

STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Tuesday December 14, 2021
8:00 p.m.
Approved 1/11/22

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 8:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chris Kjeldsen, Deanna Oliphant, Mindy Donofrio, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Bill Spurgeon, Alek Orloff, Hector Becerra, Monica Thomason, Harold Christiansen, Kevin Cai, Mike Witt

Board Members Absent:

Landon Alarcon, Jen Smetana

Others present

Tim Byerly, Ben Skinner

Verify Quorum

A quorum was verified.

Approval of Minutes

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

Board Member Summary

General Chair – Chris Kjeldsen

The 2022-2023 Affiliation Agreement was signed. Chris shared information concerning the USA swimming workshop in Denver, CO, April 21-24, 2022.

Admin Vice chair – Deanna Oliphant

Deanna is working on the completion of the Strategic Plan by mid-January. She attended both the USA swimming Governance call and the Poolside Chat.

Senior Vice Chair – Monica Thomason

B Champs, STX South and STX North are all sanctioned and posted. STAGS is waiting review from TXLA.

Governance – Tim Byerly

The Governance Committee elected Tim Byerly as Chair for one year. Deanna Oliphant proposed formation of two committees each with five members and two athletes, DEI and Safe Sport.

Safe Sport – Mary Evelyn Bowling

In order to comply with the US Center for SafeSport requirements, the USA swimming Board of Directors has approved expanding Corporate Bylaw 2.6.6, which sets forth those who must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming. The new requirements go into effect January 1, 2022. Mary Evelyn received a call from a concerned parent about a possible safe sport issue. The Safe Sport Committee is being finalized.

Old Business

Strategic Plan

Deanna is working on the strategic plan and is meeting with the communications committee.

National Reimbursements request

2. Musselman: request LSC waive annual residence requirement.

Chris made a motion to exempt the 365-day national assistance requirement for athletes who transfer into South Texas due to a family military transfer. All athletes that transfer to South Texas due to a family military transfer will receive 25% of adjusted, eligible expenses for eligible meets immediately. Effective Long Course 2021

Motion PASSED

X.B.4.d Athletes who are high school seniors or younger, and holding an annual USA-S/STSI registration, are eligible for the maximum assistance as follows:

- i. 25% of adjusted, eligible expenses for eligible meet(s) after 365 days of registration in STSI.*

3. Sabo: request to fulling fund officials' national assistance and increase budget.

Alek moved to combine the 3 budgeted amounts for Athlete, Coaches, and Officials financial assistance at the end of the long course payout cycle and use the left-over funds to fully fund any category that was not fully funded. The priority will be to fully fund athletes, then coaches, and finally officials. Effective Long Course 2021. **Motion PASSED**

X.B.1 STSI shall establish an annual budget for National Competition Reimbursement. The budget shall include separate amounts each for athletes, coaches, and officials. The total budgeted amount shall be divided between short and long course season. Any unused budget for short course season shall be made available for long course season. If the total amount of reimbursement requested for any season exceeds the budgeted amount, all eligible requests shall be reimbursed pro-rata.

4. Posadas: request LSC waive annual residence requirement. Request will follow motion made for request 2.

New Business

Financial Assistance

Alek moved to replace the word "reimbursement" with "assistance" throughout Section X Financial Assistance of the STSI Policy and Procedures. **Motion Passed**

Eligible meets for Financial Assistance

Chris moved to remove NCSA meet from the 2022 eligible meets for financial assistance since the meet is not a USA swimming national meet and is invite only. **Motion PASSED**

Communications Committee

Monica moved to rename the Facebook committee to be renamed the Communications committee. **Motion PASSED**

Safe Sport Committee

Mary Evelyn moved to approve a safe sport committee. She is working on gathering members for the committee. **Motion PASSED**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

Next BOD Meeting

January 11, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Email vote

The employee compensation motion **PASSED**