

## MEETING OF THE LAKE ERIE SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Sunday, October 2, 2021

Virtual/Zoom Meeting

11:30 a.m. Coaches Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Officials Meetings/Admin & Referee Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Athletes Meeting  
1:00 p.m. House of Delegates Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

Roll Call

Present:

**BOD:** Stacey Aroney, Branden Burns, Vince Colwell, Pam Cook, Erin Crabtree, Diane Finnerty, Mark Krusinski, Kristin MacPhail, Madi Machado, Megan Maholic, Sarah Mally, Mia Nagle, Sarah Tobin

**Members At-Large:** Julie Bare, Isaac Chernisky, Tori Culotta, Chuck Kunsman, Nathan Phillips, Zach Toothman, Nancy Veto

### Team Representatives:

AAC – Mary Bartek  
AKRN – Brian Peresie  
BBA – Izzy Botos, Kirtis Huelsman, Roderick Speed  
BBSC – Brad Burget  
CCS – Jake Rehfus  
CCST – Mike Holtzapfel, Kristin Rickel  
CFYN – Ryan Miller, Keith Turnbull  
CLES – Rick Szczepinski  
CSI – John Collis  
FAST – Molly Rogers, Cindy Dial, Carl Shallenberger  
GLSS – Savannah Hirsch, John Tiernan  
GWA – Keely Sneek, Matt Parrish, Misty Caudill  
GYB – Olivia Elgin, Bev Poletta  
HEAT – Vittorio Cappabianca, Matt Davis, Mel Badziong  
KS – Aaron Wirtz  
LESD – Adam Katz  
LRST – Gabby Kariotakis, Aidan Carter  
LSSC – Karen Colwell  
MYG – Jack Gardner, Scott Mazon  
PA – Luke Mackall, Kristen Reynolds, Melissa Bateman  
PAC –  
PCP –  
PS – CJ Moser  
PWRS – Evan Kemp, Tiffany Welka  
RYD –  
RAZR – Dan Lisy  
SHSH – Sam Grube, Eric Peterson, Steven Jacobs  
STRS – Ava Shaker, Kevin Harrod  
SWIM – Charlotte Cohagan  
VFYT –  
VSC – Grantham Brown, Randy Lehrel, Jody Brown  
WEST – Marissa Celeste, Onat Tungac  
WHAT –  
YWRC –  
YYN – Michael Bleggi

**Guests:** Jeff Armstrong (WEST), Josh Forsythe (HEAT), Wanda Folger (PA), Jacob Ranta (BBA)

**Not Present:** Lori Baylor, Marilyn Duman, Madeline Dyer, Sonja Haywood, Jordyn Homoki, Abby Kutchel, Tina McCauley, Alaina Pizarro, Bill Stewart, Bob Martens, Kat Torok

AAC (2), AKRN (2), BBSC (2), CCS (2), CCST (1), CFYN (1), CLES (2), CSI (2), GLSS (1), GYB (1), KS (2), LESD (2), LRST (1), MYG (1), PS (2), PWRS (1), RAZR (2), STRS (1), SWIM (2), WEST (1), YYN (2)

Teams without representation: PAC, PCP, RYD, WHAT, YWRC

Approval of Agenda – **PASSED**

Approval of minutes from HOD Sunday, April 24, 2021 – **PASSED**

Announcements (Vince Colwell – General Chair)

1. National HOD will now be made up of 40% athletes; 40% coaches; 20% non-athlete and non-coach
2. DEI Chair must be a part of LSC Board of Directors so we have to elect a DEI Chair.
3. LE will look into the Developmental meet info that was discussed at USA Swimming HOD.

Reports Requiring Action

1. Legislation
  - a. The Athletes proposed the legislation below for several reasons
    - i. Understand that diversity among teams is important but do not want location/teams to dictate these committees; Would like all athlete who are willing to participate be able to participate; quality representation should take precedent over location/teams
    - ii. This is only a recommendation that athletes be from different teams, instead of required
2. **MOTION:** Approve the legislation (6.2.1) as presented. **PASSED** – 53 in favor; 8 opposed
3. **MOTION:** Approve the legislation (7.4.1) as presented. **PASSED** – 53 in favor; 7 opposed

Location: LESI Bylaws

Proposed by: Megan Maholic, Board of Directors Athlete At-Large, Madison Machado, Lake Erie Junior Athlete Representative, and Zach Toothman, Lake Erie Athlete At-Large

Purpose: To eliminate discrimination in athlete representative elections and to allow the athletes to select their representatives based on who they believe will do the best job rather than those that fit a certain description.

## 6.2 OTHER DIRECTORS

- .1 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES - Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an athlete member in good standing; (b) be at least a sophomore in high school or at least 16 years of age, (c) be currently competing, or have competed within the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by LESI or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education). The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Senior Athlete Representative, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. At least twenty (20) days' written notice of the election shall be given to all clubs. The Athlete Representatives elected shall be determined by a majority of the members of the Athletes Committee present and voting. ~~In no case shall~~ **It is recommended, but not required, that** the Athlete Representatives ~~be~~ **are not** members of the same club.

## 7.4 STANDING COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS

## .1 ATHLETES COMMITTEE

C. [No changes]

ATHLETES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – There shall also be established an Athletes Executive Committee.

1. [No changes]

(2) MEMBERS – The Athletes Executive Committee shall consist of the Athlete Representatives, the Athlete-At-Large Board members and four (4) additional athletes, who are elected as follows and who may be a club member's athlete representative to the House of Delegates. Two such additional athletes shall be elected each year for two-year terms, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, such additional athletes must (a) be athlete members in good standing; (b) be rising freshmen, sophomores or juniors in high school, (c) be currently competing, or have competed within the immediately preceding year in the program of swimming conducted by LESI or another LSC; and (d) have their place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education). The balloting shall take place at the meeting of the Athletes Committee prior to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. Such additional athletes elected shall be determined by a majority of the members of the Athletes Committee present and voting. **It is recommended, but not required, that** No more than two (2) of the additional athletes shall be members of the same club.

(3) [No changes]

Approval of LESI 2022 SC Championship Meet format – Erin Crabtree

- a. 8 & Under Championships – **PASSED** as presented
- b. Regional Championships
  - i. Meets will be either February 26 or 27, 2021
  - ii. Clause in meet info stating swimmers who age up between Regional Championships and Jr Olympic Meet and are excluded from the JO Meet can enter/swim the event at the Regional Meet
  - iii. If any pool is not able to host their meet, the Age Group Champ Meet Committee Chair will reach out to the LSC to find a new location. If no location is found, teams from the site without a pool will be divided with input from teams effected with size of team and geography taken into consideration.
  - iv. **PASSED** with above verbiage.
- c. Junior Olympic Championships
  - i. Meet will be at CSU March 11-13, 2021
  - ii. Add 1000 Freestyle for 11 & Over swimmers
  - iii. Add clause regarding swimmers who age up between Regionals and Junior Olympics
  - iv. **PASSED** as presented
- d. Senior Championships
  - i. Meet will be at Akron U March 4-6, 2021
  - ii. FAST will host the meet
  - iii. **PASSED** as presented

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Below is the SC Championship information that was PASSED

### 8 & Under Championships

Eligibility: 8 & Under

Date: March 12, 2022 (PM Session of JO Champs)

Location: Cleveland State University

Host: Lake Erie LSC

Timed Finals

Time Standards: None

Events: 25, 50, 100 free; 25, 50, 100 back; 25, 50, 100 breast; 25, 50 fly; 100IM; 100 Free Relay, 100 Medley Relay

Scoring: None  
 Time Trials: None  
 Team Awards: None  
 Individual Awards: Each individual event separately for 6U, 7, 8 per gender

## Regional Championships

Eligibility: 14 & Under

Date: 2/26 or 2/27, 2022

Locations: See chart below

Hosts: See chart below

Timed Finals

Time Standards: 2021-2024 slower than NAG 'BB'

Age-Up Clause – Swimmers who age up between Regional and Junior Olympics AND do not have the JO cut in their age group may enter and swim at Regionals with proof of birthday.

Events:

10U events: 50, 100, 200 free; 50, 100 back; 50, 100 breast; 50, 100 fly; 100, 200 IM

11-12 events: 50, 100, 200 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 100, 200 IM

13-14 events: 50, 100, 200 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 200, IM

11-14: 400 IM

9-14: 500 free

14U: 200 Free Relay, 200 Medley Relay

Relays limited to 2 per team per gender

Scoring: None

Time Trials: None

Team Awards: None

Individual Awards: Each individual event separately for 9,10,11,12,13,14 per gender

NOTE: If any pool is not able to host their meet, the Age Group Champ Meet Committee Chair will reach out to the LSC to find a new location. If no location is found, teams from the site without a pool will be divided with input from teams effected with size of team and geography taken into consideration.

## REGIONALS

Site	Medina Rec Center	Oberlin College	Solon High School	Youngstown State University
Host	SWIM	CLES	STRS	PA
Contact	Dave Wohlfeil	Rich Szczepinski	David Perchinske	Kristen Reynolds
	Sun, Feb 26, 2022	Sun, Feb 26, 2022	Sun, Feb 26, 2022	Sat, Feb 25, 2022
	CCS	AAC	BBA	GWA
	CCST	CLES	BBSC	KS
	CFYN	CSI	LESD	PA
	GYB	FAST	GLSS	PAC
	HEAT	LSSC	SHSH	PS
	MYG	LRST	STRS	PWRS
	RYD	PCP		WHAT
	SWIM	RAZR		YYN
	WYRS	VSC		
		WEST		

\*Unattached Swimmers should attend the closest site geographically

## **Junior Olympic Championships**

Eligibility: 14 & Under

Date: 3/11-13, 2022

Location: Cleveland State University

Host: Lake Erie LSC

Timed Finals Friday

Prelims/Finals Saturday/Sunday

Bonus Events: 1 cut=1 bonus for 200 events and shorter for 9 & Over, 100 and shorter for 8U

Time Standards: 2021-2024 NAG 'BB' and faster

Events

10U events: 50, 100, 200, 500 free; 50, 100 back; 50, 100 breast; 50, 100 fly; 100, 200 IM; 200 Free Relay; 200 Medley Relay

11-12 events: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 1650 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 100, 200, 400 IM; 200 Free Relay; 200 Medley Relay

13-14 events: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 1650 free; 50, 100, 200 back; 50, 100, 200 breast; 50, 100, 200 fly; 200, 400 IM; 200, 400 Free Relays; 200, 400 Medley Relays

Relays: Teams may enter 2 relays; both can score

Teams may bring up to 2 relay-only swimmers (per age group and gender) to fill out A relays only

Relay-only swimmers may swim 1 bonus event on the day of their relay, 50- or 100-yard events only

Scoring: 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14- Top 10; 10U/11-12 A Final, 13-14-A/B Final

Time Trials: None

Team Awards: None

Individual Awards:

Top 10 by Age Group & By Gender

High Point & Runner Up by Age Group & By Gender

## **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Date: March 4-6, 2022

Eligibility: 15 & Over (no time standards for 50's or 100's; B standards for 200's and longer) 14U swimmers in High School, 14U swimmers who are not in HS may compete with 15-16 NAG AAA qualifying time

Timed Finals Friday P.M. Prelims/Finals on Saturday and Sunday (A/B/C finals)

Team Awards (1-3 combined; 1-2 Male, Female)

High Point & Runner-up

Open: 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 1650 free;

50, 100, 200 back;

50, 100, 200 breast;

50, 100, 200 fly;

200, 400 IM;

200, 400, 800 FR; 400FR, 400 MR Mixed: 200MR, 200FR

Add mystery 200 IM during Sunday finals; placement will be done using the 200 IM from Saturday finals

Time Trials offered time permitting

Scoring: Top 16 non-college swimmers.

Each team may only score A&B relays.

Short Course Prelims & Finals

Changes may need to be made by Senior Champs Committee if COVID restrictions change

Approval of 2022 LE Long Course Schedule – **PASSED** as presented

Below is the schedule that was passed

2021 Lake Erie Swimming Inc Long Course Non-Championship Meet Schedule						
Date	Meet Name	Meet Host	Location	Format	Cut Times	Contact
April 1 – 3	USA Swimming Open Water Nationals	USA Swim	Fort Meyers Beach, FL			
Sun May 1	May Madness	LESD	Hawken Upper	TF	none	<a href="mailto:kmacphailswim@gmail.com">kmacphailswim@gmail.com</a>
Sat May 7	LC Spring Kick-Off	SHSH	CSU	TF	none	<a href="mailto:coacheric@shakerswimming.org">coacheric@shakerswimming.org</a>
May 20 – 22	Robert F Busbey Invitational	LESD	CSU	P/F	A for 13 O; BB for 12 U	<a href="mailto:kmacphailswim@gmail.com">kmacphailswim@gmail.com</a>
May TBD	TYR 18 & Under Spring Cup	USA Swim	TBD	P/F	2019 Winter Juniors	
June 3 – 5	TYR CCS Age Group & Open Meet	CCS	CT Branin Natatorium	TF	None	<a href="mailto:rhunt.27@gmail.com">rhunt.27@gmail.com</a>
June 11 – 12	Solon Summer Swimfest	STRS	Solon Municipal Pool	TF	None	<a href="mailto:slfcooch@hotmail.com">slfcooch@hotmail.com</a>
June 16 – 19	The Holtrey Summer Classic	LESD	SPIRE Institute	P/F	Yes, see meet info	<a href="mailto:kmacphailswim@gmail.com">kmacphailswim@gmail.com</a>
June 24 – 26	Freedlander Invitational	WYRC	Freedlander Pool	TF	None	<a href="mailto:RHarrington@wooster.edu">RHarrington@wooster.edu</a>
July 9 – 10	Avon Classic	LSSC	Avon Outdoor Pool	TF	none	<a href="mailto:lisa_a_downing@gmail.com">lisa_a_downing@gmail.com</a>
July 14 – 17	Speedo Sectionals	FAST	CSU	P/F	Sectionals	<a href="mailto:cvirdo@aol.com">cvirdo@aol.com</a>
July 22 – 24	LESI LC Junior Olympics	LESI			BB, plus bonus	
July 26 – 30	Phillips 66 National Championships		Irvine, CA	P/F	Senior Nationals	
July 27 – 30	Futures		TBD	P/F	Futures	
Aug 1 – 5	Speedo Junior Nationals Championships		Irvine CA	P/F	Junior Nationals	
Aug 4 – 7	14 & Under Central Zone Championships	Central Zone	Jenks, Oklahoma	P/F	NAG AAA	
TBD	LESI LC Senior Championships	TBD	TBD		None	

Approval of 2022 Budget – **PASSED** as presented by Mark Kruisinski with combining Zone Workshops and Convention expenses into one line item in the amount of \$9640.00

- a. Mark Kruisinski noted the following
  - i. **Swimmer Surcharge** and **Sanction Fees** are projected to be about 95% of 2019 Actual Income.
  - ii. **USA Registrations** are projected based upon 4,000 athletes and 300 non athletes. Actual Athlete Registrations were 4,577 for 2017, 4,214 for 2018 and 4,140 for 2019. Actual 2021 registrations to date are 3,370 athletes and 282 non athletes. The year after the Olympics are generally highest registration years.
  - iii. **14 & Under Central Zone Pool meet** is projected to be a 5-day meet at \$38 per athlete per day for 100 athletes. This is at pre pandemic level.
  - iv. **Age Group Camps** have been budgeted for at \$1,250 because these have been not held in 8+ years.
  - v. **Swimposium** is budgeted at \$2,500 since this is to be done every three years.
  - vi. **Officials Training Recruitment** has an increased budget amount of \$1,000 because of the need to increase the officials in LESI
  - vii. **Officials National Qualifying Meet Evaluators** are budgeted at \$1,000. This is what was spent in 2021 at Summer Sectionals.
  - viii. **Volunteer Recognition** is budgeted at \$1,200 even though nothing was done in 2020 or 2021.
  - ix. **Awards Program** is budgeted as an in-person program with a meal.
  - x. **Elaine Miller** is assumed to be consistent at \$10,000.
  - xi. **Learn to Swim Program Support** is budgeted at \$4,000 as a possible new program. This should be a discussion item
  - xii. **Club Incentive** is budgeted at \$2,000, as a new program.
  - xiii. **Travel Reimbursements for National Level Meets** have been budgeted for at 2019 (pre pandemic) participation levels.
  - xiv. **All Clinics/Meetings including USAS Convention** are budgeted for as in person events.
  - xv. **Permanent Office** has a proposed 5% raise. No raise has been awarded in the past 3 years.

Approval of Accounting Review – **PASSED** as presented by Mark Kruisinski

MOTION: Elect Sonja Haywood DEI Chair. **PASSED**

#### Reports Requiring No Action

1. Admin Vice Chair – Kristin MacPhail
  - a. Need an Awards Program Chair and a Legislation Chair. If anyone is interested, please contact Kristin
2. Senior Vice Chair
3. Age Group Chair – Erin Crabtree
4. Coach Reps – Stacey Aroney/Sarah Mally
5. Athlete Reps – Mia Nagle (SR), Madi Machado (JR), Megan Maholic (at large)
  - a. Athlete Executive Committee (AEC) puts out resources & other important info for athletes on their website (<http://www.lakeerieswimmingathletes.com/>)
  - b. Need athlete reps from the following Clubs – the athlete rep may be in college or is not longer active in LESI
    - i. AAC
    - ii. BBSC
    - iii. CCS
    - iv. WHAT
6. Technical Planning
7. Zone Chair – Kyoko Hong
8. Treasurer – Diane Finnerty

9. Finance – Mark Krusinski
10. Legislation
11. Operational Risk – Branden Burns
  - a. No COVID restrictions at this time; Facilities and teams may have restrictions so look at the meet info carefully
12. Officials – Jen Butler
  - a. New officials training was September 19. If someone is interested in becoming an official, contact Branden Burns or Lori Baylor
13. Secretary – Sarah Tobin
14. Membership/Registration – Pam Cook
  - a. As of October 2 – LESI has 1595 athletes registered for 2022; hopefully we will be back up to pre-pandemic numbers
  - b. 3 YMCA clubs are hoping to become USA clubs soon; hopefully will be approved in about 6 weeks
  - c. 2022 USA Swimming Club Application – must list the following
    - i. Federal Tax ID
    - ii. Information regarding LTS program
    - iii. List all Board Members; Board Members MUST be Non-Athletes and do APT and a background check
    - iv. Clubs cannot renew for 2022 if the above is not included on Application and until all Board Members are registered non-athletes and complete APT and a background check
  - d. USA Swimming is experiencing a problem with the Coaches Advantage Training (CAT) and Athlete Protection Training (APT)
    - i. Members can take the class online but it is not updating in their SWIMS profile
    - ii. If you take the course and the new expiration date has not updated, email [learn@usaswimming.org](mailto:learn@usaswimming.org)
15. Safe Sport Coordination – Sonja Haywood

#### New Business

##### Meet Sanctioning Information

- Send sanction application and meet information directly to Pam Cook
- If you are hosting a meet that is NOT on the LE meet schedule, you MUST include the names of the officials doing your meet on your sanction application or the meet cannot be sanctioned.
- Sanction applications and meet information should be submitted in a timely manner
- Pam Cook will send an invoice for \$100 for meets not on the LE schedule after the meet is sanctioned. Non schedule meets must pay a \$100 fee for the meet when no entry fees are taken
- Meet Manager backups need to be sent to Pam Cook prior to all meets (scheduled or non scheduled meets) and after the meet is over
- Event files must be sent to Pam Cook for LE schedule meets
- Payment for surcharges must be sent to Diane Finnerty within 14 days after the meet
- Payment of sanction fees must be sent to Diane Finnerty within 45 days after the meet in addition to the financial statement

Matt Parrish (Great Waves Head Coach) will contact the LE coaches and have a few meetings throughout the year.

Hudson HEAT and Blazing Barracudas are hosting a Sock Drive to benefit Salvation Army Harbor Light during the month of October. Donation bins will be at the Mile Meet, Stevie Grieshammer HS Preview Meet, and the Spooktacular.

Next meeting of HOD: TBA



Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Tobin  
LESI Secretary



