to keep meet fees down whenever possible.

Morgan reported that hosting meets for the first time it gets a bit scary when you are renting equipment and other items for the meet.

Terry said that clubs can choose to go to the meets with lower fees if they want.

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Grace representing athletes wants to keep costs down for the swimmers and families.

Bob Rustin – reviewed meet fees –feels fees should be charged as the market will allow.

Jessica sees the financial reports from the meets. There are some clubs making a lot of money. Feels the amount of money that some clubs retain after the meet is too high.

This issue will be brought up at the February board meeting.

Art suggested putting fees on website for parents.

- **Procedures-Championship Meet Management- Are the current other championship (District, Regional, Summer Awards) meets still serving the LSC properly?**

Since we have changed the way we allow clubs to go to meets, should we still be in the championship progression series?

Drew – did not feel the progression is wrong. Need to make sure that opportunities for swimmers are the same across the LSC. We should slowly expose 12 and unders to the sport and build into travel, and entire weekend meets. Drew has questions about are swimmers offered the same events and same number of events.

Jessica – Regional meets all have the same events on the same days. Same number of events available. District meets in some areas (Tidewater) was different due to some facility availability.

- **How have the other LSC's around Virginia grown at twice the rate we have?**

Maryland, Potomac Valley, North Carolina have grown quite a bit. Why is our LSC not growing at the same rate?

Steve told group that we set a course and we do not really celebrate the B/C swimmers. Very few B/C meets in our LSC.

Gordon spoke about Learn to swim programs and rec swimming programs that we should add in Virginia.

This issue needs to be addressed, and we need to develop more opportunities for B/C Swimmer.

In attendance on Zoom Video Conference Call:

Sarah Gaston, Grace Edwards, Matthew Whalen, Gordon Hair, Bryan Wallin, Terry Randolph, Dan Demers, Morgan Cordle, Ashby Marcey, Bill Geizler, Jessica Simons, Bob Rustin, Kevin Hogan, Michael Braum, Stephanie Suhling, Mike Salpeter, Steve Hennessy, Art Anthony, David Strider, Drew Hirth.