



ZONE DIRECTORS' COUNCIL

Zone Directors' Council Meeting

April 21st, 2024 - Minutes

8 ET/5 PT- Zoom

"Serving as a connecting link in the USA Swimming Community to build awareness and trust through shared communication and education."

Present: Keith Moore, Zach Toothman (Co-Chairs), Savannah Gurley, Bob Staab, Jack Swanson, TJ Walsh, Gavin Formon, Jamie Platt, Megan Braman, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Bruno Darzi, Mike Dilli, Simran Jayasinghe, Joel Shinofield (Staff), Terry Jones (Staff), Pam Lowenthal (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Kathleen Prindle (BOD Liaison)

Absent: Jackson Fouras, Nicole Caruso, Jerry Adams, Ellery Parish

1. Additions to Agenda
2. Approval of Consent Agenda- **APPROVED**
3. Approval of March Minutes- **APPROVED**
4. Ongoing Business
 - a. Junior Officials Working Group Update

Zach provided an update regarding the Junior Officials Membership Category and the group will be working towards communication and engagement with LSCs this summer for a successful rollout and implementation this Fall.

- b. ZDC Operating Policy Update

The ZDC Operating Policy was approved by the BOD and will be located in the Operating Policy Manual per suggestion from Michelle and Legal.

- c. ZDC Board of Directors Report & BOD Meeting Discussion

Zach and Keith provided the ZDC Board of Directors written report to the council for review and input on the BOD meeting from those in virtual attendance.

5. New Business
 - a. ZDC Senior Zone Meet Legislation Sponsorship- Melissa & Bruno

Motion: ZDC to sponsor legislation regarding changes to senior zone meet as presented by Southern Zone Directors **FAILED** (4-5-1). ZDC will instead explore this idea with relevant

committees like AGD and SRD within Bob's Boots on the Ground Working Group, Zone & Sectional Meet Operations.

b. Block Party Discussion- Pam

Concerns raised about how the program was rolled out without good communication to ZDC and membership. Many questions remain about purpose, logistics, funding, etc.

ZDC can help disseminate information and improve communication to LSCs/clubs on new programs like this. But for this specific project, information is still too unknown.

Key will be understanding what communication processes staff wants from ZDC - conduit of info, promoting positions, etc.

6. "Boots on The Ground" Roundtable

Each working group lead provided an update since the March meeting when groups were established. All groups were working on an informational meeting and discussion to understand roles and areas of exploration.

7. Staff Updates- N/A

8. Zone Updates- N/A

9. Closed Session

The council went into closed session to discuss strategic measures and communication within the Zone Directors' Council for future longevity.

10. Adjournment