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Connecticut Swimming Senior Committee

Minutes

September 28, 2010

Senior Committee Chair Bob Shearer call the meeting to order at High Plains Community Center in Orange, CT at 7:40pm

Present: Bob Shearer, Bill Ball, Rob Riccobon, Sean Farrell, Randy Erlenbach

Not Present: Richard Ludemann

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was unanimously approved

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the June 2010 minutes was tabled till the November meeting as the committee is having trouble obtaining those minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Athlete of the Year

Candidates for the Athlete of the Year award were discussed and based on the requirements listed by CT Swimming policy. Rob Riccobon made a motion the make Christian Higgins of the Wilton Y Wahoos the 2010 CT Swimming Athlete of the Year. Motion was seconded by Sean Farrell. Motion was passed 5-0

Athlete Travel

Sean Farrell made a motion to approve the Athlete Travel expenses as they were presented to the committee. Motion was seconded by Randy Erlenbach. Motion was passed 5-0

Summer Senior Championship Dates

Rob Riccobon made a motion to hold the 2011 CT Senior Championships July 14-17, 2011. The motion was seconded by Randy Erlenbach. Following a lengthy discussion it was determined by the committee that the championships be held July 14-17, 2011 for all Sectional Qualifiers and National Qualifiers to have a prep meet for those championships and proper amount of time following that meet to recover and allow those athletes the best opportunity to perform at those meets. Motion was passed 5-0

New Business

Short Course Senior Championship Meet Format

The following motions were made to change the CT Short Course Senior Championship

Motion #1: Randy Erlenbach made a motion to have the order of events at the CT Short Course Senior Champion to mirror the order of events at the Speedo Sectional Championship. Motion was seconded by

Rob Riccobon. Following a lengthy discussion it was determined by the committee that mirroring the Sectional meet order of events would best prepare the Senior athletes in CT for the next level. Motion was passed 5-0

Motion # 2: Sean Farrell made a motion the 400IM and 500 Free (now the last events on the days they are competed) be swum top four heats of the women, then the top four heats of the men, Swum slow to fast, Following those heats all remaining heats will be swum fast to slow alternating women the men. The committee discussion determined that this format, which mirrors that of the national level meets, is in the best interest of the athletes involved and will allow for the best performances in finals for those top athletes. Motion was passed 5-0

Motion # 3: Sean Farrell made a motion the format the finals of all prelim/Finals events as follows:

Three Heats (Top 22) will return for finals and will be swum in the following format;

C Final-Athletes 14-22

B Final-Athletes 5-13

A Final (Super Final)-Athletes 1-4

The committee discussion determined that something needed to be done to create faster swimming in both the prelims and finals. Having an A Final of only 4 athletes and returning 2 fewer athletes than in the past will create much faster performances in the prelim session. With the meet still being score to 16th place it was also determined that the B Final, with such a range of points to be scored between 5th and 13th place would create better racing in finals and with the top 4 places in the C Final scoring points would create more value and competition in that heat as well. Motion was passed 5-0

Short Course Senior Championship Meet announcement

It was determined with all the necessary changes needed to be made to the Short Course Senior Championship Meet announcement that further discussion was tabled until the next Senior Committee meeting.

LSC Dual Meet/Joint Competition

A lengthy discussion about future Joint competitions with other LSC's determined that the committee would prefer a Senior Circuit of meets would be in the best interest. It was also determined that an LSC Dual Meet would be a very difficult task to arrange and would not be as beneficial to the athletes as a Senior Circuit would be. Bob Shearer volunteered to contact other Senior Chairs to discuss further. Further discussion was tabled until the next Senior Committee meeting.

Short Course Senior Championship Time Standards

Rob Riccobon made a motion to have the Short Course Senior Championship Time Standards remain the same. Sean Farrell seconded the motion. Discussion determined that this past seasons short course meet was a manageable size and no changes were needed to the time standards. Motion was passed 5-0

Next Meeting

Next Senior Meeting will be via conference call at 8pm on Tuesday November 16, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ball

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