



## ZONE DIRECTORS' COUNCIL

### Zone Directors' Council Meeting

May 23rd, 2024 - Minutes

12 ET/9 PT- Zoom [Link](#)

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

Present: Zach Toothman, Keith Moore (Co-Chairs), Jamie Platt, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Bruno Darzi, Bob Staab, Savannah Gurley, TJ Walsh, Gavin Formon, Jackson Fouras, Mitch Gold, Beth Winkowski, Jane Grosser (Staff), Tim Husson, Pam Lowenthal (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Kathleen Prindle (BOD Liaison)

Absent: Jack Swanson, Jerry Adams, Nicole Caruso, Megan Braman, Simran Jayasinghe, Mike Dilli

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

Zach provided an update on the Junior Officials membership category launching September 1st. In July and August there will be communication and engagement to all LSCs specifically officials and registrars to be best prepared with the new category.

5. New Business
  - a. 2024 HOD Zone Delegates Submissions

All HOD delegates are due to Michelle Steinfield, Denise Thomas, and Ellery Parish by July 15th. A zone director cannot be assigned votes as a member of the ZDC and in their LSC. Their LSC votes must be reassigned to an appropriate delegate in their LSC.

- b. ZDC Timeline & Annual Calendar

The ZDC strategy task force presented a graphic detailing an annual calendar for the ZDC to operate on in order to be successful and operational over the calendar year. Discussion surrounding monthly meetings to obtain the highest attendance was discussed with the plan to continue using Doodle polls with the expectation of meetings to be taking place around the 3rd Sunday of the month with the exception during championship season.

c. Further Block Party Discussion

Keith presented further discussion surrounding the Block Party competition category based on information from the Western Zone meeting earlier in the month.

6. "Boots on The Ground" Roundtable

All groups reported that meetings were scheduled for the month of June and that full report assessments will be distributed to the ZDC for the month of August before the Annual Business Meeting and Zone Elections.

7. Staff Updates- N/A

8. Zone Updates- N/A

9. Closed Session

The Council went into closed session to further discuss ZDC strategy for the benefit of operation with the NGB.

10. Adjournment- Meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm ET