



BOD Minutes

April 29, 2020

The meeting began at 7:30am via conference call.

BOD members present:

Steve Potter (DAQ) - General Chair
Jamey Myers (SCAT) - Admin Vice-Chair
Rob Copeland (SCAT) - Interim Finance VC
Beau Caldwell (SEGA) - Secretary
Mark Schilling (GOLD) - Senior Chair
Henry Bethel (CCAC) - Athlete At-Large
Lucas Ferreira (GA) - Age Group Chair
Ed Saltzman (DYNA) - Officials Chair

John Pepper (UNAT) - Coaches Chair
Ian Goss (RAYS) - Coaches Chair
Ceci Christy (UNAT) - Safe Sport Chair
Wes Hamborg (WRA) - Tech Planning Chair
Sarah-Grace Thompson (SA) - Sr Athlete Rep
Daniel DeCarlo (RAYS) - Athlete At-Large
Will Foggin (ABSC) - Jr. Athlete Rep

BOD members absent:

Gary Theisen (SA) - Treasurer

GSI Swimming staff present:

Megan Kingsley, Executive Coordinator
Veronica Burchill, Intern
Lora Thompson, Membership Coordinator

Others Present:

Bill Waldo (PSC), Ian Murray (DYNA), Bryan Wrighton (DYNA), Hugh Convery (GAGA), Greg Gillette (ASL), Michael Norment (MAAC), Karl Krug (SPAR), Nick Graves (DYNA)

Call to order

Called to order at 7:33pm by Steve Potter. Potter read the mission and vision of the LSC. Potter informed the BOD that CARES and PPP are back open. USAS has opened a 1 million dollar pool of relief funds. Relief is capped at \$5,000 per individual club; applications close on May 8.

LSC COVID-19 relief discussion - Rob Copeland

Finance committee is trying to come up with a dollar amount to provide relief to clubs. Continuing to work with admin and finance committees, and coming up with monies to make available. Will come back to BOD with a report. No final resolutions at this point.

Discussion ensued on connecting with the Georgia Governor's office regarding reopening of pools. Ceci Christy volunteered to draft a letter to the Georgia Governor's office and will present it back to the BOD. Rob Copeland asked if this could be considered lobbying. Christy clarified this is going to the Governor's

office as information to consider, and that lobbying is generally done through the legislative branch with money involved. Convery clarified that 501(c)3 corporations may lobby in this case.

Discussion ensued about the next finance committee meeting. Ian and Rob decided the next meeting would take place Friday afternoon at 5:00pm, May 1.

This issue is tabled until Tuesday, May 5 at 7:30pm.

Spring HOD meeting -

Potter informed the BOD that holding a virtual HOD Meeting is permitted due to a memo released by USAS allowing for virtual HOD meetings to be held this spring.

Motion (Potter) - to hold GSI Spring HOD meeting on Saturday, June 13 (motion seconded)

Discussion: This is only for HOD meetings; committees already have meeting scheduled
Potter is hopeful we can provide relief to clubs before June 13

Vote: Approved by Majority

Resolution: GSI Spring HOD Meeting will be held Saturday, June 13

Virtual HOD discussions

Caldwell spoke on possibilities of virtual HOD meetings and how these would look using technology, what costs are involved, how to conduct polling appropriately and fairly.

- Maximum number of attendees is 337 total if 100% attendance from member clubs, plus BOD members and GSI Staff. This number could be higher if member clubs bring non-delegates.
- Using Zoom for 300 participants the cost is \$19.99/host, and we'd need about 5 hosts.
- Caldwell spoke that he would rather use our own volunteers rather than hire a moderator since we haven't given any funds back to clubs yet.
- Registration process would be through Google Forms, asking member clubs to register by the night before; changes and adds could be taken later.
- Discussion ensued about only letting delegates into the meeting for easier voting validity.
- NC Swimming held a virtual HOD meeting but with no voting.
- Caldwell noted that we should account for human error and some hiccups. We should know after this meeting if it can or cannot work for future meetings.

Potter recommended that he would not like to see the meeting closed. Caldwell noted that polling is very user friendly and would like to use a minimal number of platforms. Keeping the meeting open would increase our costs, but this prevents delegates from being shut out. If it's open to everyone, we would not be able to do anonymous voting doing Zoom polling. Caldwell predicted a heavily attended meeting since most clubs will not have to travel. Potter instructed Caldwell to put together a finalized plan for the May 13th meeting for the LSC.

Treasurer Vacancy

Potter informed the GSI BOD that Gary Theisen has resigned as Treasurer. Potter would like to appoint Joe DeCarlo as interim Treasurer so the finance committee may continue in operation.

Motion (Copeland): to ratify appointment of Joe DeCarlo as treasurer. (Hamborg second).

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution: Joe DeCarlo appointed as interim treasurer until Spring 2020 elections

Adjournment

Motion (Hamborg): To adjourn our meeting (Saltzman second)

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Resolution: Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm