

Innovations in Registration Workshop

This workshop covered computer and Internet security, using Internet payment options for club registrations. Most of the allotted time was spent describing how the proposed (now accepted) background screening process will work in the SWIMS registration database. To begin with, only coaches will be screened, as they felt the coaches had the closest contact with athletes. It will cost \$20 for each coach, and will screen for any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges for any felony, any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or any crime involving sexual misconduct. A pilot program involving 5 LSCs has been conducted.

Registration/Membership Committee Business meeting

The committee went over ongoing SWIMS enhancements and legislation that affects membership. The LSCs that participated in testing the background screening processes in SWIMS gave a report to the committee. There is concern for athlete privacy and the USA Swimming Mailing Service. (All committees are in a 'lame duck' situation, since new committees will be appointed shortly)

Facility Development

USA Swimming created a Facilities Development Department to assist in developing and planning new aquatic facilities, as well as renovating and upgrading existing facilities. The nationally known and respected staff includes Mick Nelson, Club Facilities Director, John McIlhargy, Director of Aquatic Industry Relations, and Sue Nelson, Aquatic Programming Specialist. They offer a full gamut of information, suggestions, and guidance, and described success models – from small pools to big pools. Their "motto" – Program it – Design it – Build it – Operate it. April 11, 12, 13, 2007 will be the Third Annual "Build-a-Pool" Conference in Colorado Springs. Information can be found at

www.usaswimming.org/facilities

You can contact mnelson@usaswimming.org for info concerning air quality concerns, or any items concerning pool and program development.

Olympic International Operations Committee

OIOC approved the USA Swimming National Team quad plan. It also passed a motion asking the new president of USA Swimming to implement a task force to write a manual on safety at international meets. The task force will include members of the Senior Committee and the Officials Committee. The governance of the US Open will move from OIOC to the Senior Committee.

Add notes ;

There will not be a 2008 Spring Championship. In its place will be a US Open –type meet.

Motions at the Rules and Regulations Committee – Saturday – Entire HODApproved

Word clarification about observed swims

Brings LSC HOD membership into compliance with Amateur Sports Act

Allows for alternate athletes to BOD

Clarifies seeding after a swim-off

Reorders Part I

Defeated

motion to add the 400 relays to 10 & U

specify # of officials

Tabled

No longer require marshals to be members of USA-S

Eliminates ability of USA-S member clubs and LSCs to host "approved" meets.

These were the contested items – A completed list can be found on the USA-Swimming website.