

Virginia Swimming Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, May 31, 2020
1:00 pm
Zoom Conference Call

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bryan Wallin

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Approval of Minutes from May 16 board meeting

- The minutes from the May 16 board meeting were approved.

Updates from USA-S/LSC Communications

- USA-S is now focused on a return to operations. Focus is getting back to practice, not competition. Teams need to work together to share practices and ideas to get lane space. Mike offered that coaches are working to finding pool space for their athletes. Issues he has observed are from parents who are being counterproductive to the mission of working together. He asked how can the VSI Board of Directors communicate to parents about working together. Bryan plans a Town Hall for families soon. There was wide agreement that communication needs to come from the club level.
- Participation waivers for COVID-19 liability were sent out earlier this week from USA-S.
- An Aquatics Coalition was created by USA-S to lobby the federal government to get pools reopened. Athletes are practicing in open water which brings safety issues like drowning and water borne illness. Learn to swim programs are emphasized. The message needs to be conveyed that pools are being used with organized structured programming, not socializing.
- The USA-S Grant Program has awarded all 317 clubs who applied. USA-S had \$1.5 million to give.
- Return to Competition protocols are being formulated for different types of meets.
- The USA-S Marketing Tool Kit will be emailed to clubs.
- Practices and competitions need to be done responsibly and safely. Safety is the number one goal. The main responsibility is to minimize risk. It only takes one club to do it wrong to make everyone look bad. Follow the CDC guidelines to maintain safety.
- There may be limits on times achieved at the early meets. The times may be starred and not used for championship meets.
- Age Group Motivational time standards will be updated on schedule.

Senior Committee Meeting – Steve Hennessey

- LC Senior Champs will not be held. A working group was formed to create a virtual LSC wide meet, but it is predicated on what and when we can do.
- Virginia Swimming Classic meet working group is still formulating a plan.
- VSI Senior Circuit working group will work through the survey results. The major consideration is whether to include out of LSC teams.
- Region Champs format working group met on May 15. There were four plans considered. The general consensus was to add a fourth region. Concerned that competition will be diluted and difficult to host team to make a reasonable profit, but the committee acknowledged that with COVID 19 it may be the only option.
- A new working group was formed to consider a Summer Classic meet for this summer. This is an athlete led working group.
- Mike asked how the coaches committee/coaches association can help with many of the ideas proposed by the senior committee. Steve asked that those groups contribute as additional voices to help solve the issues posed.
- Teams are struggling to find practice time. No district has entered the first phase of the 30-60-90 plan. There was considerable discussion about how pools are opening up.

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Administrative Division Meetings – no report

Finance Division – no report

Old Business

Meet Approval Guidelines/Covid-19 Task Force

John reported that USA-S has said no sanctioned meets before July 1. Guidelines are in the works as to what kind of sanctioned meets that teams can host. Sanctioned competitions will return in a safe manner. Discussions with larger facilities are occurring about how to get keep things sanitized and time to do a thorough cleaning. Inputs from coaches and facility managers are necessary. Richard Hunter has voiced to the Senior and Technical Planning committees that more teams could come to TIDE's facility because they are outdoors. Recommendations for the summer and beyond with the understanding that we are in an ever-changing predicament. John will gather task force members in the next couple of days.

Communications with VSI Clubs

Mary sent an email to clubs to determine who is practicing and what facilities are being used. Some clubs are finding that until they can get to more athletes per lane, it is not financially feasible. Approximately half of the VSI teams are back in the water.

Communications with Municipalities

Parris Jacobs of MACH in PVS has made contact with the person advising the governor about aquatics.

New Business

Cleared for Entry

- Jon Moriarty with Cleared for Entry/WELLD Health joined the call to give an overview of the product. This company normally does biometric screenings but have turned toward temperature screenings in light of the pandemic.
 - Product Overview: Their technology allows organizations to record results of the temperature screening and questions. Reports can be run. It allows for easily doing contact tracing. California, New York, and the DC area are using the product. Their business works for hospitals and gyms. They anticipate temperature screenings will be a normal course of business. It will become part of the equipment cost of a business
 - Forty-eight-hour notice is required to cancel.
 - The cost is \$1000 per club per year after August 31. It is free for the summer. It is possible to negotiate a multi-club license at a lower price point per club.
 - They are fully certified HIPPA compliant.
 - The questions default to NO, but the screener is responsible for the data entered.
 - Screeners go through training and compliance.
- Mary said she learned in her discussions with Cleared for Entry that they will offer a mass member discount. Seattle YMCA has nineteen branches and receives a significant discount. If signed up as an LSC, then we can tell our contacts that our clubs have this service at their disposal. Mary proposes if clubs are using the service, then the LSC would pay for it for the next year.
- Mike asked if there was a penalty if a team does not report or if it will be required of teams. VSI does not plan to make it a mandate but would offer the service as an additional tool in the toolbox for teams to use to safely offer practice and competition to their members.
- As the licensee, VSI would have access to which teams are using the service. VSI is not planning to penalize for not using it, we could potentially incentivize in the next round of grants.

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- John asked about reduced costs given that \$1000 per team was steep for the LSC. There would need a reduced cost.
- Steve said it goes a long way to making folks responsible should anyone get infected.
- In conversations with clubs during the past week, Mary asked clubs who were back in the water if they were already using a system to record any of the information. No teams indicated they were using a similar system. Screeners need to be discrete and there are concerns about privacy.
- There was considerable discussion about how to make it widely used within the LSC and issues with whether coaches want to assume the liability. 757 has already instituted temperature checks before practice.
- Mary learned of another service that would allow families to enter the data including temperatures before practice, but no reports would be available.
- Steve asked if we should consult legal counsel to advise if we are opening the LSC and teams to potential liability. Mary will get a copy of the license for Dan Summerlin (legal counsel/crisis management team) to review. Steve also thinks employees not volunteers need to do the screenings.
- Steve mentioned contacting Team Unify to see if they could imbed into their system.
- The motion to pursue the free access of Well Health to our teams passed. Legal counsel will review the license agreement before it is signed whether offering the service opens up the LSC to liability.

Safe Sport

HNVR and Rockbridge STRM are newly Safe Sport certified. Incentives are coming from USA Swimming. Checks are sent out by Bob as teams are certified.

VSI LSC Town Hall

LSCs are doing town halls to reach out to members. Bryan proposes doing the town hall on Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm. USA Swimming has provided an agenda to work to use.

Athletes: The Safety Committee is looking for an athlete member.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.

In attendance: Bryan Wallin, Morgan Cordle, Maureen Tolliver, Emily Fagan, Bill Geiszler, Steve Hennessy, Mary Turner, Maddie Wallin, Logan Euker, Jenni Ryniewicz, Bob Rustin, John Stanley.

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm.