

MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

7:30 pm, Monday, May 20

[Zoom Meeting](#)

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*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 7:36 PM

ROLL CALL / MEMBERS PRESENT: PAM COOK, JELANI WATKINS, VINCE COLWELL, SARAH ONDREJKA, SOFIA JIMENEZ, KIM LONG, ANNA FIALKO, EJ MCILDUFF, BRANDEN BURNS, AVERY CRABTREE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

- NONE

[FORMER MEETING MINUTES](#)

ADDITION(S) TO AGENDA:

- NONE

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: PASSED

I. Announcements:

A. USA Swimming Updates

1. Reminder: September Business Meeting 9/26-29
2. Office space available during trials
3. [Goggles On Campaign](#)
 - a) Swim lessons campaign with unique starter certificates
4. June 1st: [Scholastic All-America](#) opens
5. [The Block Party](#) idea was discussed.

II. Action Items:

A. Spring 18 & Under Cup Funding

1. This was submitted as legislation for this to be funded in a way equivalent to Sectionals. PASSED
2. Athletes noticed that the cuts are fast and close to sectional cuts.

B. Athlete Summit Funding and Chaperone

1. Mac (BBA) is chaperoning 4 athletes.

III. Discussion Items:

A. Attendees for [Annual Business Meeting](#)

1. September 26-28, 2024 in Denver, CO
2. Budgeted for 7 people
3. EJ is interested in attending, and Avery will check her schedule
4. This will remain on the agenda for the June meeting, and we will finalize during that meeting.

A. Board/Committee Vacancies & Campaigning Efforts Update

1. Zones Coaches
2. Admin Vice Chair

3. Age Group Chair
4. Open Water Chair
5. Legislation Chair
- B. Multicultural Meet
 1. This information has been sent out widely to all coaches, and the deadline was the date of this meeting.
- C. LESI/OSI Merger Update
 1. We used [this LSC Merger Difference document](#) to guide our 30 minute discussion.
 - a) White and Yellow cells are minor changes, but Red cells are major changes. These were discussed during the 5/19 LSC merger meeting following the working group meeting. Nothing is finalized, and this was simply for discussion.
 2. We had a short discussion about [Bylaw Differences](#)
 3. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 7:30 pm, and a town hall will precede this in both LSCs.
- D. Zoom/Hybrid Options for HOD
 1. Jelani asked about the possibility, but timing will be a challenge to do this for the Fall HOD (with the likely merger conversation).

IV. Reports

- A. Athlete Reps – Natalie Brindley, Alaina Pizarro, George Libecco
 1. No report
- B. Coach Reps – Anna Fialko, E.J. McIllduff
 1. No report
- C. Admin Vice-Chair – N/A
- D. Senior – Cindy Dial
- E. Age Group – N/A
- F. Technical Planning – Sarah Tobin
- G. Treasurer – Kim Long
 1. [Balance Sheet Jan to Apr 2024](#)
 2. [P&L Jan to Apr 2024](#)
 3. 990 is close to complete.
- H. Operational Risk - Branden Burns
 1. No report
- I. Secretary – Jelani Watkins
 1. No report
- J. Membership/Registration/Permanent Office – Pam Cook
 1. [May Registration Update](#)
- K. Safe Sport Coordinator – Sarah Ondrejka
 1. No report
- L. DEI – Ronae Hughes

V. Old Business:

- A. Ohio Olympic Trials Suite Task Force Updates
 1. We raffled off some tickets during the awards banquet and gave some out for the community service award. There are approximately 20 tickets left, 6 of which are finals tickets that are reserved for board members.
- B. Fall House of Delegates Bid
 1. We are still missing a date that needs to be linked up with OSI.

VI. New Business:

A. None

VII. Next Meeting: June 17th at 7:30 PM via ZOOM

VIII. ADJOURNED: 8:48 PM