

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee Minutes

June 20, 2023 Virtual Meeting

Present: Nicole Caruso, Brad Craig, Jimmy Feigen, Josie Uerling, Maria Davila, Joe Finke, Suzanne Heath, Ellen Johnston, Derek Paul, Robert Pearson, Taylor Rogers, Kathleen Scandary, Herb Schwab, Matt Wilson, Sid Cassidy, Christina Fox, Clark Hammond, Greg Lockard, Sandy Searcy, Michelle Steinfeld, Courtney Intra

Absent: Olivia Carter, Sarah Gibson, Katrina Konopka, Kaersten Meitz, Brendan McHugh, Julia Milner, Rachel Stratton-Mills, Eddie Hughes, Carol Zaleski

Guests: Beth Winkowski, Julie Bachman, Jim Peterfish, Travis Sandifer, Virginia Nussbaum

Call to Order: Committee Chair Derek Paul called the June 20, meeting of the Rules and Regulations Committee to order at 1:31 PM ET.

Agenda: Legislative Review

Discussion:

- Mr. Paul began the meeting by reading the Mission of USA Swimming and the Rules and Regulations Committee
- A quorum was established with 14 voting members present
- Motion to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2023 meeting. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve that the Chair may interpret rules between committee meetings. Approved unanimously.
- The committee discussed its nominations for voting members of the USA Swimming House of Delegates in September 2023. The group selected the following voting delegates: Maria Davila, Herb Schwab, Suzanne Heath, Matt Wilson. Michelle Steinfeld is going to email Julia Milner to ask if she will agree to be a voting delegate for the committee as a two-year athlete.
- Mr Paul led a discussion of each individual item included in the legislative packet:
 - o R-10: Reviewed proposed LSC By-law language defining an Athlete Representative. Motion to Propose to HOD (Motion-Maria Davila, Second-Taylor Rogers) Approved unanimously. Motion to approve (Motion-Maria Davila, Second-Taylor Rogers) Unanimous.
 - o R-5. Review with minor edits. Motion to approve (Motion-Ellen Johnston, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.
 - o R-7, Motion to approve adoption of R-7. (Motion-Suzanne Heath, Second-Taylor Rogers) Adopted unanimously
 - o R-9. Ginny Nussbaum presented rationale and reasoning for R-9 to the group. Ginny entertained questions from the group. Motion to table R-9 and send back to the group for additional wordsmithing. (Motion-Taylor Rogers, Second-Suzanne Heath) Unanimously approved (Note: Kathleen Scandary suggested a working group would meet at USA Nationals to work on current minimum standards)
 - o HK1-HK14. Considered as omnibus. Motion to approve adoption of HK1-14. (Motion-Taylor Rogers, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.
 - o HK 15-HK17. Considered as an omnibus. Motion to approve adoption of HK 15-HK17. (Motion-Herb Schwab, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.
 - o HK18-HK19. Motion to approve adoption of HK 18-HK19. (Motion-Nicole Caruso, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.
 - o HK20. Motion to approve adoption of HK 20. (Motion-Taylor Rogers, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.
 - o HK21. Discussion about backstroke rule change Motion to approve adoption of HK 21. (Motion-Bob Pearson, Second-Suzanne Heath) Adopted unanimously.

- Discussion about merging LSCs.
- Discussion about HOD meeting start time to accommodate western zones and athletes.
- Review of proposed calendar, with consideration to add a meeting one week before HOD meeting.

Adjournment: Mr. Paul adjourned the June 20th, 2023, meeting of the Rule and Regulations Committee at 3:41PM ET.