

## ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2006

11am, U Garden

*Coaches Present: Denise Carlson, Billy Howard, Kelly Kramer, Ryan L'Roy, Paul Lundsten, Rocky O'Neil, Eric Seversen, Steve Varney, Mark Vininski, Tina Welzien*

*Guests: Dave Braun, Dave Goble*

### **Review of Finals Meets:**

- Need to clarify entries requirements
  - HS Proofs...What is acceptable?
  - What specifically needs to be submitted to the host club by the deadline such as entry file, hard-copy, proof of times file, etc.
  - Does the host club have authority to withhold entry of club into meet until all required pieces submitted—possibly leaving the team to campaign for entry through the meet committee?
- Make 1 – Swim 1 policy: Coaches did not designate on their entry and chose instead to enter at the swimmer's best time that was slower than the state cut...Host club then needed to track down whether it was entered in error or if it was using the Make 1 policy. Current requirements hold that Make 1 – Swim 1 swims are entered at TSE
  - Rocky voiced concern that our LC qualifiers would then be lower seeded than our Make 1 – Swim 1 swimmers even though they legitimately made the cut.
- Large percentage of entries issues coming long-time coaches...Much less of an issue with small clubs, part-time coaches and new coaches.
- Concern from traditional championship/big meet hosts about being able to run (interested in running) the smaller meets
- Recommendation to move all finals meets' entry deadlines to Wednesday for entry files, with hardcopy and check still due Friday the week before the start of the meet.
  - Email entries accepted for the Wednesday deadline but all deviations from "standard" entries must be specifically noted—deviations include Make 1-Swim 1 entries, custom times using HS proofs, etc.
  - Paul Lundsten plans present this ASCA recommendation at LSC meeting, to become effective for all finals meets starting this summer (2006)

### **Proposal of Process for Officiating/Officials Review:**

- Intent is to give coaches a voice to appeal when faced with an official (particularly Referee) who has provided poor service to the LSC, demonstrated incompetence, etc.
- Coaches currently have 2 processes available:
  - Can call for a meet committee at a meet to review concern
  - ASCA-MN will serve as a collection point for concerns/complaints and if necessary, file a formal petition for action through the General Chair

### **Report on Club Juniors, Spring Championships from Coaches who Attended:**

- Juniors:
  - Massive meet as in previous years (size similar to last year) but flowed nicely
  - More Low-Key than a USA Swimming "national" level meet
- Spring Championships
  - Relatively small meet...Some younger swimmers got opportunity for evening swims

### **Spring Clinic Recap:**

- Attended primarily by HS coaches
- Tina Welzien gave brief recap of speakers

### **Proposed dates/changes for USA Swimming 2007 Spring Championships:**

- Scheduled for March 27-31, 2007
- Specifics were vague but possibility of date change for next year...Dennis Dale was not present at meeting but will hopefully provide more info at next meeting

### **Zone Staff Update:**

- Eric has not yet set up the staff with Olga but has collected names of interested coaches and is confirming with the candidates for head coach that they are still interested...More to be announced soon

#### Registration Fines Legislation:

- Eric briefly summarized his registration fines legislation:
  - Waive fines from January 2006 since MSI office was backlogged due to late club registrations—no recons and slow athlete registration processing occurred during first 2-3 weeks of January
  - Require MSI perform recons for meets so clubs can register athletes OR officials can prevent swimmers from competing to avoid insurance liability issue
    - MSI not allowed to fine unregistered swimmers/swims if recon not performed
  - Add surcharge of \$5 to deck registration to encourage clubs/registrars to take care of registration prior to meets through electronic batches

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Seversen