

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**Technical Planning Committee**  
**Via Conference Call**  
**January 6, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnson, Kevin Cullinan, Omar Cruz, Dave Riley (invited guest)

Not Present: Kaeley Steinnagel, Mike Ferraro, Garrett Mazziotti

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Henk Jansen called the meeting to order at 7:48p

**APPROVAL of AGENDA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Announced, surcharge reduction proposal passed at the last BOD meeting.

**New Business**

- CT Swimming's Regional bid process.
  - ✓ All in agreement that Facility i.e, lanes, pool, deck space, locker room, parking, and spectator space should be considered when deciding the Regional locations.
  - ✓ All in agreement that location and areas of the state in need of more than one Regional meet should be taken into consideration.
  - ✓ All agreed that most officials should NOT be the deciding factor in choosing Regional locations.
    - Teams with the minimum requirement for Officials should get equal considered as a Team with an overabundance of officials.
  - ✓ Agree with current criteria that experience with meet hosting is important but, NOT just experience hosting "Championship meets" considering Regionals is the only opportunity in CT to host a "Championship" meets.
  - ✓ All in agreement that being a previous host of Regionals is important.
- All Regional sights with equal length sessions regardless of number of lanes.
  - ✓ All in agreement that each Regional meets should be equal in session length.
    - If the 8 lane pool has a 3.5 hour session so should the 6 lane facilities.
  - ✓ Safety of the swimmer is paramount and is first and foremost in making this decision.
    - Overcrowded warm-up sessions and deck can cause unsafe situations.
  - ✓ All in agreement that Regionals is a Championship meet for many kids and CT Swim should do their best to choose facilities and host Teams that can offer the best possible meet for the swimmers of CT Swimming.
- Revenue sharing amongst Regional hosts with 8 lanes and 6 lanes.
  - ✓ All in agreement with the current criteria for revenue sharing. "No revenue or cost sharing between hosts will be provided."
    - Only one person on the call has hosted a SC Regional meet.
- Henk is charged with rewriting the Regional Bid selection procedure based on the above discussions.
- 2 venues for Age Groups.

- ✓ All in agreement that it is a great idea if a facility can be found in a location that is in close proximity to Wesleyan (or wherever the other facility is located), with enough lanes, deck space, parking to provide the best possible Championship meet experience for all.
- ✓ The following sidebar discussions were started. To get 11/12's a morning session and considering Wesleyan restrictions.
  - Maybe time for 15/overs to be eliminated from Age Groups.
  - Capping 15-18 times.
  - Discussion tabled for another meeting and another time.

>>>>Thanks to Dave Riley for all the helpful insight and data on the above discussions<<<<

- Approved 4-0.
  - ✓ For more incentive to run Regional meets in light of possible revenue lost due to giving fewer swimmers to smaller facilities.
    - CT Swimming should incur the cost of ALL Regional place awards including caps.
      - Except heat winner prizes. Host team still incurs that cost.
- CT Swimming Athlete Meet Financial Assistance policy for college swimmers.
  - ✓ All in agreement with the current policy.
    - College swimmers that attend high level meets representing a CT Swim Team is helping the LSC.
      - No one thought due to this assistance that college swimmers from all over the country would be flocking to CT to train and race.
- Meet hosts required to attend HOD.
  - ✓ All in agreement that asking meets host to attend HOD is not asking too much.
  - ✓ All in agreement that ALL teams should be required to attend HOD meeting NOT just meet hosts.
    - How to require Teams to attend.
      - Fines.
      - Disallowed Teams to register.
      - All agreed to come to the next meeting with ideas to get Teams to HOD meeting.
  - ✓ All in agreement that if all Teams or just meet host Team are required to attend HOD, HOD meeting needs to be worth attending.

### **Old Business**

- Senior Circuit
  - Not discussed and table for another meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:58p.