

ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2006

11pm, U Garden

Coaches Present: Dave Bentz, Denise Carlson, Dennis Dale, Billy Howard, Lloyd Larsen, Kate Lundsten, Paul Lundsten, Todd Marder, Suzie O'Gorman, Kim Olson, Rocky O'Neill, Bob Pearson, Eric Seversen, Pat Underhill, Mark Vininski, Tina Welzien

Finals Meets Review:

A. C Finals:

- Meet ran well with the exception of a few technical/operation issues

B. AB/C Finals:

- Discrepancies between Richfield and Winona—different events download files between locations
 - Meet info was late from Winona, event file was incomplete (only slower than LCM CH time standards)
 - Dave Goble (Admin Chair) and Eric Seversen (Jr. Coach Rep) are pursuing standardizing meet event downloads, meet manager database setups for all LSC meets
- Champ times swimmers were swimming at AB/C Finals...had CH cut in yards
 - Need meet information to reflect the proper interpretation of what constitutes eligibility—is there a requirement to swim at best standard regardless of pool format (y vs. lcm).
 - Paul Lundsten will bring this issue forward as Age Group Chair to clarify before 07 Finals meets

C. State Champs:

- Recommendation of ASCA to change Thursday's prelims session to match schedule used for Friday thru Sunday
 - Starting late prevents sufficient time between prelims and finals to allow swimmers both rest and time to eat
 - Observation that many of the out-state competitors come in Wednesday night to be ready for the meet anyway

Coach Award Process Review:

- Developing coach: This year was better than last year
 - More applicants, particularly more nominated by their clubs
 - Some still had trouble getting materials in by deadline
- All Awards:
 - Recommendation that winners be allowed to accept their award this year or defer to next year due to lateness of planning for ASCA World Clinic
 - Recommend announcing all awards sooner in the weekend so that all can be made aware—Developing coach award is known before the meet so this award can be presented at the start of the 1st 12&Under session
 - Generate and maintain a list of past winners and have this posted to the MSI website as well as possibly include recent winners on ballots
 - Change from Age Group and Senior coach of year to Age Group "Staff" and Senior "Staff" of year or at least post a master list of coaches in the hospitality room with a designation of what category they coach (Age Group vs Senior)

2006 Zones Report:

- Attendees that were part of staff were pleased with the cohesiveness of this year's staff, energy by Team Minnesota
- One parent issue which dealt again with being late for team warm-ups and therefore removed from a relay
- 2007 Zones will be in Topeka, KS; 2008 Zones will again be a Mega Zone meet in Indianapolis, IN and will start on Wednesday (4-1/2 Day format plus Open Water on Monday)

Attendees Report on Minnesota Representation at National-Level meets:

- Minnesota swimmers had a lot of second swims
- Several new National Cuts, Olympic Trial cut

ASCA World Clinic Report from Attendees:

- Some declared it the worst they have attended in terms of content and format
 - Posted/Announced topics were not actually covered
 - A lot of Q & A instead formal presentations—tried for discussion setting by using props such as couches/comfy chairs and lamps between moderator and "presenter"
- Other coaches enjoyed their best yet interaction with fellow attending coaches

US Aquatic Sports/USA Swimming Convention Report from Attendees:

- Background Screening legislation passed without challenge
 - See http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/Rainbow/Documents/3f461512-f1d1-4b92-a6b4-577a34069929/Background%20Program%20Summary%205%20_2_.pdf
- An updated Quadrennial Plan is now in effect:
 - See also <http://www.usaswimming.org/USASWeb/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=243&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>
 - 2007 will see the following changes:
 - November Grand Prix meet at the U of MN (SCY), dates TBA
 - November 29-December 1 **Short Course National Championships** plus a LCM time trial on Dec 2

- US Open meet designation will be reserved for unique situations such as summer championships during Olympic years
- Coaches/Clubs should have received the **Successful Sport Parenting CD** earlier this summer and are encouraged to investigate this tool—it contains extensive material to improve Parent involvement, Coach-Parent relations, and more
- Dennis Dale was a coach rep on a “College How To” panel that was the best attended workshop of the convention

Spring Coaches Clinic—ASCA-MN’s involvement:

- Currently being set up by HS coaches
- Appears that emphasis is steering toward HS coaching interests
- Recommend removing ASCA-MN:Club’s involvement in setting up, administering the event

New Business:

- Meet Scheduling Meeting set for Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 10am at Bruegger’s by the U of MN Pool (on Washington Ave)

Next Meeting on October 4, 2006 at 11am, U Garden

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Seversen