

ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2005

11am, U Garden Restaurant

Coaches Present: Denise Carlson (President), Dennis Dale, Billy Howard, Jake Karmer, Ryan L'Roy, Kate Lundsten, Paul Lundsten (Treasurer), Kim Olson, Rocky O'Neil, Eric Seversen (Recorder), Tina Welzien

Guests Present: none

Spring Clinic:

- Looking for a new Chairperson
 - Kim is unable to lead clinic this year
 - Jeff Marshall (Burnsville HS coach) has been contacted and has accepted task of finding new Chair by checking with HS coaches

National Travel Reimbursement:

- New form this year that is available on the website (www.mnswim.org)
- Dennis Dale, Senior Chair of MSI, requests that reimbursement forms be mailed to him in future
- All summer submissions were due September 30

On-Deck Swimmer Registrations:

- New forms for registrations that differ from standard registration forms
 - Must be signed by meet director
 - These new forms will be in the meet boxes for host clubs
- Discussed a policy enforced at a recent meet: "No swimmer transfers on day of meet"
 - Undecided whether this rule is an MSI rule or one put forth by MSI office

Rule changes for Backstroke and Breaststroke:

- Discussed ramifications of new language
 - "Continuous turning action" was removed from the turn portion of backstroke rules
 - How the added dolphin kick during breaststroke pullouts will be judged

New Business #1 presented by Paul Lundsten:

- Discussion of whether the term "ASCA" can be applied to our group if it consists primarily of club coaches and does not truly represent high school or collegiate swimming in the state
 - Considered promotion of twice annually holding an "all coaches" meeting
 - Counter comment that ASCA-MN weighs in/considers greater issues than USA Swimming/MSI
 - No resolution of discussion

New Business #2 presented by Paul Lundsten:

(http://www.mnswim.org/legislation/Convention_Attendee_Change_Legislation.pdf)

- Legislation: All current and active MSI members who are placed on national committees are sent to convention and trips be paid by MSI (independent of whether they have a vote at convention)
- Rationale: With the rules changes regarding committees and votes at the House of Delegates, it is vital that MSI have a presence both at convention and on committees. If someone gets selected for a national committee, they need to go without having to pay their way.
- Some discussion without resolution...left for MSI meeting

New Business #3 presented by Paul Lundsten: (presented for discussion at Oct. MSI meeting)

(http://www.mnswim.org/legislation/Summer_State_Timed_Finals_Legislation.pdf)

- Legislation: Make Summer 2006 and 2007 State Championships Timed Finals for all age groups with 12 & Under swimming mid-late morning and 13 & Over swimming mid-late afternoon
- Rationale: Summer state is a marathon, not a quality situation
 - Other prelims-finals meets exist to fulfill that need (Zones, Speedo Championships)
 - Awards ceremonies will be possible to recognize individuals in each event
 - 12 & Unders will have a viable meet that isn't sandwiched in between long prelims and finals sessions
 - Author suggests that this new format would renew MN interest and participation at the zone level
- Counter: Challenge for HS girls that are pressured not to attend zones due to HS season

- Level of competition at Zones, Speedo Champs higher such that many will lose opportunity for swimming in finals
- Timed finals makes State Champs "just another meet"
- Author states that the legislation is designed to promote discussion amongst coaches and MSI members to fix issues with State meet and friendly amendments will be considered

Aerobic Workout Exchange:

- One workout passed out
- Meeting adjourned without discussion of workout

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Seversen