

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, April 6, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Mission:

To enrich the lives of our athletes through the sport of swimming by providing safe and inclusive programming in a culture that encourages competitive excellence and personal growth.

Vision: Lake Erie Swimming inspiring the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life.

Branding words: Lead; Engage; Succeed; Inspire

Call to Order: Chuck Kunsman

Roll Call:

Chuck Kunsman, Bill Bare, Sarah Tobin, Tina McCauley, Eileen Bringman, Vince Colwell, Branden Burns, Zach Toothman, Tom Stacy, Pam Cook, Diane Finnerty, Paige McCormick, Mark Krusinski, Erin Crabtree

Not in attendance:

Allie Vitantonio, Marianne Russell, Riley McNichols

Conflict of Interest Declarations: NONE

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda: APPROVED

Approval of Consent Agenda: APPROVED

1. Minutes from 2020 March Conference Call Meeting – APPROVED

Approval of March 6, 2020 minutes: PASSED

Announcements:

1. The Shaker Shark LC Meet on May 2 is cancelled due to COVID-19
2. The LESD May Madness Meet on May 3 is cancelled due to COVID-19
3. The Central Zone has been having virtual meetings every Thursday. Currently no sanctioned events can take place until after April 30. USA Swimming will not resume sanctioned activities until the entire country is on equal footing. It is unlikely that there will be sanctioned events until June 15. USA Swimming will announce a decision the end of April to see if we can have events.
4. Other May meets may need to be cancelled/postponed.
5. LESI sent out a survey related to COVID-19 and 2/3 of the clubs responded.

Action Items

1. Motion: No meets/sanctioned events should be held until June 15. – FAILED
2. LESI will follow USA Swimming guidelines as to when we can begin to host sanctioned events.
3. The Spring HOD meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 26.
 - a. This cannot be an in person meeting.
 - b. It is unclear if we can just do an email vote for the new Board Officers and Admin Board of Review or if we have to have a virtual meeting.

- c. Chuck Kunsman will clarify.
- d. Chuck Kunsman found out of April 7 that the HOD meeting must be a virtual meeting with an announced day and time.
- e. Motion via email – Virtual/Zoom Spring HOD meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. – **PASSED**
- f. Items to be discussed/voted on at the May 3 HOD meeting
 - i. New Officers
 - ii. Administrative Board of Review
 - iii. 2020-21 SC Meet Schedule
 - iv. 2020-21 Championship Meet format will be voted on at the October HOD meeting
 - v. Coaches and Athletes will set up their respective Zoom meetings prior to HOD
 - vi. Officials have elected Bob Martens as the Officials Chair
- g. There is a way to set up a poll for voting in Zoom so that may be the best way to do the voting for the HOD meeting.

Discussion Items

1. Survival of Clubs during COVID-19
 - a. A survey was emailed to head coaches. 24 clubs responded; 2 stated they are in trouble during this time; 1 stated they are in great shape; all others are ok at this time. Most clubs don't need any help at this time but may need help in the future (if this continues longer than April 30).
 - b. Clubs can apply for Small Business Loans from the Government. Should be able to get 8 weeks of payroll, rent, other expenses.
 - c. The finance committee is looking into ideas to help clubs if needed
 - d. The board will discuss the loan application further as we do not know when this will end
 - e. Mark Krusinski will contact the two clubs who expressed concern and he will educate them on the loan from the Government
 - f. USA Swimming may offer a relief fund
 - g. Hopefully this will not continue through our LC season. LESI would like to see all Clubs survive COVID-19
 - h. If the LC season is cancelled, LESI will still have a profit. LE will not collect sanction fees but do not have to athlete travel expenses.
 - i. Clubs may be small in the fall for various reasons
2. Potential of not having National meets this summer
3. Potential of not have USA Swimming Convention in September

Reports:

1. Technical Planning – Vince Colwell
 - a. SC meet bid packet is posted on the website; Pam will send it out
 - b. SC Meet schedule will be voted on at the Spring HOD meeting
 - c. SC Championship Meet format will be voted on at the Fall HOD meeting
2. Athlete Report – Zach Toothman & Paige McCormick
 - a. The athletes are trying to have a discussion corner but would like more athletes to participate; Pam Cook will assist the Athlete Committee and send out an email to coaches/athletes to help get others involved

- b. Riley McNichols created a bingo board game and posted it on the Athletes' Instagram page. Many athletes participated and it was fun
- 3. Coaches Rep – Eileen Bringman
 - a. Olympic Trials is postponed until June of 2021. Swimmers who currently have cuts will keep those cuts and can participate. A Tier 2 cut will be established which will be faster for new qualifiers
 - b. USA Swimming is hosting webinars discussing COVID-19
 - c. USA Swimming is trying to put together a “virtual” meet in September – this is in the early stages, not much info about it at this time

Items that have occurred after the April 6 zoom meeting and prior to these minutes being submitted:

- 1. The Central Zone 14 & Under Zone Meet is cancelled
- 2. The Central Zone Open Water Meet is cancelled
- 3. No sanctioned meets can occur until after May 31, 2020

Old Business

New Business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Conference Call – TBA

Next in person meeting TBA due to COVID-19