

Connecticut Swimming Program Development Meeting

Minutes of April 15, 2014

7:30 pm Teleconference Call

Attendance:

Present: Jeff Scobee, Dave Laudati, Garret Mazzioti, Maddie Snow, Jim Robison, Kaeley Steinnagel, Dave Reilly, Henk Jansen

Absent: Matt Hurst, Coral McNary, Mark Kinne, Mark Sedlak, Randy Erlenbach, Josh Furth

Call to Order

Meeting called to order @ 7:39 PM

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Henk: Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2014 meeting of Program Development, seconded, no discussion, approved.

Committee Reports

Senior Committee

No report – Randy was ill. However, in subsequent emails with respect to recommendations suggested to the SR Committee, Randy will raise for consideration, the following modifications for Senior Championships during the April 23rd CSI BOD meeting:

- A full 4 day meet
- Eliminate the bonus final
- Swim fastest 2 seeded relay heats at finals – all others at preliminaries
- Eliminate the 200 free and 200 medley relay events
- Eliminate non-conforming time standards (i.e. only LCM)

Age Group Committee

Dave Reilly waived additional comment beyond the broader topic on the agenda relating to meet management options for championship meets given Wesleyan facilities restrictions.

Technical Planning Committee

Henk reviewed a proposal for a Senior Circuit designed to promote Senior swimming in CT by tracking individual and team scoring over a series of meets. The meets would be conducted in a format similar to the existing Senior Invitational (which would be part of the series) and feature a Grand Prix type scoring system. The series would include the Senior Championship meet and would offer awards to cumulative as well as meet high point winners, individually. The bid process for awarding meets would be managed by the Senior Committee. An optional afternoon qualifier format could be used provided that session concluded prior to the scheduled time for the finals session. Teams would be given awards for high point at individual meets. The idea has the support of the Senior Committee and would be implemented in coordination with Program Operations. The recommendation would be for a two-year experimental period. Additionally, the recommendation includes a request to restrict meets offered to 13/O swimmers with qualifying times at or better than the SR Circuit standards.

Since any restriction of access to CSI meets would be considered a change in policy – this portion of the recommendation will need to be reviewed and approved by the CSI Board of directors. It was agreed that the proposal would be moved to the May PD meeting for additional consideration.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Dave Laudati, reported that he is looking for other teams to come forward in hosting the “Make a Splash” event. He will be promoting the idea at the upcoming House of Delegates meeting May.

Old Business

- Custom time procedures and standards review is tabled until a future meeting (May)

New Business

An in depth discussion of potential options to the conduct of Championship meets at the Wesleyan facility in light of recent capacity restrictions was held. Dave Reilly provided swimmer counts and session totals from previous championships, which indicate that some modification would be necessary to meet the new guidelines. The committee discussed numerous ideas that ranging from alternate venues to increased time standards. It was agreed that these ideas should be considered for inclusion in the structure of future championship meets and particularly for the SC season. However, to satisfy the requirements and to initially honor the existing structure of the meets, the committee agreed to propose simple modifications for the

upcoming LC season championship meets. A general concept is to provide the maximum amount of time for the meet management/referee to make modifications to sessions and conduct of the meet. Establishing a meet entry date with adequate planning time (not to exclude a late qualifier date) is critical. Session entries will be used to determine the need to add additional sessions either by age and/or gender. It was also pointed out that coach/swimmer ratios could be adjusted on a sliding scale based on the number of swimmers entered in the session.

Additionally, following meet specific recommendations were offered for consideration:

Seniors

- Option for flighted sessions based on entry level
- Conduct relays at the conclusion of preliminary sessions
- Limit the number of finals heats to Championship/Consolation

Age Groups

- Option for sessions by age group/gender
- Eliminate relay only swimmers for 13/O
- Allow 1 relay only swimmer for 12/U

Regionals

- Option for sessions by age group/gender
- Add an additional session at an alternative venue

Announcements

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, second, motion approved for adjournment at 9:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Jeff Scobee, Chair