

Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
10:00 AM, Wednesday, Jan.19, 2005
Schroeder YMCA

Attending: Matt Miller; John Bradley; Blaine Carlson; Dave Anderson; Mark Kohnhorst; Neil Wright; Lynn Stickels; Joanne Weeden; Laura Becherer; Jamie Maleck; Tom Carrorr; Kristian Lee; Dave Joyce; Joel Rollings; Drew Walden; Brent Boock; Rob McCabe; Dave Westfahl; Cindy Budnik; Jackie Vargas; Mark Gwidt

1) **Summer Championship Format**

a) Last Chance/B Championship sponsored by LSC?? (July 15-17)

b) Summer Championship Proposal (sent out yesterday)

There will be a cleaned up version of the minutes available at the LSC meeting that we clearly define what we have passed for the summer meets. The meet will then stay the same until 2008.

--There was a lot of debate on how to increase the level of swimming within the LSC and on how this format would help that.

--everyone agreed that something needed to be done

--miller presented proposal

--group agreed to general format of Silver Meet (won't start until 2006); then 12&U; then 13&O in consecutive weekends (this vote was unanimous). This format would remain the same through the summer of 2008. The 12&U meet will consist of P/F for the 11-12 kids and be timed final for the 10&U kids. The top heat of 10&U will swim during the final session while the other heats would be completed in prelims. Top 8 swimmers would swim at night for the 11-12 kids. We will follow a similar p/f format as the spring 2004 meet. The 13&O will have 16 swimmers come back at night as has been past practice. This will also remain largely unchanged from our current spring format.

--much discussion ensued on time standards and more specific formats for the 2 meets and whether it was good or bad to implement stiffer times immediately or wait another year also. In a 9-2 vote, the committee passed that the minimum time standard for these summer meets will be an 'A' time for all age groups and could be harder depending on #'s of entries over the past 3 years. It was also passed within this proposal that we would now be working to have 3-4 heats of each event. Rollings will develop time standards that are appropriate for the 2 meets.

-- relays for the state meet were the next topic discussed. Boock proposed that all teams can bring at least 1 relay for all of the offered relays regardless of how many individual qualifiers a team has. In order to enter a 'B' you must have at least 5 swimmers qualified for the meet in that age group; 9 for a 'C' and so on. This passed unanimously.

--it was felt by the group that it would be unfair to those bidding the silver weekend this summer to not allow them to run their own meet. This summer clubs may host any format they so choose on the weekend of July 15-17. We also decided unanimously that weekend should be opened back up for bidding by anyone who chooses to do so (new

bids as well as changing original bids). This was decided due to the passing of the harder time standards.

-- scoring was the next topic for the meets – the decision was between 8 place and 16 place scoring. With a 7-5 vote, we will use 16 place scoring for all state meets.

--event limit will be 7 events for the weekend

--Kohnhorst presented a proposal on bonus events. If an athlete qualifies for 1-6 events, that athlete is entitled to 1 bonus event but entered at whatever the best time is for that event. This passed unanimously.

--due to the size considerations, the prices were increased to \$6 for ind. Events for 11&O, \$5 for 10&U, and \$16 for relays.

--we agreed to keep the 50's of stroke in the summer senior meet.

The spring meet information will be revised to read that all age groups can swim 7 events during the weekend for the 14&U meet.

2) **Time Standards**

a) Is "BB" really acceptable?

3) **Travel Fund Additions**

a) Junior Nationals – should they be equally funded

This was tabled until the next meeting as we ran out of time

b) US Paralympic Meets (same as US Nationals in Summer and same as US Open (2 per year in July and December) – this year summer meet is in Portland/Dec. meet is in Minneapolis. The July meet should be equally funded to our National Championship Meets and the December meet should be the same as US Open. This will give 3 meets per year for funding which is the same as our athletes who attend 2 national meets and US Open.

Passes unanimously

c) Open Water Nationals = to Regular Nationals

Passes unanimously up to \$500 as it may be cheaper for this trip and if not funded by USA swimming

4) **Camps**

a. See Attached Information from John Bradley (camps director)

Bradley gave an update on camp progress. Things look very good for the '05 camps. Please see camp info on the website for more info on camps.

5) **Zone Meet**

a) North Dakota – equipment bids

b) clothing deal information (TYR/Speedo/NIKE)

no discussion --

- 6) **Spring Meet Change Proposal to Include Disabled Athletes**
a) move to include disabled athletes in our state meet this spring using criteria established by Joel Rollings (senior chair)

Passes unanimously. Please contact Matt Miller or Joel Rollings for more information if you qualify for this meet.

- 7) **Safety on Pool Deck**
a) try to make recommendation to safety committee on hot coffee

Carlson made original proposal to discuss. It was passed unanimously that we will pass to rules and safety that all hot liquids have to be covered with a firm cover.

- 8) **State Records**
a) setting LSC records in approved or observed situations if they are representing their USA club

Stickels made recommendation to discuss approved swims counting as state records. It was then added that observed swims should also count as state records as long as the athlete is representing their own USA swimming club. Athletes have to be registered with United States Swimming. USA swimming currently accepts both of these as times into the database for top 16 and national record consideration. Committee voted unanimously to refer to rules to have these rules changed to come into line with national rules. It was tabled as to how far back we would then accept times that have been achieved.

Respectively submitted,
Matt Miller