

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
Age Group and Senior Committee Meeting
June 14th, 2006
Schroeder YMCA, Brown Deer

PRESENT: Joel Rollings (Senior Chair), Drew Walden (General Chair), Mark Kohnhorst, Matt Miller, Fred Russell, Brent Boock, John Bradley, Bob Jenkyns, Rob McCabe, Dave Anderson, Jeanne Drzewiecki (Coaches' Rep).

The meeting was started at 10:14 AM.

Before getting to the Agenda at hand - discussion regarding the upcoming 12 & Under Long Course State Championships and 13 & Over Long Course State Championships was discussed. Schroeder YMCA has dictated that the number of swimmers be kept under 475 per session. It is foreseen that no change will need to be made to the 12 & Under meet format. Lake Country (Mark Kohnhorst) came up with a meet line-up for the 13 & Over Long Course State Championships that will keep the numbers under Schroeder's restrictions without having to make any changes to time standards or entry limit.

The meet summary proposed by Lake Country was:

Thursday:
Session 1: 800 Free (3:00 - 6:30 PM)
Session 2: 200 Medley Relay & 200 Free Relay (7:30-9:00 PM)
Friday:
Prelims: 100 BR, 200 FR, 100 FL, 800 F.R. (9:00-1:45 PM)
Saturday:
Prelims: 400 IM, 50 FR, 200 BR, 100 BK, 400 FR (8:30-1:00 PM)
Relay Session: 400 Medley Relay (2:00-3:00 PM)
Sunday:
Prelims: 200 BK, 100 FR, 200 FL, 400 F.R., 1500 FR (9:00-3:00 PM)

There will be a separate 45-minute break between sessions.

2007 SC CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

13 & OVER STATE MEET (MARCH 1-4, 2007)

Discussion then led to the how in the future to keep the numbers under the 475 restriction. Matt Miller pointed out that by looking at last year's state championships that a 0.7% cut of the time standards would help bring the numbers down and cut approximately 7-11 swimmers from each event. Discussion was raised regarding not just looking at one year's worth of data. Joel Rollings will run a comparison spreadsheet to see what impact the numbers would be with a 1%, 2% and 3% cut in the time standards. There will be no change in awards. There will be no change in the event order.

The Committee then talked about what was the OBJECTIVE of this meet - By consensus it was felt that as an LSC we are trying to accommodate the most athletes as possible while still keeping the meet as high in quality as possible.

John Bradley then proposed regarding awarding teams for quality swimming. He gave an example of the J-Hawk Swim Team which only brought 8 athletes to the 12/Under State Championships this past winter yet placed 10th overall as a team.

12/UNDER SHORT COURSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW (FEBRUARY 23-25TH, 2007)

A lot of discussion went towards the 2007 12 & Under Short Course State championships. It was the feeling of the committee that this meet would be impacted by what facility the meet will be hosted at. It was the Committee's recommendations that:

- 1) Maintain current time standards
- 2) The entire meet be conducted as TIMED FINALS
- 3) Keep Bonus Event - however the restrictions for the bonus event would be that if the athlete achieves the 50-yard timed standard in a stroke that they are eligible for the 100-yard of that stroke or visa versa.

Awards were then discussed and the length of time that the awards took at last year's 12/Under Short Course State Championships. It is the Committee's feeling that the award ceremony would be host driven. However, it was recommended to keep the awards moving and if using a photographer to do that off to the side.

Event order was then discussed - if the meet goes to a timed finals event the host would be able to go to a 2-1/2 day format and the kids would not miss school on that Friday.

The OBJECTIVE of the meet would be to promote the team aspect, accommodate the greatest number of athletes while maintaining a high quality meet. It would also keep the kids in school without missing too much.

2007 LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW

12-Under Long Course State Championships: July 27th to July 29th, 2007
13-Over Long Course State Championships: August 2nd to August 5th, 2007

Senior Nationals Championships (Indianapolis): July 31st to August 4th, 2007
Junior Nationals Championships (Indianapolis): August 6th to August 10th, 2007
Central Zones (Topeka): August 9th to August 12th, 2007

SILVER MEET

Discussion regarding the Silver Meet came up. Neil Wright has put a lot of work into this meet. It was the Committee's recommendation to leave the meet as is with the exception of some "tweaking" of the Friday events and see how the meet goes since it is the first one that we have run - adjustments can be made for the future of this meet.

CENTRAL ZONES - 2008

The Central Zones Committee is trying to come up with dates for the 2008 Central Zones Championships. It is the feeling of the Committee that when WSI is looking at selecting the weekend that they wish to participate in the Central Zones meet that they try not to conflict with high school girls season while meeting the needs of the younger athletes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRAVEL FUND:

It was the recommendation of the Committee that it should be up to the Finance Committee to present a proposal to be presented to the House of Delegates with documentation to back-up the justification for making adjustments to the Travel Fund. This is a point of business that should be taken out of Age Group/Senior Committee agenda and let the House of Delegates determine what to do with Travel Fund.

John Bradley did request that funding be added to the Travel Fund for Open Water competition. John will look into qualifying standards for these type of meets.

Mark Kohnhorst proposed that the LSC keep the Travel Fund reimbursement the same. Adjustments to the travel fund would be made only if there is a large surplus or deficit to the Fund. Dave Anderson seconded this proposal. Five members were in agreement, One against and three without an opinion.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeanne Drzewiecki presented the possible use of USA Swimming's Times Recon for the upcoming 13-Over Long Course State Championships. She also presented that one topic at the next House of Delegates meeting could possibly be the use of Online Meet Entries (OME) thru USA Swimming for future State Championships. There is an initial \$150.00 set up fee which the LSC would pay for and would not be the responsibility of the Host Club.

Discussion also came up with regards to access into Long Course meet. These meets generally fill up extremely fast. Teams are being rejected from Wisconsin meets because of the 4-hour guidelines and number of swims allowed by WSI and be being forced to seek meets in other LSCs to help accommodate their long course competition. Other LSCs (particularly Minnesota) have guidelines as to what meets are hosted on particular weekends (example - one BB time standard meets can be hosted on Weekend X). It is the feeling of the Committee that more guidelines need to be set into motion. Bob Jenkyns has agreed to look into a possible line-up for the 2007 Long Course season and present at the next Age Group/Senior Committee meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:20 PM

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 10th, 2006 (10:00 AM) - Schroeder YMCA

Respectfully Submitted by: Jeanne Drzewiecki