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Connecticut Swimming Program Development Meeting

Minutes of November 12, 2013

7:30 pm Teleconference Call

Attendance:

Present: Jeff Scobee, Randy Erlenbach, Dave Reilly, Jim Robison, Garret Mazzioti, Henk Jansen, Kaeley Steinnagel

Absent: Matt Hurst, Maddie Snow, Josh Furth, Coral McNary, Mark Kinne, Dave Laudati; Mark Sedlak

Call to Order

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 PM

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and approved with no changes

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Henk: Approve the minutes from the October 10, 2013 meeting of Program Development, seconded, no discussion, approved.

Committee Reports

Senior Committee

Randy reported that the SR Committee reviewed the short course Senior Championship Meet Announcement and incorporated minor language revisions. A discussion ensued around the changes. Jim noted that language to clarify photography on deck is required.

Motion by Randy: Approve the 2014 Senior Championship Meet Announcement as proposed by the Senior Committee and as amended by language to clarify photography on deck, seconded, approved.

In response to a request for more detail and a formal proposal from the Senior Committee with respect to the financial viability of the LC Senior Invitational, Randy presented the prior year's revenue and expense from the meet. While the meet included a reasonable profit for the combined trials/finals and qualifier sessions –the amount of entries were approximately 1/3 too large for a successful meet. If entries are reduced by that amount the profit level would not be comparable with other events and make the meet less desirable for bid.

A discussion ensued on the merits of the meet, options to make it financially viable. The consensus view is that the meet is a valuable part of the CT Senior program. The committee reviewed the financials and suggested that consideration be given to increasing the splash fees to be consistent with other meets and look at other ways to manage expenses and that the profitability would be attractive to potential hosts.

Age Group Committee

Dave Reilly reported that the Age Group Committee reviewed the SC Age Group Championship Meet Announcement and recommended a number of changes to clarify the procedures, incorporate revised time standards and revise the scoring to accommodate a ten lane pool configuration (i.e. scoring to 20 points). After extensive review of time lines the AGC believes that a ten-lane course configuration could be used for all sessions (preliminaries and finals). This change will improve the ability to staff all positions (e.g. officials and meet support), focus the attention on one pool and allow more athletes the opportunity to score points.

Motion by Randy: *Approve the 2014 Age Group Championship Meet Announcement as proposed by the Age Group Committee and as amended by language to clarify photography on deck, seconded, no discussion, approved.*

Dave noted that the AGC needed more time to review the Regional Championship Meet Announcement. The PD agreed to hold a special review and approval process following the AGC Meeting on December 6, 2013.

Technical Planning Committee

Henk reported that the TPC had covered a number of topics at their recent meetings including Age appropriate swimming, team registration fees, CT Senior circuit and pool deck safety. Additionally, the TPC addressed a concern that the CSI surcharge % charged to meet hosts is too high and should be reduced in order to further incent the teams that host meets and hold down splash fees for swimmers. The underlying assertion is that these teams are disproportionately adding value to CT Swimming by hosting meets and that the surcharge should be established at a level to incent their continued involvement. The TPC worked with the Finance Committee to analyze historical trends in meets and surcharges collected – relative to the overall budget surplus.

Motion by Henk: *recommend to the CSI BOD that the Short Course (SC) surcharge be reduced from 25% to 20% and the Long Course (LC) surcharge be reduced from 15% to 10% and to eliminate the surcharge for 8/Under and 9/Under meets starting with the Long Course season 2014, seconded, further discussion; approved (with one opposed).*

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

No report

Old Business

- Set LC Championship Season Dates

The AGC is considering multiple options. This item was tabled until the January meeting.

- July 10-13th – *Senior Championship preferred date*
- July 17th-20th
- July 31st-Aug 3rd
- July 24th-27th (*Eastern Zones Super Sectionals*)
- August 6th-9th (*Eastern Zones All Star*) – entry deadline July 31

New Business

Announcements

None

Adjournment

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

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Jeff Scobee, Chair