

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, May 11, 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: Vince Colwell

Roll Call:

Stacy Aroney, Eileen Bringman, Branden Burns, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Erin Crabtree, Diane Finnerty, Josh Forsythe, Sonja Haywood, Adam Katz, Mark Krusinski, Kristen MacPhail, Megan Maholic, Mia Nagle, Tina McCauley, Sarah Tobin, Zach Toothman

Not in attendance:

All in attendance

Conflict of Interest Declarations: NONE

Addition(s) to and Approval of Agenda: APPROVED

Approval of Consent Agenda: APPROVED

1. Minutes from April 6, 2020 Zoom Meeting – APPROVED

Announcements:

None

Action Items:

1. USA Swimming COVID-19 Grant/LESI Loan
 - a. Motion: LESI will loan clubs 50% of the amount of the money that the club received from the USA Swimming COVID-19 grant (up to \$1500.00).
PASSED
 - i. This is a loan and teams will need to pay it back in 2021
 - ii. LESI should support teams during this time
 - iii. Teams will have to supply LESI with the grant application that was sent to USA Swimming
 - iv. Loan applications will be reviewed by Diane Finnerty, Mark Krusinski, and Branden Burns
2. Motion: Cancel the 2020 LESI Long Course Championships – PASSED

- a. Currently The Holtrey Summer Classic is postponed
 - b. The Avon outdoor pool will not open this summer therefore the Avon Classic is cancelled
 - c. Adam Katz will reach out to Solon and Wooster regarding their meets in June
 - d. Currently USA Swimming has cancelled sanctions through May 31 and it may be extended. LESI will follow USA Swimming recommendations
 - e. Teams may host meets in August or September if swimmers can get back into the water soon to practice
3. Waiving the fee for teams who did not attend the Spring HOD meeting on May 3, 2020 due to unemployment agreements is not necessary. Two teams did not attend HOD and will be fined as unemployment was not the reason they did not attend.
4. USA Swimming has moved up the 2021 registration date from September 1 to June 1 due to COVID-19. Year round swimmers who register after June 1 will be registered until December 31, 2021.

Discussion Items:

1. Town Hall Meeting for LESI on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm. All board members should attend if possible. Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/93172002118>
2. Questions regarding board member responsibilities.
 - a. New Board members should review the Board Manual and Committee Manual.
 - b. Pam Cook will send out the current list of committee members
 - c. Establish a committee calendar so each committee knows when the committee meets; have meetings and send minutes to Pam Cook to post
 - d. All committees should be active
 - e. The athletes committee is very active and they want to stay active even though the athletes change
3. Another Team/Club Assessment Survey will be sent out after the Town Hall meeting on May 20 if necessary.

Reports:

1. Athlete Reps – Zach Toothman, Mia Nagle, Megan Maholic
 - a. The athletes would like to restructure their committee so they will propose legislation for September HOD
 - b. A different athlete is taking over the athlete's Instagram page each day to get more teams involved
 - c. Athletes will have a trivia night with other LSC
2. Coaches Reps – Stacey Aroney & Josh Forsythe

3. Admin Vice Chair – Kristen MacPhail
4. Senior Vice Chair – Eileen Bringman
5. Age Group Vice Chair – Erin Crabtree
 - a. Lisa Downing is stepping down as Zone Chair so we need a replacement.
She will mentor the next Zone Chair.
6. Technical Planning – Adam Katz
7. Treasurer – Diane Finnerty
8. Finance Chair – Mark Krusinski
9. Operational Risk – Branden Burns
 - a. Welcome new board members. Please speak up if
10. Secretary – Sarah Tobin
11. Membership/Registration/Permanent Office – Pam Cook
 - a. 3433 athletes – 2020
 - b. 4127 athletes – 2019
 - c. 281 non-athletes – 2020
 - d. 326 non-athletes – 2019
 - e. 42 clubs – 2020
 - f. No registrations since February
 - g. Beginning June 1 – swimmers can register for the 2021 season.
Membership will be good from June 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021
12. Safe Sport – Sonja Haywood

Old Business

New Business

1. Postponing/cancelling the whole 2020 LC schedule
 - a. A few teams have already postponed their scheduled meet
 - b. LESI will follow USA Swimming recommendations regarding sanctions
 - c. Adam Katz will contact Solon and Wooster if they will host their meets

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 15, 2020 – Time and location TBA