



ZONE DIRECTORS' COUNCIL

Zone Directors' Council Meeting

March 19, 2023 - Notes

7:00 ET/5:00 MT via Zoom

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

Present: Zach Toothman (Co-Chair), Tim Husson (Co-Chair), Jay Chambers, Ellery Parish, Michael White, Savannah Gurley, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Megan Braman, Nicole Caruso, Gavin Formon, TJ Walsh, Nate Chessey, Keith Moore, Simran Jayasinghe, Mike Dilli, Pam Lowenthal, Ryan Gibson

Absent: Jack Swanson, Bruno Darzi, Dana Skelton, Terry Jones, Beth Winkowski, Jackson Fouras, Mitch Gold, Jane Grosser, Jerry Adams

Guests: Kathleen Prindle (BoD), Eric Stimson (Staff)

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 MT by Zach Toothman and the agenda was approved as submitted.

1. ZDC Minutes/Note Taking

ZDC meetings will now be recorded using meeting minutes, rather than video recordings.

2. ZDC Board Member Representative Update

Kathleen Prindle will serve as the ZDC liaison to the Board of Directors, to help support the council and serve as a connection between the ZDC and BoD. The overall opinion of the council was to continue with this role as is, and to not start the process to formally add the position to the bylaws, unless needed.

3. SWIMS 3.0 Discussion

Eric Stimson was present to answer questions about SWIMS 3.0. The first point of discussion was what features would be added next and in what order. Stimson informed the council that OME would most likely be next, towards the end of March/early April, as well as the catalog being reorganized in LME to be more accessible. Other features being implemented soon included behind the scenes features, such as an improved data warehouse for better reporting, and evolution to IMX reporting. Another point of discussion was regarding post meet upload and how to determine why times would be in a holding tank and not uploaded. This issue should be remedied due to a recent change of ID matching. The issue of relays not loading in SWIMS 3.0 was also discussed, relays should

load if all four athletes are cleared. The council was also informed that top ten reporting can be run, however they are still missing certificates, which will be brought up in the near future. Any issues with the system should be directed towards Stimson via email or phone call and checking in to LSC leader calls will give the most recent updates. Another question asked, which was raised by coaches, was when the individual time search will be fixed. This is very close to being fully functioning, but has made great progress since the initial launch of SWIMS 3.0.

4. USAS Workshop Discussion

Ryan Gibbons reminded the council that any proposed legislation for the must be submitted by March 31st. At the USAS Workshop, the ZDC will have 30-45 minutes during the Friday lunch hour to meet. An agenda will be sent the Sunday before the Workshop, so any changes may be submitted beforehand. ZARC will meet to discuss LSC check-ins and any recurring areas from these check-ins to focus support to the LSCs. There was also discussion on the individual zone meetings. The Eastern Zone will have an informal meeting at the workshop, with no formal agenda. The Southern Zone will be meeting, with some important points of discussion to introduce, an update on athlete check-ins, and some discussion from their advisors. The Western Zone will be meeting with an agenda, including reports and a Policy and Procedure proposal, with a follow up meeting on Sunday to discuss any questions. The Central Zone will be meeting virtually before the workshop to discuss business such as meet bids, and will conduct general business and voting at ABM. Zach Toothman reminded the council to receive any important feedback from their zones to bring back to the ZDC when they convene post workshop.

5. Staff Updates

Both Jay Chambers and Nate Chessey expressed their enthusiasm about the place the sport is at right now and their excitement over the performances by athletes in the past few weeks. Team services will be attending various sectional meets across the country.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Zach Toothman at 5:51 MT.