



MINNESOTA
SWIMMING

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Minutes 17 June 2008 - Draft

Executive Board:

Present: Paul Lundsten, General Chair
Jim Hanton, Admin. Vice Chair
Bridget McCoy, Senior Athlete Rep
Dennis Dale, Senior Vice Chair
Terri Meeks, Finance Vice Chair

Absent: *Denise Carlson, SR Coach Rep.*
Billy Howard, Age Group Vice Chair

Directors:

Present: Georgia Eck, Secretary
Eric Seversen, JR Coach Rep
Bob Pearson, Safety Coordinator
Lloyd Larsen, Technical Planning Chair
Bob Pearson, Safety Coordinator

Absent: *David Braun, Ex-Officio*
Matt Chida, JR Coaches Rep
Rick Biggs, Officials Chair Pres.

Standing Committees

Present: Cassy Shapley, Registration/Membership
Sheryl McGuire, Sanction Coordinator
Natalie Kuramoto, Nominating Committee Ch
Eric Seversen, Camps Coordinator
Michael Bougie, NTV Chair

Absent: *Stephanie Fix, Equipment Chair*
Kim Bettcher, Public Relations Chair
Paul Windrath, Webmaster
Susan McNeely, State Records Chair
Pat Anderson, Central Zone Cmte
Liz Cutter, Legislative
John Witzel, Board of Review Chair
Marlene Fure, Disability Swimming Chair
Jim Andersen, Outreach Cmte Chair
Liz Cutter, Legislative Chair

Others Present:

David Goble, MAKE-A-SPLASH Committee
John Bradley, Rochester Orcas
Steve Varney, Rochester Orcas
Olga Espinosa, SCSC
Mike Rogers, Foxjets

I. Call to Order:

7:30 pm by GC Lundsten (quorum present)

Additions to Agenda: none

II. Review of Minutes

Draft for Approval May 20, 2008

Action: Motion to Approve corrected minutes: Lundsten Second: Bougie

Motion passed none opposed

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Distance Event Seeding and Heats

Description of Issue:

Distance events (commonly viewed as those individual events 400Y/400 M and longer) are inconsistently seeded and run at different meets in the LSC. As such, distance event participants cannot be assured (based upon their qualification/speed level) where within a meet they will eventually swim. Additionally, some meet information is published/sanctioned without delineating the seeding and heat order, and therefore permitting subjective decisions by host clubs during a meet. This type of inconsistency is truly unfair to our swimmers/parents as they attempt to participate in meets, including the distance events (which are the least popular and are the most difficult to convince swimmers for their participation).

Motion

All individual events 400Y/400 M and longer will be seeded and run fastest to slowest, all age groups (within the session) combined, women alternating with men, separated for score/awards by age group offered at the particular meet. This will apply to ALL meets and ALL age groups, with the exception of Invitational Meets, so long as the slow to fast order is delineated in the meet information. Also excepted will be 12 & Under 500Y/400 M free styles at the LSC State Championship.

In case of prelim-final events of these distances, the fastest and therefore the first - three heats of each gender will be circle-seeded and swum fastest to slowest, alternating, same as above (still combined ages within a gender-then separated by age group for Finals, scores and awards) followed by continuing fastest to slowest alternating for the remaining non-circle seeded heats.

Effective date: September 1, 2008

Action: Motion to approve legislation Larsen Second:Dale

Motion passed None opposed

B. Positive check-in-in for sessions over four hours

Description of Issue:

Some meet sessions have become excessively long, with 13/Over sessions running over 5-6 hours, and 12/Under Championship meet sessions running 5-6 hours. In many cases, due to the length of such sessions, there are many empty lanes/no shows as the session wears on, which if combined, would have significantly shortened the session.

[12/Under regular-season meets are governed by the 4 hour rule, thus preventing such sessions]

Legislation

In the case where any 13 & over session timeline is projected to run longer than 5 hours, for ANY meet and for ANY age groups, all individual events and all relays will become positive check-in (with the same penalties and legislation as currently applied), with the exception of the FIRST EVENT of that session (individual events or relay). Heats sheets will then be distributed by the host club.

Exception: Before the positive check-in process is utilized, host clubs may elect to drop relays to attempt to make the 4 hour limit, followed by dropping their own host team swimmers. If relays are dropped, then those relay splash fees will be refunded to the affected teams. In case of "flat fee" invitational, no fees will be refunded. If both of these remedies fail to make sessions within the 5-hour limit, then the positive check-in process will be required. Exercising this exception is not required of the host club, but merely offered as an option.

This type of process is very commonly run in many LSC's. This prevents timelines overrun with empty lanes, yet still permits the host club the revenue from the fees (fees are NOT refunded for scratching) Copy machine technology and computer technology easily permits this type of process. By additionally exempting the first event of a session, this ensures that the host club has ample time to publish the heat sheets for everyone.

[Actually, many LSC's check in ALL events meet, regardless of the session length, including the first event]

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation : Larsen Second: Dale

Motion passed none dissenting

C. Time Trials

Description of Issue:

There are two issues:

1. The current individual event limits(s) for the LSC Championships includes Time Trials. As such, those swimmers who have maximized their individual event limit cannot swim Time Trials without dropping individual events.
2. Time Trials need to be more rewarding for the host club to offer, given session length and volunteer fatigue. Time trials need to be more of a serious commitment for the swimmer/parents, so the number of Time Trial/heats is reasonable. Currently, Time Trials/heats may be considered by some as excessive.

Legislation

1. Two Time Trials are permitted for each individual event participant at the LSC Championships, regardless of number of individual events entered. In the case of the Short Course Championship, in which the championship is split into two separately –sanctioned meets, yet considered one meet for the purposes of individual event limit, 13/Older participants may NOT Time Trial at 12/Under State. However, 12/Under individual event participants MAY Time Trial at 13/Older State , so long as the swimmer possess at least one "Champ" time (they need not actually swim the event) for a "Senior" individual event. For qualification purposes, this means a 17-18 age group "Champ" time. Relay-Only participants may NOT participate in Time Trials at the championships (neither meet).
2. Time Trial fees (for ALL meets not just the championships) may be charged as high as double the cost of an individual event fee for the particular meet hosted. Time trials may be less expensive if the host club desires.

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation: Larsen Second: Dale

Motion passed None Opposed

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

A. General Chair (Lundsten)

1. People who have possibility of attending the convention please remain after meeting for discussion.
2. Twin Awards ~ GC has spoken with Twin and awards are being taken care of.

B. Administrative Vice Chair (Hanton)

1. Policy Manual- Hanton would like feed back as to what is desired to be included in the Policy & Procedures Manual. Please contact him with suggestions and ideas.

C. Senior Vice Chair (Dale)

No Report

D. Age Group Chair (Howard)

1. Currently working on the Zoning for 2008-2009 Short Course Season
2. Brenda working on Zone Budget

E. Finance Report (Meeks)

Detailed Financial Statement is available on the web site.

National Travel Budget has doubled from last year due to increase number of swimmers eligible to attend National meet.

F. Senior Coach Representative (Carlson)

No Report

G. Senior Athlete Representative (McCoy)

No Report

H. Legislative Chair (Cutter)

No Report

VI. DIRECTORS REPORTS

A. Ex-Officio (Braun)

No Report

B. Junior Coach Representative (Seversen)

No Report

C. Junior Athlete Representative (Chida)

No Report

D. Safety Coordinator (Pearson)

Safety Training exam is on line through USA Swimming. Then locate a Water Safety or Life Guard Instructor to test on skills. The instructor will create a course record.

Exception for this year ~ you are exempted for this year. Your expiration date is the expiration date on your life guard certificate.

E. Technical Planning Chair (Larsen)

No Report

F. Official's Chair (Biggs)

No report

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Times Coordinator/AG Recognition Tabulator (Bougie)

No Report

B. Disability Swimming Coordinator (Fure)

No Report

C. Public Relations Coordinator (Bettcher)

Press/News Release update

Olympic Trial/MN Swimmers press/news release to go out end of the week

Make A Splash program information release and follow up this week

Other Information

Help with local releases when requested

Continue to update clubs on information

Updating June and July press/news release schedule

D. Webmaster (Windrath)

No Report

E. Equipment Coordinator (Fix)

No Report

F. Registration-Membership Coordinator/Office (Shapley)

Please get in registrations as quickly as you can.

Recons~ if you get a notification form a team that the ID is not agreeing please correct this ASAP.

Membership report

Athletes- 5917

Season 1 – 813

Other N/A – 193

Coaches – 217

Officials -140

Total - 7264

G. Records Coordinator (McNeely)

No Report

H. Swim Meet Sanction Coordinator (McGuire)

No Report

I. Outreach coordinator (J Andersen)

No Report

J. Board of Review chair (Witzel)

No Report

K. Nomination Committee Chair (Kuramoto)

No Report

L. Central Zone Coach/Manager (P Anderson/B Robrock)

No Report

M. Policy Manual Committee (Hanton)

See Admin V Chair Report

O. Order of Events Committee (Howard)

No Report

P. SPLASH Program (Goble)

The SPLASH program is moving from NE Middle School to Olsen Middle School in North Minneapolis. This move will allow plenty of time for team practice and lessons.

VIII. Other Unfinished Business None

IX. Other New Business None

X. Adjournment

Action: Motion to Adjourn: Severson; Second Goble 8:56 pm

Motion Carried none opposed

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia W. Eck, Secretary