

Minutes of the May 6, 2020 SCS Governance Committee

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by Chair Jeri Marshburn. In attendance were Jeri Marshburn, Cheryl Pearson, Phil Yoshida, Judi Divan and Joan Choi.

Jeri is looking into the Governance class on USA Swimming.

Jeri had Kim O'Shea amend the previous minutes to reflect that a former athlete can serve as an athlete member on a committee or boards for up to 10 years after last competition.

Phil Yoshida will be the chair of the governance subcommittee (Deanne Preyer, Mitch Gold, and Kevin Larsen are members). He will schedule a meeting and the subcommittee will start working on job definitions for those board positions that are elected this fall.

Jeri will be emailing Cami Stein and Kim O'Shea about the possibility of a virtual House of Delegates. Currently although some LSC's allow virtual voting, CA does not.

Cami Stein is meeting with the athletes and Joan trying to get better participation on standing committees. Goal is to get a senior and junior athlete rep on each committee. There needs to be a means of having an athlete carry over on each committee for continuity from year to year. Having other athletes participate in this way would relieve Joan from having to be on all committees.

Cheryl attended the Board/Leadership Webinar on 5/6.

Began discussion of Policies and Procedures (Rules section of Swim Guide), to be continued at the next meeting:

- (a) Glossary needs to distinguish in definition between an "Open Event" and an "Open Competition". There is confusion between the two terms.
- (b) P&P refer (mostly) to SCS. USA Swimming refers to Southern California Swimming as CA. Rules section should be modified to use CA or CA (SCS).
- (c) II.B.1 refers to individual and coach members of the "Corporation". There is no other occurrence of the term "Corporation" anywhere in the Rules section; this needs to be re-worded.
- (d) II.B.2 states "an SCS Coach member shall display his/her valid coach membership while on the deck at any SCS meet. SCS no longer distributes laminated coach (or official cards). It can be very difficult to tell who is and who is not an active coach without a visible ID. Right now we are dependent on Deck Pass. Committee in general agreement that SCS should return to use of laminated coach cards; if this is not a possibility, then this verbiage needs to be updated.
- (e) II.C.1.b Need clarification on who may approve sanctions. Suggestion to have a person paid for sanctioning responsibilities (not office staff); their responsibility would be to ensure clarity and continuity of wording over all sanctions submitted. This would relieve overburdening Executive Vice Chair who is now handling sanctions in addition to a large number of other responsibilities.
- (f) II.C.1.e Question on with deck-registrations (e.g., 2 x standard fee + \$15), where the money goes... Jeri felt that it went to the Travel Fund, but this should be better spelled out in the document.
- (g) II.C.5.j(1) Discussion of whether 5-8, 7-10 (etc) must be required to stay within a single age group when entering a meet. This is confusing to parents, requires manual intervention by admins, and is no longer (need to confirm?) a national requirement. Needs further discussion and should be brought up at a future Board meeting for discussion of pros and cons.
- (h) II.C.5.j(2) The verbiage "At the discretion of the Committee, competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats..." needs to be changed to simply state "Competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats..."

Began discussion of existing Bylaws.

- (a) Discussion regarding calling a special House of Delegates if "helpful or appropriate"; need to investigate when it's "helpful or appropriate" and who gets to make this decision.
- (b) There is a newer LSC bylaws template which was downloaded and emailed to committee members.

Meeting concluded at 5:45 pm The next Governance Committee meeting will tentatively be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 4 p.m.