

AGE GROUP/SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Brookfield Town Hall  
March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

PRESENT: Brent Boock, Jacob Johnson, Drew Walden, Luke Schumm, Mark Kohnhorst, Jeanne Drzewiecki, Dave Westfahl and Blaine Carlson

Meeting started at: 10:10AM

13-Over Spring meet was discussed. The meeting started with talk about changes that Mark Kohnhorst suggested regarding the next season's SC 13/O State Championships.

- Talked about order of events and met information corrections to next season. Easier to clarify for the athletes and clubs.
- Timeline suggestions
- Scoring suggestions – Mark had to go outside of HyTek to perform some of the scoring for Age Group Team awards. Suggestion that we continue to issue 13-14 Girls and Boys for Age Group Team and then lump the older athletes together (not separate out the 15-16 for Age Group Team awards).
- Continue to keep individual high points as we were doing.

Discussion regarding imposing breaks into the prelim session for 13-Over. Some athletes were performing back to back events with only 10-15 minutes of recovery. Officials are reluctant to make changes unless they have been instructed to do so.

Much discussion regarding leaving breaks up to the host team or mandating the breaks from the Committee's end.

Jacob Johnson motioned that there be a 10-minute break between each group of events (which would essentially add 20-30 minutes to the prelim session) and additional rationale would be allowing more swimmers to compete in adjacent events. Luke Schumm seconded. Unanimous Vote.

Mark K. also presented his suggestion of bringing back ONLY the Top 8 back for finals – not much discussion regarding this was discussed.

Sunday's session has been notoriously late – suggestions about starting this session 30-60 minutes earlier. Discussion then turned to limiting the relays for finals with a suggestion of cutting the relays to only an A Final and not adding a B Final.

Jacob motioned that only A-Finals would be allowed for Sunday Finals ONLY – Dave Anderson seconded. Motion did not carry.

Blaine Carlson motioned to keep A and B Final heats for all relays (5 agree, 1 abstained, 3 against) – Motioned carried.

Awards were then discussed. It was agreed to keep the walk in for the A-Finals. Eliminate the award ceremonies.

Discussion then went back to starting finals 30-minutes earlier. Jacob Johnson proposed to starting finals 30 minutes earlier. Dave Anderson discussed wanting to keep the 5:30PM. Jacob amended his motion that ONLY Sunday's Finals would start 30-minutes earlier. Dave Anderson seconded – Unanimous.

#### REGIONAL MEETS DISCUSSED.

Standardizing everything so that all four regions presented the same meet information was very helpful. Drew will work on standardizing a template for the Regional meet.

Discussion about the Ozaukee regional becoming larger than that Waukesha Regional. The Age Group Chair will look at moving teams to even out the regional.

Jeanne asked about Unattached swimmers as there was a problem in this past Regional of an athlete that wanted to swim in the Waukesha Regional but was actually attached to a team that should have attended the Ozaukee Regional. The athlete/parents wanted to swim the athlete as unattached. Discussion ensued that even though an athlete is UNAT – they are still part of a club (95% of the time) – these athletes MUST swim in the Regional that their club is competing in.

Luke feels that there an excessive amount of awards among the four regions. He will coordinate and contact all of the hosts in the past and gather the awards and do a count so that we can whittle down on the excess. High Point awards for regionals were discussed and it was agreed to keep them.

#### 12-UNDER STATE MEET DISCUSSION

Meet has gotten a little too big. Sessions were very long. Discussion about if the new time standards will help control the meet and bring it back under control.

Possible solutions were discussed:

Discussion regarding adjusting the timeline or moving events. Going from 7 swims to 6 swims. Would this meet be different in 10 lanes?

Largest problem with the 12-Under meet is spectators.

Moving relays and not being able to bonus distance events – only if you have the 200 cut can you bonus the 500.

Discussion went back to the bonus events – after much discussion it was agreed that everyone gets a bonus (same as usual).

Awards were discussed. Relay ribbons 4-8? Or 4-16? Agreed to keep relay ribbons for 12-Under 4-16 but cut the 13-Overs to 4-8.

#### TIME STANDARDS

Much discussion on the time standards was discussed. Discussion to use the IMX point value to determine the new time standards. The point is not to cut out 5 swims (which would not even eliminate one heat).

Discussion about loosening up the 50 time standards to make the meet but tighten up the distance events – would not add any more time to the meet.

After much discussion – Dave Westfahl agreed to sit down with Luke Schumm to work on the time standards.

Work on continuing to make the transition from age group to age group more cohesive.

Time standards versus point totals

It was agreed that our season ending meets are not “broken” but they are getting larger and we would like to curtail it getting out of control.

We also need to be careful for those teams hosting the LSC Championship meets. We are making the meets longer and longer – if we keep the meets longer will we lose or find it harder to find a host team?

#### LONG COURSE STATE

Discussion about the 1500 events. Women’s mile and men’s miles at the end of the prelim sessions.

Finals to continue with the Top 8 heat of women’s mile and then men’s at the beginning of Sunday’s finals.

Fees remain the same.

Luke Schumm reviewed last summer’s long course meet and it was agreed that the meet information would state that the Host Team is allowed the option of doubling up on distance events.

ALL 200 relays will be completed in the prelims – no 200 Relays in Finals.

Rec Plex was briefly discussed – Water should be in by the end of April!

#### ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hotel rooms are blocked. Will turn in the contracts and then post on Wisconsin Swimming's website. TYR and Walters will outfit Team Wisconsin.

Coaches: RuthAnn Ahnen (LAKE), Nickie Tews (NBSC), Wagner daSilva (WRAT), Jacob Johnson (BAC), Luke Schumm (BST), Neil Wright (SEAY), Mark Schrank (SWAT), Brett Wilson (DFAC), Scott Mueller (MFSC), Shane Ryan (MWY).

\*Positions will be voted on at the Swimposium.

SENIOR ZONES. Would Wisconsin Swimming pay for a coach to fly out and coach any participants?

SWIMPOSIUM – Will run an LSC meeting at the end of the Swimposium.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Steve Keller is developing a proposal for spending the excessive money in the General Fund. Giving money back to the clubs. Aim at coaching education. Jacob Johnson, Blaine Carlson, Brent Boock, Luke Schumm and Steve Keller will meet to come up with some ideas.

USA Swimming is promoting Diversity. Matt Wunderlein sent out ideas. Economically disadvantaged. Proposals that Matt is bringing up is travel fund money to families that are "disadvantaged" to get to meets. Need to set up parameters for teams to come with proposals for funding aid to teams with "minority" or diversity.

Discussion about the Spring meet schedule.

Meet Bids for the 2010 Spring Meet Season are due June 8<sup>th</sup> to be voted on at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> House of Delegates Meeting. Meet Bids for any team wishing to host the LSC Championships will be due on June 8<sup>th</sup> also. Schedule next Committee meeting to review the Championship meet profile – scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at Brookfield Town Hall.

It was the Committee's recommendation that if no teams bid for a LSC Championship meet (either 12-Under or 13-Over) that the Administrative Chair should NOT solicit teams to host but post notification on our website to allow teams to come forward at the House of Delegates meeting in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki