



BOD Minutes

May 13, 2020

The meeting began at 8:30pm via conference call.

BOD members present:

Steve Potter (DAQ) - General Chair
Jamey Myers (SCAT) - Admin Vice-Chair
Rob Copeland (SCAT) - Interim Finance VC
Joe DiCarlo (RAYS) - Interim Treasurer
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) - Sr Coaches Chair
Ian Goss (RAYS) - Interim Jr Coaches 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:

Ceci Christy (UNAT) - Safe Sport Chair

GSI Swimming staff present:

Megan Kingsley, Executive Coordinator
Veronica Burchill, Intern

Lora Thompson, Membership Coordinator

Others Present:

None

Call to order

Called to order at 8:31pm by Steve Potter. Potter read the mission and vision of the LSC.

Motion (Caldwell): to approve minutes from April 22, 29, May 5 -

Discussion: No Discussion
Vote: Unanimous approval
Resolution: Minutes from April 22, 29, May 5 are unanimously approved

Officer Reports

General Chair (Potter) - No Report

Admin (Myers) - No Report

Treasurer (DeCarlo) - No Report

Finance vice-chair - Report will be under COVID discussion

Senior (Shilling) - No report

Age Group (Ferreira) -

Motion (Ferreira) - to cancel 2020 LCM AG State Championship (Caldwell second)

Discussion - This was a unanimous decision at AG Committee meeting. Questions came up in regards to whether there was 20% athlete representation at the committee meeting. Athletes spoke on this issue and didn't think this was feasible to put this expectation on athletes.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolution: 2020 LCM AG State Championship is canceled

Executive Coordinator (Kingsley) - Report attached

Athletes (Thompson) - No Report

Coaches Rep (Pepper) - Report submitted and attached. \$4000 sent to GSI from USAS in January. Mailed to Gary Theisen's house. DeCarlo said Theisen has marked this as misc income in the balance sheet and noted that it's for a mentor program.

Officials (Saltzman) - Report submitted. Clinic fees of \$16 have been waived for the 2020 calendar year.

Tech Planning (Hambourg) - Teams are asking for maximum flexibility with sanctioning. Teams asking about officials' requirement for smaller meets and additional sessions. Saltzman said he is sending this up to the national committee for comment. Recommend to not put forth a fall calendar at Spring HOD, want to push this to August

Safe Sport (Christy) - Not present, Report posted to website.

Old Business

COVID-19 Relief Discussion

Potter - 55 page document sent to Governor Kemp's office with request to reopen competition pools, and asking for a more definitive statement. Copy was sent to Megan to post on GSI website. As of yesterday, pools are exempted to be opened, but it's cloudy as pools are governed and operated by several different entities, including universities, parks and rec departments, among others.

Copeland spoke that \$125,000 will be allocated for the first round of COVID-19 relief.

[Per May 5 BOD meeting, motion was approved to allocate up to \$125,000 for first round of relief]

Motion (Hamborg) - to waive 7% sanction fee for meets remaining in 2019-20 fiscal year (Motion seconded)

Discussion: This will include meets held through September 2020.

Vote: Unanimously approved

Resolution: Sanction fees for meets waived through September 2020

Copeland said there are no recommendations for adjusting registration funds for 2020-21 at this time. This is planned to be brought up at the 2020 Fall HOD meeting.

Housekeeping items that need done before this gets posted.

- Kingsley to review the application link for posting program payment guidelines.
- Applications will come into Kingsley, Kingsley will log them and forward to the finance committee for review.
- Finance committee will review if members clubs have submitted W-9 and met SSRP guidelines.
 - Hamborg asked about SSRP requirements; DeCarlo clarified this will be verified by the GSI Safe Sport Coordinator (Christy).

New Business

Virtual HOD

- Potter reviewed non-profit state laws and GSI bylaws confirming there is nothing precluding us from having a virtual HOD meeting. *[Documents attached]*
- HOD will be Sat, June 13. Potter is scheduling a virtual HOD test run on Sat, June 6 as a 30 minute test run.

Beau Caldwell, Rob Copeland, and Megan Kingsley have been working on details of Virtual HOD meeting regarding costs, staffing, volunteers, and BOD responsibilities.

- Cost is variable; Rob Copeland pointed out that there is already money approved for a spring HOD meeting to be held face-to-face, and that money can be allocated for virtual HOD. Budget for spring meeting is \$15,000 for all-star awards ceremony and spring meeting expenses; projects \$13,000-14,000 in spring meeting expenses. Copeland says there is more than enough money to spend \$1000 for virtual HOD meeting.
- Zoom software for meeting; google form for registration; Election Runner for elections. Looking to do a 1-month license, and get a year subscription under a corporate license. Estimate of \$100 base + \$70 per host.
- Staffing and volunteers are still being worked out, but there will be someone monitoring the waiting room and moderating the meeting. Caldwell would like to use GSI volunteers before paying professionals. USAS recommended having a designated parliamentarian for a virtual HOD meeting.
- Practice HOD held on June 6, 1:00pm for a stress test
- Reviewed registration procedures and BOD responsibilities before and during the meeting. It was strongly advised that BOD member reports include written motions, and BOD members should push any new business not previously approved by the BOD to the Fall HOD meeting, so it may be vetted appropriately by committee and BOD.
- BOD member reports will be posted and emailed to the HOD delegation.
- Teams must register by Thursday, June 11 at 6:00pm.
- Roberts rules will govern the meeting; consent agenda will be used. Rules/Guidelines for virtual HOD meeting will be written out, published, and voted to be approved at the beginning of the HOD meeting.
- GC and BOD reserve the right to suspend the meeting if technology is not working properly; HOD attendees must be heard and able to speak & vote. The test run on June 6 will help us identify these.
- Polling will be conducted through either Zoom polling or by raising hands; Election Runner will be used for elections. Nominations can still be taken from the floor.

Motion (Hamborg): Committee has proposed moving the 2020-21 SCY Season meet bidding process to the Fall HOD, and to remove all restrictions with regards to adding meets to the calendar for that season (Ferreira second).

Discussion: 45 day sanction and putting added stress on sanctioning with the ability to add a meet to the calendar is the biggest concern. Restrictions include bidding a meet at HOD, double checking with teams already having bids made on certain weekends. Ferreira clarified that this deals with adding meets to the calendar, and doesn't necessarily deal with sanctioning. Discussion came up on what "remove all restrictions" means.

Move to amend (Saltzman) that this deals specifically with adding meets to the calendar, and does not deal with sanctioning. (Ferreira second)

Amendment Vote: Unanimous approval

Vote: Motion passes

Resolution: 2020-21 SCY calendar will be pushed to the fall. Meets will be able to be added to the calendar after deadline.

Motion (Ferreira) to propose for GSI to propose to USAS HOD for a \$40 registration fee for next season (Hamborg second)

Discussion - USAS has said rate increases will be deferred for an additional year. Membership fees would stay the same, but USAS' cut would be only \$40, and the LSC would re-allocate to member clubs, or savings would be held onto by teams.

Called to question: Unanimous approval

Vote: Motion fails

Resolution: This issue can be directed to appropriate USAS committee without GSI BOD approval

Adjournment

Motion (Saltzman): To adjourn our meeting (Caldwell seconded)

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Resolution: Meeting adjourned at 10:23pm