

STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Tuesday May 10, 2022
8:00 p.m.
Approved 5/17/22

Call to Order

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

Board Members Present:

Chris Kjeldsen, Deanna Oliphant, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Hector Becerra, Kevin Cai, Mike Witt, Mindy Donofrio, Harold Christiansen, Jen Smetana, Bill Spurgeon

Board Members Absent:

Alek Orloff, Monica Thomason, Landon Alarcon

Others present

Tim Byerly, Jason Schmeltzer, Kathy Petersen, Tracy Koleber, Bridgette Laitala, Derek Howorth

Verify Quorum

A quorum was verified.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Kjeldsen moved to pass the April 2022 BOD meeting minutes as posted. Motion **PASSED**.

Board Member Summary

Senior Vice Chair – Monica Thomason

Mailchimp/mass email has been setup. Facebook and Instagram accounts have been setup and connected. The policies and access surrounding social media will be reviewed.

STAGS LC meet information and entry files have been posted on the South Texas Website. The first draft of the meet bid form is complete and sent to the committee for review.

Safe Sport – Mary Evelyn Bowling

USA Swimming posted an article on FaceBook about South Texas Swimming's Safe Sport Success. South Texas currently has 27 clubs that are Safe Sport Recognized as of 4/30/22. Safe Sport will be included in the Swimposium. USAS is still offering Zoom training for parents, athletes, and coaches.

Governance – Tim Byerly

The Governance committee has posted and emailed the information for nominations to the BOD. Board performance reviews will be conducted by the governance committee in July.

Finance Vice Chair – Alek Orloff

Alek has reached out to Gerry at Morgan Stanley to setup a portfolio review meeting with the Finance Committee. He has modified the budget to include the website work passed at the April BOD. He also plans to propose a budget change to the BOD to accommodate for the increased cost of championship bag tags.

Old Business

Swimposium – Hector Becerra

Cimarron deposit has been made and MOU and Contracts have been signed. Hector is working with USAS to get presenters. He will be updating the income/expense report and begin to set up registration. The target date to open registration is early June.

Logo Update – Hector Becerra

USAS did not approve the logo as an official mark of a USA Swimming LSC. He has been in contact with the USSAS Creative and Production department who redesigns logos for LSCs. South Texas is scheduled to have a logo by mid May.

USAS workshop review

Mindy gave a brief update to what to expect with SWIMS 3.0. Online registration is coming and everyone will need to create a new login to the USA swimming website. Deck Pass is no longer going to be active but there will be a new USA swimming app to see membership information. Chris and Harold discussed briefly potential legislation that was presented at the workshop.

New Business

Athlete Zoom Feedback – Harold Christiansen

The athlete reps held an athlete zoom meeting to get feedback on the potential change to the 120-day transfer rule. All athletes wanted to see the wait period decrease and felt somewhere between 60-90 days was sufficient.

Revised Start Sequence Proposal – Jen Smetana

Jen Smetana presented the revised start sequence for hearing impaired athletes that South Texas will be sending to USAS as proposed legislation. **Jen moved to approve the amendment and send to USAS by the May 12th deadline.** Motion **PASSED**

HOD Meeting location – Chris Kjeldsen

Chris Kjeldsen has confirmed that the Oct HOD meeting will be held at the Piper Bass Student Memorial Center.

Meet fees and Facility Surcharges. Does LSC set guidelines and/or subsidizes?

Tabled

National Assistance SC Season request

Tabled

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next BOD Meeting

June 14, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

STSI Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

Tuesday May 17, 2022

8:00 p.m.

Approved 6/14/22

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 8:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Landon Alarcon

Others present

Jason Schmeltzer, Derek Howorth

Verify Quorum

A quorum was verified.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Kjeldsen moved to pass the May 10, 2022 BOD meeting minutes as posted. Motion **PASSED**.

Board Member Summary

None

Old Business**Budget Amendments – Alek Orloff**

Alek moved to approve two new budget line items, \$1500 web redesign project and \$2550 Bag Tag LC.

Motion Passed

Communication Committee – Monica Thomason

Monica moved to approve the creation of the communication committee with members, Monica Thomason, Tim Byerly, Mary Evelyn Bowling, Vonna Purtell, Deana Oliphant, and Ben Skinner. **Motion PASSED**

SC National Meet Assistance Request – Chris Kjeldsen

Alek moved to approve an official's SC National Meet Assistance which was requested after the submission deadline. **Motion FAILED**

New Business**Opt into USA swimming collection of LSC dues starting 2023 – Mindy Donofrio**

Mindy moved that South Texas opt into the option to have USAS collect the South Texas membership fee when members complete and pay for the USAS membership. **Motion PASSED**

Birth Certificate requirement

Mindy brought up the discussion to continue to require birth certificates for registration. Starting 2023, members will register using the USAS online registration. The LSC can hold approval for a birth certificate and can prohibit athletes from competing, but they will be valid members. The board decided to continue to discuss this option.

International Team Trials

Tabled

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Next BOD Meeting

June 14, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. With follow up meeting June 21, 2022 if needed.

Email Notification – May 18, 2022

Landon Alarcon resigned from the South Texas BOD via email. Chris Kjeldsen moved to approve Ben Skinner as the new At large Athlete Representative. **Motion Passed**