

ASCA-MN Coaches Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2007

11pm, U Garden

Coaches Present: Denise Carlson, Dave Bentz, Dennis Dale, Ryan L'Roy, Kate Lundsten, Paul Lundsten, Kim Olson, Eric Seversen, Mark Vininski

Review of SC Finals Meets:

- Timelines:
 - Issue of shortened PM warm-ups @ Elk River
 - Combining events on Friday at Alexandria despite kids' events being very close together
 - Both instances were Officiating decisions
- Officiating at Age Group State: Officials that were walking the sides of the deck were pushing through crowded pool decks
 - Officials need to adjust their coverage to reflect the conditions on deck—large meet which limits space for the swimmers and coaches to reside
- Reminder about Formal Protests:
 - Protests of Referee decisions must be reviewed by the meet committee, which must be formed prior to the start of the meet
- Proof of Times
 - Rochester is looking into using the "Bonus Event" function in Meet Manager to simplify the Make 1 Swim 2 entries issue for Senior State Championships
 - Several clubs used an incorrect "Times Since Date" so swims prior to January 1, 2006 were used for entry/qualifying
- Order of Events/Events file download:
 - Recommend MSI Technical Planning Chair (Rocky O'Neil) sends order of events to MSI Webmaster (Paul Windrath) to post in PDF format on MSI website before start of each season so coaches can begin to plan/set up their season and database
 - Denise Carlson will follow up with Admin Chair (Dave Goble) and Tech Planning Chair to have MSI do meet setups for at minimum all Finals meets for consistency and accuracy
 - Billy Howard (MCA) requests MSI review Relays Policy for Senior State Championships
 - His recommendation is to put all relays into one session—Prelims OR Finals—instead of taking a single heat to Finals

Zones Coaches:

- Pat Anderson (MOOR), selected as Team Minnesota 2007 Head Coach, is in the process of contacting staff and will announce once his staff is set

Simpson Developing Coach of the Year Award:

- Denise is building selection committee to review candidates
- Paul Lundsten (STAR) will promote this award at the House of Delegates meeting
- Denise will finalize criteria, mailing, and other information and distribute

Nominations for MSI Board Positions

- Several positions still need to be filled or are up for election this House of Delegates
- Contact Natalie Kuramoto to put your name on the ballot

National Travel Reimbursement:

- Discussion of extending National Travel Reimbursement to those who attend the NCSA Junior Nationals meet in March 2008
 - Large attendance this year by Minnesota teams
 - Next year's schedule contains one less event that is regularly reimbursed
- Reimbursed meets is reviewed yearly
- Paul Lundsten (STAR) will bring this topic in front of MSI at the House of Delegates meeting

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