

## **Connecticut Swimming Program Development Meeting**

Minutes of May 13, 2014

7:30 pm @ Hamden Hall and via Teleconference

### **Attendance:**

Present: Jeff Scobee, Garret Mazzioti, Maddie Snow, Jim Robison, Kaeley Steinnagel, Dave Reilly, Henk Jansen, Randy Erlenbach, Josh Furth, Mike Huffman (special guest)

Absent: Matt Hurst, Coral McNary, Mark Kinne, Mark Sedlak, Dave Laudati

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order @ 7:40 PM

### **Approval of Agenda**

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Henk: *Approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting of Program Development, seconded, no discussion, approved.*

### **Committee Reports**

#### Senior Committee

Randy reviewed the details of changes proposed to the LC Senior Championship Meet announcement. The primary changes were in response to recently mandated changes in capacity limits – examples include; a full 4 day meet schedule, elimination of relay only swimmers, elimination of 200m relays, spectator restrictions, and closing the meet to teams outside of the LSC. Additionally, the entry deadline was moved up a week to provide more lead time for meet management to evaluate entry size – with provisions outlined for late qualifiers. It was noted that discussions with Wesleyan facilities management are on-going – which could lead to modifications of the capacity restrictions, however, the assumption is that the proposed changes would represent the best solution for moderating the meet size – give the current information.

**Motion** by Henk: *Approve the meet announcement for the 2014 LC Senior Championship as proposed by the Senior Committee, with the addition of language to describe late qualifier procedures and notwithstanding any changes in Wesleyan facility capacity restrictions, seconded no discussion, approved.*

With respect to LC time standards, Randy confirmed that no changes had been made to the times currently approved and published.

### Age Group Committee

Dave Reilly reviewed the Age Group Championship time standards, which were derived by a review of previous meet entries and designed to yield a consistent meet size. Dave also noted that there were no changes proposed to the Regional Championship time standards.

**Motion by Henk:** *Approve the 2014 time standards for Regional and Age Group Championships as proposed by the Age Group Committee, seconded no discussion, approved.*

Dave reviewed the current thinking regarding modifications necessary for the AGC to conform to capacity restrictions at Wesleyan. Similar to the senior meet, restrictions will be imposed on the individuals on deck and in the spectator seating area. Relay only swimmers will be limited to (1) per relay team in the 12/U sessions only. Additionally, meet management will have an option to leverage (2) preliminary sessions divided by either age group or gender – based on the number of entries received. The Age Group Committee will finalize the meet announcement within the next week and will seek PD approval through a virtual (email) meeting.

Finally, Dave confirmed that no changes were proposed to the existing AG Zones criteria and procedures for the LC season.

### Technical Planning Committee

Henk noted that the TPC had not met since the last meeting; however, the motion proposed by TPC and the April Board of Directors meeting was tabled after a lengthy discussion.

### Diversity and Inclusion Committee

No report

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Short Course Championship Meet Schedule – Deferred)

## Custom Times

Mike Huffman joined the meeting to present a history of the justification and implementation of the current custom times procedure for inclusion in CSI Fast database. As originally implemented, the policy was intended to help CSI athletes participating in swimming organizations, that limited their USA swimming participation, to achieve qualifying times to CSI Championship meets. In the October PD meeting, this policy was challenged based on the increasing scrutiny of USA swimming rules and timing procedures compared to other organizations. After a good discussion on the merits of the current policy – the committee decided to table the discussion and take no further action – leaving the existing policy in place.

## Blackout Dates

An important part of the senior committee proposal for a senior circuit is the implementation of participation restrictions of athletes with senior circuit cut times in that event in another meet held on that weekend. The intent is to increase senior swimmer participation in the circuit. The PD agreed that the House of Delegates should consider these restrictions in the upcoming May meeting.

## **Announcements**

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, second, motion approved for adjournment at 9:20 PM.

Minutes respectfully Submitted by Jeff Scobee, Chair