

STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Tuesday March 9, 2021
9:00 p.m.
Approved 4/13/21

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 9:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chris Kjeldsen, Jessica Evans, Randy Teeters, Mindy Donofrio, Mike Witt, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Bill Spurgeon

Board Members Absent:

Kyle Valdez, Marc Digby, Thomas Wu, Mark Parshall, Harold Christiansen

Others present

Jason Schmeltzer, Tim Byerly, Greg Spano

Verify Quorum

A quorum was verified.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Kjeldsen moved to pass the February 2021 BOD meeting minutes as posted. Motion **PASSED**.

Report of BOD Officers

General Chair – Chris Kjeldsen

Joel Shinofield – Coach Cert. extensions coming,

Plan is we are going to Olympics and Trials, 18&Under March Virtual Championship Series. Opportunity to get ranked. All sanctioned meets can count. Flex membership will not change until 2022. Sept. 23-25th USAS Convention- possible blended approach. No HOD meeting- will be in a different format.

Ellery Parish – AEC Chair – Ellery.parish@gmail.com Establishing mentors - Monthly workshops - next Sunday March 7th, Zone group chats. Does ST LSC have an Instagram page? Annie Norris (AEC Programming and Events Chair) email: anniepnorris@gmail.com

Jane Grosser-

All virtual Zone Workshop for all 4 Zones in May – keynote speaker. Thriving as we go forward. April 20-29 Open meetings. 2021 Rule book is out -online only. Can still get hard copy though swim outlet. New LEAP is out, NC first to complete. New! - LSC Leaders resources page. One stop shop for best from LSC around the country. New enrollment period for Coach Insurance- Feb 9-April 1

Lucinda McRoberts- lmcroberts@usaswimming.org & Chris Brearton –

National Governing Body Governance changes- 33 1/3% athlete rule. We have until end of 2021 must comply. About a dozen non-compliances currently. Board, HOD and Committee changes. USAS HOD special meeting in June.

Shana Ferguson - the back-to-water webinar we conducted with the CDC last week can be found on our USASwimming.org homepage. The CDC/USA Swimming Webinar Recording link is now available on the front page at USASwimming.org

Governance Committee – Tim Byerly

LEAP renewal is due by the end of September. Tim Byerly and Jessica Evans have started working on LEAP process.

Registration – Mindy Donofrio

CPR and Safety Training for Swim Coaches

USA Swimming has a new approved vendor list for CPR and Safety training for Swim Coaches. They removed any vendors that do not do in person recertifications. The new list is posted on the USA swimming and South Texas websites

CPR and In-water safety training extensions:

CPR can be extended until 7/1/21 with an approved vendor online portion certificate. As of now the in-person portion of the certification needs to be completed by that date. This is only for certifications that expired during COIVD and is not an automatic extension. This is NOT an automatic extension. Online portion of the certificate needs to be emailed to the South Texas office.

In person portion of safety training for swim coaches has been extended until 7/1/21 with a valid online portion of the safety training for swim coaches' certificate. This is not automatic, and a valid online certificate needs to be emailed to the South Texas office.

Membership update

Implementation for the online registration has been pushed back at least a year. Flex membership will remain the same for the 2022 swim season.

Old Business

Championship meets

Data from STAGS

STAGS 2020 was at TXLA, I pulled that meet for a comparison. STAGS 2020 used the "STAGS" time standards. STAGS 2021 used the "A" and faster time standards, which were across the board a bit faster in 2020, due to the new NAGS times. The STAGS meet was approximately the same size, across the three locations in 2020 and 2021. Total athletes 2020 – 734 and Total athletes 2021 – 702, Total splashes (prelims only, minus relays) 2020 – 2953 and Total splashes 2021 (no relay events) - 2631

STAGS 2020 @ TXLA

734 athletes

2953 prelims splashes (not including relays, which was 212 splashes)

56% best times overall (which would be prelims and finals combined, including relays)

STAGS 2021

Central @ ASC

275 athletes in 1131 splashes (48% best times)

North @ AQTX

245 athletes in 882 splashes (39% best times)

South @ SRG

182 athletes in 618 splashes (35% best times)

Board/Governance Training Seminar

Chris Kjeldsen reminded the board to register for the online training and complete a little each week.

New Business

Governance member nomination

Deanna Oliphant, moved to South Texas from Oklahoma City, has been recommended for the governance committee. She was heavily involved in the LEAP and strategic planning in Oklahoma. The committee is full, but she will be consulting with the committee concerning LEAP and strategic planning.

New Team in Temple

Greg and Mary Spano have started a new team in Temple called Platinum Aquatics. They moved the team from Gulf Swimming. Greg was introduced to the board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Next BOD Meeting

April 13, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. via Zoom.