

**STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 11, 2022**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**Approved 2/8/22**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 8:02 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Chris Kjeldsen, Deanna Oliphant, Mindy Donofrio, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Alek Orloff, Hector Becerra, Monica Thomason, Harold Christiansen, Kevin Cai, Mike Witt, Landon Alarcon, Jen Smetana

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill Spurgeon

**Others present**

Tim Byerly, Jason Schmeltzer

**Verify Quorum**

A quorum was verified.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Board Member Summary**

**General Chair – Chris Kjeldsen**

Board members need to sign up for April USAS workshop, make their own travel arrangements and reservations. Reimbursements should be submitted to Treasurer after the workshop.

**Admin Vice chair – Deanna Oliphant**

The communication committee met to discuss the new website format, guidelines for social media, and a new email delivery service.

**Sr. Athlete Rep – Harold Christiansen**

Meet with Ryan Gibbons to discuss progress and building up the athlete committee and food bank service projects. Emailed club coaches in South Texas to recruit athletes to join the athlete GroupMe.

**Safe Sport – Mary Evelyn Bowling**

USAS November Report showed South Texas with 25 clubs Safe Sport Recognized. The goal is 100% recognition by end of Long Course 2022. Five of the seven committee members have confirmed. First meeting will be the end of January. The non-athlete membership requirement for meet marshals has been removed. Elizabeth Hahn, Program Director for Safe Sport attended Winter Juniors at UT in December. She spoke to the officials about the coming developments in Safe Sport. Her primary emphasis was to share that US Center for Safe Sport will be attending national meets this coming year to observe our implementation of Safe Sport policies and procedures. She also shared the importance of Meet Directors implementing the *Meet 360 Protocol* when hosting meets.

**Coaches Rep – Hector Becerra**

Hector scheduled a meeting with PSJA ISD to discuss a possible Swimposium in Pharr Texas. The tentative date would be Saturday, June 4.

### **Old Business**

#### **Coach of the Year Award**

Mike Witt is looking at different criteria on how to win coach of the year. He will also be looking at team size averages in the LSC. He is hoping to have a template by February.

### **Strategic Plan**

There was not much progress on the strategic plan. The committee needs to meet. Aiming for February to have a draft plan.

### **New Business**

#### **Meet 360**

USAS is pushing meet 360 which is an informational resource guide intended to assist meet administrators in creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for athletes. The sanction chair will email out the guide with all sanctions. The guide will also be posted on the South Texas website under sanctions page.

### **Leadership Task Calendar**

The board looked at an example leadership task calendar from Utah Swimming.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

### **Next BOD Meeting**

February 8, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.