

ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2007

11pm, U Garden

Coaches Present: Denise Carlson, Dennis Dale, Billy Howard, Ryan L'Roy, Paul Lundsten, Todd Marder, Kim Olson, Eric Severson, Tina Welzien

Meet Schedule 2008:

- Summer 2008 LC State issue—U of MN not available our normal weekend due to Nationals, Juniors
 - Billy Howard will be asking MCA board about possibility of MCA hosting state at Rochester Rec Center
 - Rochester Swim Club also consider possibility
 - Additional options not yet on the table
- 2008 Zones will be another Indiana "Mega-Zones" and therefore will be starting events on Wednesday
 - Possibility exists that our State meet will need to end by Saturday prior to have enough turn-around time to complete entries, travel, etc.

2007 SC Finals meets:

- TM Events files:
 - March ABC Finals set up for all sites by Ron Murphy as Yards Only (YO in TM)
 - Yards only was determined to prevent issues of LCM 'A' swimmers swimming against SCY 'B' or 'C' swimmers in early heats due to non-conforming entries, while converting times can sometimes change time standards of entrant without them earning the higher time standard.
 - All teams to check that their swimmers are entered at their fastest time standard, regardless of pool format where cut was achieved.
 - As of this meeting, no C Finals Events download yet available.
- State meet relays—AM vs PM (in Finals)
 - An email sent to several in attendance in which concern was expressed about teams seeding teams intentionally slow to swim in Prelims rather than Finals
 - Strong support for future meets putting all heats of a given relay in the same session and publish this ahead of time in the meet information.
 - Mixed opinion regarding a Coaches Vote at the upcoming state meet to allow all teams the option to swim their relay in prelims session, regardless of seed time.
 - This vote would take place at the first coaches meeting, would need to carry 100% of vote since it is a change to the meet information

List of Reminders:

- The ASCA president collected recommendations of reminders to be included in a mass email to coaches regarding Finals meets and for an email to be sent this spring prior to our annual House of Delegates meeting (April 28, 2007 @ University of Minnesota)

Zones Update

- Coach Reps have selected Pat Anderson (MOOR) to once again be head coach of Team Minnesota
 - Pat will be contacting his previous year's staff
 - Pat will also be recruiting members for this coming year's staff and presenting this information to the MSI coach reps as early as Sr State meet.
- Topeka hotels list is on the MSI website

Officials:

- Concern forwarded to Officials chair Rick Biggs to ask officials to be mindful of combining events at meets to the point of insufficient rest for our swimmers between events
- Concern expressed about inconsistent starting procedures
 - Need to clarify interpretation of being set for a start
 - Be aware of holding swimmers in "take your mark" position for unusually long periods
 - Reason for regularly standing up a heat
- Swim-posium
 - Officials want coach reps to attend Officials segment which will deal with "Proper meet protest procedures" among other topics

Meet Recon vs Registration Fines Issue

- Legislation passed last year eliminating MSI's ability to fine clubs for unregistered swimmers in cases where a meet registration recon is not performed prior to the meet.
 - Rationale: To place emphasis on preventing unregistered swimmers from participating in meets (liability issue) by using tools already available to MSI and the clubs
 - Problem: Some host clubs have been negligent in supplying recon files prior to their meet, preventing MSI from performing the Recon in time to catch unregistered swimmers

- Consensus that liability likely to fall on shoulders of host club—needs to be explored
 - Discussed effectiveness of fines on host club—mixed opinions
- Recommendation from ASCA that MSI explore accepting Credit Cards for payment of registrations now that all other aspects of process is electronic other than payment.

Next Meeting on TBA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Seversen