

DRAFT Age Group Committee Meeting
Minutes, November 6, 2013

In Attendance: Mark Sedlak, Jim Robison, Kait Moss, George Mile, Dan Mascolo, Rick Lewis, King Lee,
Jason Cochran, Ty Seymour, Dave Reilly

Absent: None

Visitors: Jeff Scobee, Kaeley Steinnagel

Meeting was called to order at 8:36.

Zone Criteria Committee (Mark, Kait, Jim) will make a report at the Dec. 2 meeting.

Ty Seymour gave a presentation regarding tee shirt design for the SCY Age Group Championships. The Athlete Committee is to run a contest through the end of November, inviting athletes to submit designs for an end of November selection by the Athlete Committee. A large portion of communicating this to the athletes will be by the use of the CSI Twitter account and Facebook. Undecided was whether only a winning design would be selected or one or two runner-up designs would also be selected. The Age Group Committee agreed to fund the cost of the awards for the designs, \$100, the funding to come from the AGC meet revenue. The motion to award the athlete committee with the responsibility of tee shirt design, to be arrived at by an LSC athlete contest, with up to \$100 in prize money was unanimously passed.

The 2014 Age Group Championship meet announcement was reviewed for changes and modifications. Jim Robison, Program Operations, presented a page by page review of edits with respect to Program Operations. Language was added or changed for purpose of clarity and/or expanding critical content. Upon completion of Jim's presentation, the committee then again reviewed the document for content changes pertaining to the conduct of the meet, including updating appropriate dates and deadlines. Highlights to these changes are the intent to conduct all Friday through Sunday preliminaries in a single 10 lane course with Finals being as well conducted in a 10 lane course, with all scoring being 1 – 20 place; the 1000 and 1650 Freestyles will be reciprocal with regards to qualifying, swimmers qualifying for one will automatically be allowed to swim the other; and fees for manual entries were re adjusted to read \$7 entry fee per event per swimmer, instead of \$7 entry fee per swimmer. A motion to accept the SCY Age Group Championship meet announcement, as modified by Program Ops and Age Group Committee members, was passed unanimously.

The SCY 2014 Regional Championships underwent initial discussion, specific to desired changes and modifications, based on the 2013 meet experiences. Time lines from the 5 meets were briefly reviewed, showing all Sunday sessions from all 5 meets were consistently longer than sessions on Saturday, more so than Sunday's 1650s could explain away. George Miles and Dave Reilly were asked to take an in-depth look at the issue, hopefully finding solutions that will create a more balanced program. This will include looking at event order changes and the possible need to modify time standards. They are to report back at the Dec. 2 meeting with recommendations, with the goal that the AG Committee will finalize time standards and the meet announcement for SCY Regionals at that time.

The meeting concluded with a good 30 minutes of discussion regarding the scheduling of the LC Age Group Championships and the LC Regional Championships. The only available dates at Wesleyan for the two meets are July 10 – 13 and July 31 – August 3. These dates however used by the two meets cause undesired consequences of varying degrees. The discussion was vibrant and creative with many ideas

put forth with respect to what the best solutions would be. One suggestion that will be brought to next week's PD meeting is to host a "town meeting" or two for CSI's swimming community on this issue. This item will again be included on the committee's Dec. 2 agenda, were it is hoped that the scope of potential solutions will be narrowed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted by Dave Reilly