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LSC Development Committee
***Special Meeting Minutes**
April 28, 2020 5:00pm PST/8:00pm EST

1. Welcome: Shelly opened the meeting at the top of the hour by reading the Mission Statement
Attendance: **Bold indicates present: Shelly Rawding (Chair), Julie Bachman, Bob Crundstedt, Wade Heggie, Kim O'Shea, Annika Ruehlicke (athlete), Jake Simmons (athlete), Eric Stimson, Paul Thompson, Kile Zeller, Jessica Cooper, (LSC Governance Consultant), Cherita Gentilucci (LSC Governance Consultant), Jane Grosser (Staff Liaison).**
2. Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.
3. Kudos & Announcements. The best thing seen/heard this week?
 - Kile recounted his encounter with dolphins during an ocean swim today.
 - Shout out to the LSC Development committee and LSC Services from Joel Shinofield acknowledging the work done with LSCs has made a difference in crafting the USA Swimming Grant program.
 - Bob shared that 4 standout swimmers from different Minnesota teams created a YouTube link illustrating their connection during this crazy time.
 - Kim shared a story from Southern California- coach Bruce Furness was saved from a cardiac arrest and his team did a 200-car drive by to wish him well.
 - Congratulations to Annika who officially finished her freshman year in college!
4. April 21 [minutes](#) were approved as presented.
5. Update from Friday's BOD meeting – Jane shared 4 items that were passed by the BOD on Friday.
 - USA Swimming passed \$1,000,000 grant program for USA Swimming teams. This will be phase one of the program. Teams are eligible to apply for up to \$5,000. The program is similar to the disaster relief program of the past. Applications will be available later this week for teams to apply. This will be phase one of the relief programs. The question was asked if LSCs are still able to contribute funds to the foundation that would be earmarked for teams in their own LSC. Jane will clarify this and report back.
 - 2021 USA Swimming membership fee: Membership year will extend from June 1, 2020 and be valid through December 31, 2021. Anyone joining this summer will not have to renew again after September 1.
 - Seasonal Memberships expiring after March 31, 2020 will be extended up to 150 days to August 31, 2020 until December 31, 2020
 - Flex membership changes approved by the BOD in January are now applicable to the 2022 membership year (registrations beginning September 1, 2021).

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- USA Swimming will host a membership town hall that will air next week- questions that were submitted from the coach's roundtable group will be answered in a webinar format.
 - Jake asked about the sunsetting of the AEC and using operation gold athletes for national committees versus the current structure. He indicated the AEC was in the process of communicating with BOD members to make them aware of the benefit of all a well-rounded athlete opinion within committees. He was asked to report back next week on any further information he found.
 - Convention is still planned for September in Jacksonville, FL. If hotel is unable to accommodate, plan B, C, etc. will be determined. There are some LSCs reporting that they will not send anyone or reduce the number of delegates they send to convention; nothing has been confirmed in this area.
 - There will be more than 30 M people unemployed more than in the great depression (%wise), recovery will be a long slow road back and LSCs and teams will have to be super creative and think of new ways to compete which doesn't put stress on families.
6. LSC's that need communications assistance: LSC Consultants will follow up with the LSCs that seem to be flying under the radar; Border, New Mexico, Arkansas, North Dakota. The committee doesn't want to look back at some point and realize a few LSCs fell through the cracks.
7. LSC Support documents:
1. A return to Competition tab was added to the LSC Program Support Document –to enable LSC's to post plans and ideas in one place for all to share. Kile mentioned an idea posted during last week's LSC Leaders call: having all swimmers wear snorkels during practice to avoid breathing on each other as they pass in the lane. Jane will pass this on to Mick and Sue Nelson for their input.
 2. Lobbying efforts in LSC's: There are several LSCs asking USA Swimming for "official statements" regarding re-opening procedures, safety guidelines for practice numbers, etc. They hope to use official information along with their local efforts to persuade pools to open and allow their teams to conduct practice. USA Swimming is working on a document; however, it is not ready to be published yet. It will contain language for safe operations, a list of questions to guide the process of re-opening safely, expectations for parents regarding practice schedules, coemption level etc. as well as pool layout graphics showing different ways to space out swimmers in various pool layouts. Mick and Sue Nelson are also running a webinar on May 4th at 10am MDT, to cover some of these items.
 3. It was suggested that the materials posted on the USA Swimming website be culled and organized in a way to allow new LSC leaders to get up to speed with resources. It was agreed that there is so much info in there now, a person seeing it for the first time would be overwhelmed.
8. Closing: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm PDT.

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

May 5, 2020 - Zoom Call – 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

May 12 - Zoom Call – 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

May 19 – Zoom Call – 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

May 26, 2020 - Zoom Call - 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

June 23, 2020 – Zoom Call - 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

July 28, 2020 – Zoom Call - 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

August 25, 2020 – Zoom Call - 5pm PDT/8pm EDT

September 23, 2020 (Wednesday) Business meeting TBD in Jacksonville?