

**CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.**  
**Technical Planning Committee**  
**Via Conference Call**  
**June 6, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnson, Kaeley Steinnagel, Jen Lyman

Not Present:

Meeting called to order at 12:31p

**APPROVAL of AGENDA**

- Agenda Approved with the addition of announcements

**MINUTES**

- June 2015 Minute Approved unanimously 4-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- By Kaeley – there has been much chatter about Wesleyan and the number of kids and spectators attending Age Groups
  - Conversation centered around CPAC for future AG Championship meets and paying the necessary cost to offer our swimmers and families the best possible Championship meet experience
  - Ideas to raise extra funds needed for more expensive venue included attending one Zone meet per year, surcharges like we did in the “old days”, using the CT Swims surplus, sponsorship
- By Henk - Mike Ferraro and Rica Generosa have withdrawn from the committee.
  - We are in need of an athlete
    - Kealey and Omar would ask their swimmers

**New Business**

- Summer LC entry process
  - Voted on unanimously 4-0
    - When bids are set, post which age group is in which session and meet format i.e. 12/unders in the am, 13/overs in the pm and if it is a trials/finals meet, Friday is a distance session for which age groups, not the actual line-up of events.
    - Tier the release of meet announcement and event files
      - April/May Meets no sooner than April 1<sup>st</sup>
      - June meets, end of April
      - July Meets, beginning of May
    - Keep first come/first serve in May and CT deadlines for meets June 1<sup>st</sup> and later.
    - Not in favor of 75%-25% process or “first come/first serve” for all meets.
  - LC bids due by the end of February instead of March
  - Conversation about using Google Docs or on-line technology for Meet Announcements.
    - Some of hold up from team is having to change the meet announcement every year because of changes beyond dates.
- Meet Entry Fees

- Committee agreed to monitor for another year before making any proposals. The committee feels that every Team has their own monetary challenges when hosting a meet and the meet entry fee reflects these challenges. This item will be on the TP agenda in January to discuss SC fees and again in the Spring when the LC meets have been posted.
- Venue for 2017 Age Groups
  - No discussion – wait to see what happens at the evening BOD meeting.
- Bidding out Seniors and Age Groups
  - It is feasible? Is it lucrative? Will this backfire relying on a Team to bid? What if no bidders?
  - Would be better to try and outsource the work of Managing Seniors and Age Groups?
    - The committee feels this is what is keeping many people away from wanting Sr and AG chair positions.
- Open Discussion in conjunction with Bidding out Championships meets and age group venue change
  - Moving 10/unders out of Age Groups and putting it at a different location/weekend to allow more 11-14 year olds in the AG meet.
  - Possibly adding the 10/unders to 8/Under Championships
  - Getting CT Swimming behind this and/or the 8/under Championships and not relying on a Team to run it. Make the meet fun and competitive but do the best we can as an LSC to put a good Championship meet together that our swimmers deserve.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10p