

**Connecticut Swimming
Program Development Meeting
Minutes of January 24 2012
Orange Community Center 7:30 pm**

In Attendance: Jeff Gray (Chair) Dave Reilly, John Spadafina, Kaeley Steinnagel, Bill Ball, George Bradner, Mark Kinne, Molly Condron,

Absent: Tak Takabayashi, Lexi Koukos, Kaz Takabayashi, Ty Seymour

Also in Attendance: none

Meeting called to order @ 7:40 PM.

- **Approval of Agenda:** motion made to approve; second; motion approved for the agenda.
- **Approval of Minutes for December 15, 2011 :** motion made to approve, second; motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Senior Committee

- The Committee met to for final review of the proposed format changes for the 2012 Senior Championship and approval of the final meet announcement, which reflected all changes and logistical edits.
- 2012 LC Senior Invite discussed, and time standards were reviewed and approved for this meet, along with bonus event criteria.
- 2012 LC Senior Open time standards were reviewed and approved; will remain same as 2011.

Age Group Committee

- Committee met to review of SC Age Group Championship details, and Zone Coaching.
- Mark Kinne was selected as the Head Zone coach for 2012 SC and LC Zones.

Technical Planning Committee

- Committee had to cancel meeting due to pool challenges in East Hartford.
- Discussion ensued about the proposal to schedule a meet at UConn on the weekend of the Senior Invite, June 14-17. After considerable discussion among the coaches present from all three committees, which delved into various issues including timing, the desire to compliment and not compete with the Senior Invite, and other matters, the following motion was made: Program Development requests that Program Operations reserve the weekend of June 14-17 for a 14U trials/finals meet with cap times that would be set just

below the COT for the Senior Invite. Motion made to approve, seconded, motion approved.

- Note: there was an understanding in the discussion that it may be too late in the cycle to make this request of Program Operations; if this turned out to be the case, the members of PD simply wanted to make their desires known and to encourage a move in this direction if possible.

Old Business:

- **Zone Policy:** no further updates on the editing process of the revised policy, other than the confirmation of the eligibility criteria. Age Group Committee to review policy presentation, make final edits and present to PD for approval.

New Business:

- 2012 LC Senior Championship time standards. Motion made to approve with no changes from 2011, second, motion approved.
- 2012 LC Regional Championship 13/18 Minimum Time Standards: Age Group Committee to review and bring back to Program Development for approval in February.
- Coach of the Year Proposal: introduced by John Spadafina. Lengthy discussion ensued, with general consensus emerging around the following points: the COY process needs to be strengthened in many respects, the proposed criteria is a good start and should be considered and used in some form to identify nominees from among the coaching community, the proposed criteria should not become the sole criteria for identification of worthy nominees, the criteria should not be viewed as a substitute for nominations from coaches of peers who are considered worthy candidates but who may not meet this proposed criteria, the Age Group and Senior Committees can assist in fine tuning the process and in identifying peers who are considered worthy candidates in any given year. The criteria and process to be further vetted, and brought back to PD for further discussion at upcoming meetings.

Agenda items for February under Old Business to include:

- Zone Policy
- 2012 LC Regional Championship 13/18 Minimum Time Standards
- COY Proposal

Motion to adjourn; second, motion approved for adjournment at 8:57 PM.