



LESI Coaches Meeting
12:30pm, Sunday, April 30, 2023
St. Noel Banquet Center
35200 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

AGENDA

1. Beginning of Meeting (12:30 PM- 5 minutes)

- a. **Call to Order**
- b. **Roll Call (via in-person Computer Sign In)**
- c. **Reading of Previous Minutes**

2. Announcements/Request for Additional Agenda Items 12:35 PM- 5 minutes) a.

Coaches of the Year Awards will be announced during the Awards ceremony this evening.

- Coaches voted on keeping voting and presenting the awards in the Spring to coincide with the banquet. Both the previous short course and long course seasons would be considered when voting.

3. Discussion Items Pt. 1 (12:40 PM- 15 minutes)

- a. Check [Coach Contact List](#) and request changes by emailing ejm8604@gmail.com now. (5 minutes)
 - i. Ensure coaching staff list is up to date
 - ii. Check that coaches are receiving updates (access matters for growth)
 - iii. Will be used as the list for coach communications
 - Coaches either adjusted on 4/30 or will forward changes to EJ to update as needed going forward.
- b. [Dual Meet Host Surcharge Proposal](#) (5 minutes)
 - Coaches want a closer look at the actual numbers from meets. They also want to allow the new treasurer to have enough time to look over the funds and to present a clearer picture of the proposal at a future date.
- c. Voting Practices/Timeline for Coaches of the Year (5 minutes)
 - i. Should voting take place in person? (Should those who are coaches but not HOD team reps not be *expected* to vote?)
 - Each club is allowed up to 2 voting members. Electronic voting is allowed.
 - ii. Spring HOD (to align with Awards Banquet)

- See above note

iii. Fall HOD (to come after LC Season and align with Board Manual)

4. Discussion Items Pt. 2 (12:55 PM- 15 minutes)

a. Coaches Meetings (Expected frequency; Any meet hosts?) (5 minutes)

- Move the start of online meetings to later in the evening to allow coaches to join after the completion of practice.
- Possibility of more social outings
- Hold additional coaches meetings between sessions of meets.
 - Any coach available could meet between sessions, this could lead to a more formal set of conversations than presently happening.
 - Proposal to have it between meets with Prelim/Finals
 - NCAT Winter Invite and LSSC Avon willing as of now
 - More teams are open to the idea once the Short Course schedule is approved.
- Will hope to vote on additional coaches meetings at other meets after approval of Short Course schedule

b. Camps (10 min. Open conversation)

i. Call for committee members

1. In need of a Camp Director, Assistant Coaches, and program/event logistics coordinators, etc.

- CSU is willing/wanting to host camps for all levels.
 - Hannah Burant willing to be Camps Committee Head
 - List of other camps committee members to come shortly.
- 2. Are there any who are interested?
- 3. Goal: Meet twice before Fall HOD meeting

ii. Topics have been submitted via previous surveys and will continue to be requested to be discussed by the committee

5. Discussion Items Pt. 3 (1:10 PM- 15 minutes)

a. Call for Potential Benefits and Concerns about a possible LESI & Ohio Swimming merger (10 min. max)

(Note: Nothing will be voted on, as there is nothing concrete on which to vote. We seek to collect information to share in subsequent board meetings.)

- What is the budget going to look like?
 - Are swimmers expected to travel more?
 - Will teams have to merge?
- From a competitive standpoint, more chances for athletes to compete against

new athletes

- Better networking/relationships with swimmers/teams
 - More opportunities to compete at all levels
 - Look at the legislative side (HOD, finance, scheduling)
 - What would Champs and officiating look like?
 - We already have the option to travel out of the LSC to compete.
 - In years past we had an All-State Championship meet.
 - LE side reduced participation year after year.
 - Business logistics were an issue from the past
 - With tougher competition, individual swimmers won't stand out as much.
 - Why do we actually need to merge? Is there a need or reason?
 - With a merger, will smaller teams be able to remain independent?
 - Administration of the LSC is a concern.
 - Younger coaches are not presently willing to help. Unable to fill committees with younger voices, and the same small group of coaches keep handling all the responsibilities.
 - With a merger, there is a wider network of younger coaches to mentor/workshop with coaches who have helped at the LSC level than is presently available.
 - What is best for our swimmers?
- b. Additional Matters of Importance
- Greg Orphanides - Mid States Chair
 - All questions about Champs should be forwarded to Cindy Dial and Erin Crabtree
 - ASCA Rep - Any volunteers? Especially any younger coaches?
 - Check coaching certifications
 - Quality Coaching goes into effect 6/1/23

6. Next Meeting: TBD; Time may be spent furthering earlier "Coaches Meeting" topic if needed (1:25 PM - 5 minutes)

7. Adjourn Meeting