

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Technical Planning Committee
Via Conference Call
October 7, 2013
MINUTES

Present: Kaeley Steinnagel, Henk Jansen, Mike Ferraro, Ellen Johnson

Not Present: Omar Cruz, Garrett Mazziotti, Kevein Cullenan

Henk Jansen called the meeting to order at 7:35p

APPROVAL of AGENDA

- How to spend CT Swim's Surplus was added to the Agenda

APPROVAL of MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Quad Plan
 - Tabled
- CT Senior level meets
 - Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- Team Registration/Meet Surcharges
 - Discussion about increasing Team Registration free for all Teams and decreasing surcharge fees for meets. All agreed that Teams that run meets are taking on the burden that goes with running a meet and providing a service for CT Swimming and those Teams should keep more of the profits they earn.
 - In light of last year's surplus, do we have to raise Team Registrations in order to lower surcharge fees?
 - It was discussed possibly reducing surcharge fees this short course season considering the surplus from last year. Ranging from 10% to no surcharge at all for 2014 LC meets and 15-20% for 2013-14 SC meets.
 - Discussion ultimately tabled. All agreed more research into how much CT Swim made each season was needed.
 - How much of the Team registration is sent to USA Swim if any.
- Surplus
 - Ideas to use CT Swims surplus
 - CT Swim pay LC pool rental fees
 - More for athletes travel
 - New starting blocks for Wesleyan
 - CT Swims own back-up pads
 - Increase coach's clinic budget
 - Stipend for USA Swim Committee members who travel to convention
 - Educational grant for all CT Swim Teams
 - Technical grant for all CT Swim Teams i.e. money for swimming related software

- Allowable times
 - The committee voted unanimously that all times uploaded into CT FAST database not achieved at a USA Sanctioned, approved or observed meet for use in Championship meets must be attested by a USA Referee. Subsequently, Championship meet announcements should strike out ‘...or CIACA/Independent Referee..’ from the sentence “The results of any USA Swimming sanctioned, approved or observed meet or a meet attested by a USA Referee ~~or CIACA/Independent Referee~~ will be accepted as proof of time.”
 - The Committee felt that non-USA Sanctioned, approved or observed meets or meets not attested by a USA Referee not be run with the same integrity and care as meets with a USA Referee present.
- Zone travel
 - Brought to my attention by Age Group Chair – Dave Reilly
 - Should CT Swim travel as a Team to Zones?
 - The major issue is the liability incurred by the CT Swimming to escort a bus full of swimmers to a given Zone location each season.
 - It was mentioned that CT Swimmers are not covered by USA Swimming’s insurance while traveling by bus to Zone locations.
 - In our day and age of Safe Sport do we want the liability of chaperoning dozens of swimmers?
 - Can an insurance policy be bought for bus travel?
 - All agreed that traveling as a Team enhances the swimmers’ experience, but that liability is a concern
 - Ultimately tabled to find out what other LSCs due in light of the lack of insurance when traveling.
- Adults on pool decks
 - Brought to my attention from Athlete’s Committee
 - In light of two separate incidences at LC Championship meets
 - Is there some way to identify adults who volunteer from the ones not allowed on deck at meets.
 - ✓ volunteer tags?
- Meet hosting
 - Tabled.

Adjourned: 8:56 PM
 Submitted by: Henk Jansen