

**Connecticut Swimming
Program Development Meeting
Minutes of December 15, 2011
7:30 pm Teleconference Call**

In Attendance: Jeff Gray (Chair) Dave Reilly, John Spadafina, Kaz Takabayashi, Ty Seymour, Kaeley Steinnagel, Bill Ball

Absent: George Bradner, Tak Takabayashi, Lexi Koukos, Mark Kinne, Molly Condron

Also in Attendance: Nan Cooper

Meeting called to order @ 7: 37 PM.

- **Approval of Agenda:** motion made to approve; second; motion approved for the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2011 :** motion made to approve, second; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Senior Committee

- The Committee met to review and further discuss proposed format changes for the 2012 Senior Championship. They have finalized the logistical questions with Wesleyan, and will therefore plan to conduct both prelims and finals in the long course format. Meet announcement details are forthcoming.

Age Group Committee

- Committee met on Wednesday December 14 via teleconference, at which time the agenda items were be 2012 SC Regional Time Standards, Zone Policy Revisions, and review of SC Age Group Championship challenges.
- The Committee was going to recommend the identification of a second site for the 2012 Age Group Championships that could accommodate some of the age groups for prelims, but this has not worked out for this coming short course season. The committee believes that the revised time standards will relieve much of the pressure on deck crowding. The 2012 meet will therefore be conducted in a similar fashion as last year. They remain interested in using two sites in the future to further alleviate pressure, and will be pursuing this.
- Regional Time Standards were approved.
- Reviewed the meet announcement. Ready to propose necessary changes.

Technical Planning Committee

- Committee met via teleconference on December 6 2011, at which time the agenda items were LC Regional Championship Challenges, and long range planning for swimming calendar.

Old Business:

- **2012 Regional Championship Minimum Time Standards:** 2012 SC Regional Championship Minimum Time Standards were reviewed and approved at the AG Committee meeting. Motion made to approve, second; motion approved passing 2012 SC Regional Championship Minimum Time Standards
- **2012 SC Championship Meet Announcements:** proposed changes to SC meet announcements were reviewed.
 - **Senior Championship Meet Announcement:** has decided on the format for the **March Senior Championship** meet, and proposed that it be long course for both prelims and finals. Finals proposed to consist of 3 heats of 8 swimmers each. Appropriate changes will be made to the wording (SCY vs LCM, and event length) and housekeeping items (dates, etc). Event line up will be determined in the next week; Senior Committee hopes to mirror Speedo Eastern Zone event line up, but if it is not available in the next week they will go with the same line up that was used last March. Motion made to approve, second; motion approved passing 2012 Senior Championship meet announcement changes.
 - **Age Group Meet Announcement:** the committee wanted to pursue the strategy outlined in the report section above, but could not identify a second venue. Regarding the Age Group Championship meet announcement, the proposed changes involve the revised time standards which were previously approved, changing 2 relay entries to 3 relay entries (with the exception of the 800 relay events which will remain as 1 entry), reinforced language regarding late qualifiers and corrections deadline, and the usual housekeeping items involving dates, times, etc. Lengthy discussion ensued about the deadline for morning scratches, with focus on the different warm up sessions. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to implement the proposed changes note above, modify the housekeeping items, and permit the PD Chair, Age Group Chair and CSI administrator the latitude to determine the most appropriate scratch deadlines for the meet, that would most closely meet the various needs expressed related to swimmers, coaches and meet management. Motion made to approve, second; motion approved passing 2012 SC Age Group meet announcement changes.

New Business:

- Time deadline for CSI championship entries: discussed; no changes made.
- LC Regional Championship meet configuration: discussion on this ensued; we are waiting on availability of sites; we hope to offer 6 sites (3 - 12/U, 3 - 13/O); if we are not able to offer 6, we will offer 5 sites (3 - 12/U, 2 - 13/O), keeping the time standards as is;

worst case, if facility availability is severely restricted, we will go to 4 sites (2 - 12/U, 2 - 13/O) with modified time standards. Resolution needed within the week.

- LC Schedule Meet Formats for LC 2012 bidding: PD suggests that PO open bids without imposed formats for 2012 LC season, with the exception of the Senior Invite, but seeks to entertain written proposals for specific formats for designated weekends for 2013. PD wishes to encourage that PO request that teams sponsor Friday night sessions for LC meets.

Motion to adjourn; second, motion approved for adjournment at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by Jeff Gray, Chair