

Report – 2006 USA-Swimming Convention – Monique Grayson

Wednesday, September 13, 2006:

1: Top 16 & National Times Verification Workshop – Age Group Records Report.

Suzanne Heath (NTV Coordinator) welcomed all in attendance. Suzanne gave a report on the 2005-06 SWIMS enhancements status (especially Times Recon) and presented the SWIMS Times Module Policy Manual. She went over the 2006 Legislation, Times Issues, and Governance Changes. Suzanne went over the SWIMS Database Report (LSC Times loaded, meets loaded, holding tank status). Suzanne went over the Observed swims for high school championship level meets and college championships. Form B must be used. Requests for Observation must still be done. She informed us that the YMCA board will adopt the USA Swimming Technical Rules. The YMCA meets may be approved.

Terry Randolph (Top 16 Coordinator) gave a report on Top 16. The term NRT (National Reportable Time) will become T16R (Top 16 Reportable). This will be less confusing. Terry reminded us all that swimmers must be US Citizens in order to set an Age Group Record.

We then had a few online demonstrations about 2006 Enhancements, Times Recon (if used for an LSC Championship meet, it must say so in the meet information – do not use converted times), Using Excel and .Csv Export and the reports Functionality.

Suzanne gave a report on the 2007 Times Enhancements. An important joint NTV and Registration workshop will be schedule for April 2007.

2: Registration Workshop – Innovations with Registration.

Pam Cook hosted this very informal meeting.

John Burbridge – IT, covered computer and Internet Security (protect your computer, install updates, use firewall, antivirus software and spyware) and reminded all to backup files regularly. He went over password management and SWIMS security features.

Nan Cooper, from Connecticut, went over the Connecticut Database. She also went over using internet payment options for club registrations.

Pam Cook gave an in-depth review of how the proposed Background Screening process for Coaches will work in the SWIMS registration database. This screening will be required every 2 years. It will be added with other certifications on the coaches' cards.

3: USAS Insurance Welcome Reception.

Thursday, September 14, 2006:

1: Eastern Zone Meeting:

Report of Officers: Background check program must be started right away; personnel changes are taking place at USA-Swimming; Golden Goggles will take place November 19 in Beverly Hills.

Report of Meet Coordinator: attendance at Super-Sectionals is down. Eastern Zone LC meet went very well.

Report of Officials Chair: contact her at least 3 months in advance for National Certification status.

Report of Eastern Zone Sport Development Consultant: his position is shifting a bit

Technical Planning Committee Report:

Summer Sectionals – change order of some events

Summer Zones: adjust time standards – no more than 7 heats in each event.

Long Course Zones: flip days for 200 and 400 medley relays

Spring SC Zone Meet: continue to run the meet as it was held in April 2006 (2 swimmers per LSC in each event)

Athletes representative Report. Policy Manual Task Force Report – update on EZ Policy Manual. Unfinished business

Requests for bids for 2008 meets.

The Metro Board met at the end of the EZ meeting at Convention. We voted to present a bid to host the 2008 Spring Sectionals Long Course at Nassau Aquatic Center, provided that the pool is available.

2: SWIMS Workshop for Registration and Times:

Hosted by Pam Cook (Registrations) and Suzanne Heath (NTV). A panel of LSC registrars and Times people discussed various issues and best practices related to how the registration process and uploading of times interrelate through the SWIMS database.

Registrars/NTV from Illinois, North Carolina and Central California explained how they do things in their own LSC. All mentioned Registration Recon prior to meets. All talked about the relays as one of the biggest problem: missing names, uncertainty of lead off swimmers, no lead-off time, etc. Many relays end up being deleted.

Long discussion also on OMES (Online Meet Entry System).

3: LSC Board of Review Workshop

The host went over the “Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act – 1998: Section 220522-A-8”:

Provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin, and with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official before declaring the individual ineligible to participate.

He went over the Protest, Notice of Hearing, Respondent's answer, alternative dispute resolution, preparation and distribution of hearing agenda, stay orders, etc. Reminder: membership in USA-Swimming is a privilege, not a right!

4: Meet the Candidates:

The candidates for election introduced themselves and answered questions from a panel.

Friday, September 15, 2006

1: Age Group Workshop – Parent Education Tools

Successful Sports Parenting CD (\$20 for single copy - \$ 12 for 20 or more). Athlete is in the middle of a triangle (Parents – Coach – Club). Overview of Growth & Development and competition & training.

2: Best Practices for LSC Web Masters: Ed Dellert & John Lorimer

Question about privacy when posting USS ID# online – do not give more info than what they need.

This year's subjects covered Trivia Search, guidelines for people that are color blinded, accessibility, avoid color red, privacy policy, child protection act, RSS feeds, "Keep it Simple", OME, automatic checking, tracking system, database

3: Advanced Website Development for LSC Webmasters:

The communication committee has been moved to LSC Development Committee.

The afternoon session went over ways to create a database (for example in MS excel)

4: Eastern Zone Meeting:

Elections: Eastern Zone Director: Ed Dellert; Secretary-Treasurer: Boots Hall; Athlete Representative: Hayley Smith

Meets Awarded:

March 6-9, 2008: EZ Northern Sectional (LC) at NCAC hosted by Metropolitan Swimming

March 13-16, 2008: EZ Southern Sectional (LC) at U. Maryland College Park, hosted by Curl-Burke

April 3-5, 2008: EZ Short Course Championship Meet: TBA

July 17-20, 2008: EZ Super-Sectional (LC): at Penn State (outdoor) hosted by CAT Aquatics and Penn State

August 6-9, 2008: EZ Long Course Zone Meet: Potomac Valley and Virginia at George Mason U. Pools

Scholastic All-America Report and Report from National Committees: Technical Committee, Communication Committee, Age Group Development, Club Development, Open Water Swimming, Rules and Regulations Committee, Registration and Membership Committee, NAG Records Report. Eastern Zone Service Award goes to John Hirshmann.

4: House of Delegates

Memorial Presentation

Presidents Report (Ron Van Pool)

Presentation to Life Members

Presentation to Past Board Members

Awards:

Female Open Water Swimmer of the Year: Erica Rose; Male Open Water Swimmer of the Year: Chip Peterson;

Glenn S. Hummer Award: Greg Cross; Adolf Kiefer Safety Commendation Award: Eric Fucito;

Disability Swimming Service Award: Pam Redding; Disability Swimmer of the Year Award (Trischa L. Zorn Award): Jessica Long;

Ken Pettigrew Award: Mike Saltzstein; ASCA Coach Award: Eddie Reese; Developmental Coach Award: Bill Rose

ConocoPhillips Performance of the Year Award: Michael Phelps; Athletes' Appreciation Award: Eric Namesnik.

Saturday, September 16, 2006:

House of Delegates:

Membership Report (Pam Cook), Credentials/Elections Report (Fred Siegrist), Elections, State of the Sport Report (Chuck Wielgus) + Video, US Sports Insurance Company (John Peterson), 2007 Budget (Peter Carney), Rules and Regulations (Bruce Stratton), Vice Presidents' Report Requiring Action, Presentation of the New Officers, Old Business (background Screening Task Force Recommendations), New Business, Adjournment.

Elections:

President: Jim Wood; Administrative V.P.: John T. Wilson; Program Operations V.P.: R. Patrick Lunsford

Program Development V.P.: Mary Jo Swalley; Treasurer: Peter Carney; Technical V.P.: George Block

Aquatic Awards Banquet

Swimmer of the Year Award: Brendan Hansen; USA Swimming Award: Audrey Birkliid

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