

ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2005

11am, U Garden Restaurant

Coaches Present: Denise Carlson, Dennis Dale, Joe Hanes, Billy Howard, Jake Kramer, Kelly Kremer, Ryan L'Roy, Kate Lundsten, Paul Lundsten, Kim Olson, Rocky O'Neil, Eric Seversen, Tina Welzien

Guest: Dave Goble

Old Business—Discussion of Backstroke Rule language change...

- From USA Swimming—no change to how officials are to interpret the backstroke turn. Non-continuous turns will still be called.

2006 Zone Championships:

- Al Ness has agreed to once again serve as Team Manager
- Pat Anderson is not available as head coach this year
 - Coach Reps Olga Espinosa and Eric Seversen tasked with selecting new head coach
 - ASCA recommends finding coach from a recent zone coaching staff

2006 LC State Championships legislation:

- Discussed options for improving meet without going to all timed-finals format (proposed by Paul Lundsten, to be voted on at November 2005 MSI Board meeting)
 - Prelim chase starts
 - Limit entries to 5 events per swimmer
 - Split meet in 2007 into senior meet and age group meet...details not discussed in depth, but several options possible such as:
 1. 14&U meet with 11-12, 13-14 as prelims-finals, 9-10, 8-U as timed finals; second weekend as senior state meet with 15-16 and open age groups, all prelims-finals
 2. Summer version of our winter meet format...12&U timed finals, second weekend 13&Over meet prelims finals
 - IF meet is split, entire calendar is shifted...will require reworking of AB/C Finals, C Finals

Discussion of Paul's Proposed Meet Bid Legislation:

- Proposes to move meet bid meeting to House of Delegates meeting, allow all teams a vote on who gets contested bids
- To be voted on at November 2005 MSI Board Meeting
- General support for this legislation by ASCA
- Important note: If this legislation passes, meet bid meeting will be earlier in year
 - Necessitates accelerated meet schedule creation this year, start process earlier in future years
 - Present proposed schedule by January 2006 MSI meeting

University of Minnesota Swimming and Diving Fan & MSI Appreciation Night

- Considered to be a great success...approximately 250 swimmers in attendance
- Gophers plan this every year so clubs will get better notice for participation next year

Memorial Ideas for Heidi Oquist:

- Discussed briefly MSI's loss of a great coach, ambassador, and friend
- Dave Goble presented early idea in progress to memorialize Heidi with a college scholarship:
 - Run a "Heidi-A-Thon" (Swim-A-Thon) across MSI to raise funds for a memorial account
 - Sponsor a college swimmer each year, amount of scholarship not yet determined (possibly \$1000-1500)

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 11am at U Garden Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Seversen