



MINNESOTA
SWIMMING

MINNESOTA SWIMMING, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Minutes 19 September 2008 - Approved

Executive Board Members

Present

Paul Lundsten-General Chair
Jim Hanton-Admin. Vice-Chair
Dennis Dale-SR Vice-Chair
Terri Meeks-Finance Vice-Chair
Denise Carlson-SR Coach Rep
Bridget McCoy Athlete SR Rep

Absent

Billy Howard-Age Group Vice-Chair

Appointed Executive Board

Member

Present

Liz Cutter- Legislative Chair

Other Elected Board Members

Present

Bob Pearson-Safety Coordinator
Lloyd Larsen- Technical Chair
Rick Biggs- Officials Committee
Chair
Eric Severson-JR Coach Rep
Georgia Eck-Secretary

Absent

David Braun_Ex-Officio Member
Matt Chida-JR Athlete Rep

Appointed Standing

Committee Chairs

Present

Michael Bougie-Times/NTV/T-16
Coord.

Stephanie Fix-Equipment Chair

Eric Severson-Camps Coordinator
Cassy Shapely-Registration Chair

Sheryl McGuire-Sanction - Chair

Absent

*Marlene Fure-Adaptive
Swimming Chair*
*Kim Bettcher-Public Relations
Chair*
*Susan McNeely-State Records
Chair*
John Witzel-Review Section Chair
*Natalie Kuramoto-Nominating
Chair*
Jim Anderson -Outreach Chair

Call to Order 7:37p.m.

Minutes – corrections ~

Motion to approve ~ Larsen, Second ~ Biggs Corrected Minutes Approved

NEW BUSINESS

A) Minnesota Swimming, Inc. Proposed Legislation/Policy

Name of Legislation: 8/UNDER TIME STANDARDS 2009-2012 and AWARDS CATEGORIES

Description of Issue:

There are five issues:

1. With the recent adoption of the National Age Group Motivational Time Tables as our time standards (excluding the Minnesota State Championships), there are no time standards for 8/Unders
2. 8/Under swimmers require time standards for qualification for "A" meets, "BB-Open" meets and "B Finals".
3. 8/Under swimmers require time standards for purposes of award categories at "Open", "BB-Open" and "B Finals" meets.
4. As a related housekeeping issue, the NAG standards label a category as "10/Under", and Minnesota Swimming utilizes the "9-10" age group for competition.
5. As another related housekeeping issue, all age groups need new awards categories designated for the "Open", "BB- Open" and "B Finals" meets that are based upon the NAG standards

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

1. Derive 2009-2012 Minnesota 8/Under Time Standards, applicable to the same quadrennial as the National Age Group Motivational Time Tables. Such time standards will be changed quadrennially, at the same time as NAG standards

The 8/Under time standards will have "A" and "B" qualification levels.

2. The "A" qualification level will be for all "A" meets, and also signify the "A and Faster" category for awards at "Open" meets and "B Finals". The "B" qualification level will be for "B Finals", and also signify the "B and BB" category for awards at "Open" and "BB-Open" and "B Finals" meets. The "A" qualification level will also serve as the qualification level for any "A/BB" meets (currently, the only meet of this type is the January All-Zone meet hosted by Foxjets)

3. The applicable 8/Under time standards are attached, and were derived from the 2007-2008 meet results, both short course and long course seasons, as the average last-place times or slowest qualifying time (whichever was faster) from those meets with an "A" or "B" qualifying time, and Summer ABC Finals. A quick examination of these time standards shows that the "A" times got slightly faster than the old Minnesota "A" and the "B" times are slightly slower. This corresponds precisely to the time standard adjustments for the other age groups from the old Minnesota "A" and "B" to the NAG, so the numbers of qualified 8/Unders will remain virtually the same relative to the other age groups.

4. Recognize the "10/Under" NAG standards to apply our "9-10" events.

5. The categories of awards for all other age groups for the "Open", "BB-Open" and "B Finals" meets will be as follows:

Slower than "B" – called "C"

"B and BB" – called "B" or slower

"A and Faster" – called "A"

Effective Date: Immediately (Fall-Winter Short Course Season 2008-2009)

Method of Implementation: SANCTIONED MEET INFORMATION and PUBLISHED TIME STANDARDS

Proposed by: LLOYD LARSEN, TECHNICAL CHAIR

Motion to approve legislation: Larsen Second: Charlson

Motion passed

B. Hire someone to prepare a downloadable file of NAG Standards and include 8 & Under Standards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ~ none

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS

General Chair (Paul Lundsten)

1) National Convention upcoming~ The following MSI members are attending as voting members ~ P Lundsten, D Dale, J Hanton, T Meeks, B Pearson, E Severson, D Carlson and C Shapley.

GC Lundsten gave an overview of some issues that will be voted on during Convention. The entire packet of legislation is available to review on USA Swimming web site, under volunteers and then to Convention packet.

2) Age Group Chair B Howard has left the LSC. GC Lundsten appoints Eric Severson to complete Age Group Chair term until House of Delegates

Second ~Larsen Approved

With Severson taking on Age Group Chair that leaves JR Coach Rep open. GC Lundsten appoints Craig Charlson to complete JR Coach Rep term until House of Delegates.

Second~ Pearson Approved.

Administrative Vice Chair (Jim Hanton)

Hanton asked Cassy to distribute info regarding swimmers that had some kind of question mark concerning their registration. Some swimmers were not registered at the time of the meet. Hanton asked for clarity about what MSI is to do when a swimmer is not registered and swims in a meet. Pearson stated that if one swimmer is not registered the entire meet is not insured.

GC Lundsten states that the \$25 fine per events is there to discourage this problem and we have no choice but to enforce the rule. The goal is not to fine any club, but clubs need to realize that the whole meet is in jeopardy.

Hanton agrees with fines but the fine is after the meet has been completed. USA swimming allows a \$100 fine per event

Dale asks ~ doesn't Cassy give a list of non registered athletes to host team prior to the meet. Answer yes.

Carlson states that it is difficult to find the non-registered swimmer on the day of the meet.

Rogers states it is very hard for the host team to monitor the other teams to make other club get it right.

Hanton states that he will go ahead and enforce the \$25 fines for the teams listed in his report. He will notify the teams that the fines are being enforced. He will enforce fines on all meets going forward.

Senior Vice-Chair (Dennis Dale)

At the US Open and JR National Meet MN swimmers accorded themselves very well. A written report will be available at the next meeting.

Age Group Vice Chair (Eric Seversen) ~ No Report

Finance Vice-Chair (Terri Meeks)

Two reports are presented and available to be viewed on the web site. MSI had a very good fiscal year. Due to current financial conditions across the country our investments are down slightly over the last year. The CD's that were purchased will help the bottom line investment.

Senior Coach Rep (Denise Carlson) Coaches Awards

Melissa Schultz from New Richmond Tiger Sharks received the Jerry & Sharon Simpson Award, Foxjets received the SR Staff Award and Aquajets received the Age Group Staff Award.

Senior Athlete Rep (Bridgett McCoy) ~ No Report

Appointed Executive Board Member Report (non-voting)

(Liz Cutter) ~ No Report

(Voting) Other Board Members/Committee Chair/Coordinators Reports:

EX Officio - (David Braun) - No Report

JR Coach Rep. -(Eric Severson)- No Report

JR Athlete Rep. (Matt Chida) - No Report

Safety Coordinator - (Bob Pearson) - No Report

Officials Committee Chair – (Rick Biggs)

End of 2 yr cycle for officials, officials have to take test.

Technical Planning – (Lloyd Larsen) Foxjets Coaches took the on line Water Safety test. Prior to the in water test they notified the instructor of the Coaches names and addresses. After completing the in water test and providing the on line test passed form the instructor issued cards at that time.

(Non-Voting) Standing Committee Chair Report

TIMES Corrdinator – (Michael Bougie) - No Report

Disabilities Swimming Coord. - (Marlene Fure) - No Report

Public Relations - (Kim Bettcher) - No Report

Webmaster- (Paul Windrath) - No Report

Records Coord- (Susan McNeely) - No Report

Sanction Coord - (Sheryl McGuire) - No Report

Outreach Coord.- (Jim Andersen)- No Report

Board of Review - (John Witzel) - No Report

Nominating Committee - (Natalie Kuramoto) - No Report

Central Zone Updates - (Brenda Robrock/Pat Anderson) - No Report

Equipment Coordinator – (Stephanie Fix) -

Equipment Trouble shooting Guide has been completed. Fix will get to C Shapley to send to teams hosting meets. It is suggest that the manual be a part of the Meet Manual. The Guide is to be posted on the web site.

Inventory of MSI Equipment has been complete and a recommendations have been made for new equipment to be purchased and the costs. The suggestions are largely for the summer time. The list is prioritized. Total cost is between \$15,000-20,000. It is suggested that we make a decision and order any equipment in April to be ready for the summer.

GC Lundsten will put the item on the agenda for Oct to discuss and decide whether or not to alter budget and go forward with ordering. Each year an audit of equipment will be conducted in Aug to make replacement and repair continual.

Registration-Membership Coordinator/Office – (Cassy Shapley)

Presented Membership Highlights includes (available upon request via email)

Statistics by Age & Gender, 2008 Year End Seasonal Athletes Statistics, 2008 Year End Club Statistics, Athlete Membership Comparisons - 1996 -2008, USA Swimming Membership Highlights (from 2007 Membership Statistics Report).

Central Zone Meet –

GC Lundsten asks how was Zone meet ?

Comments

The format for 12 & U was a difficult format, ran a very fast meet, hard to hear. MN Swimmers did a great job racing.

13 & Over Meet was better.

Great Meet hosts, hosts had a challenge with time line. Swimmers were never there to late at night. Budget for Zones ~ T Meeks not getting budget form either Coach or Manager of Zone Team . GC Lundsten states there will be a budget for the next Zone meet. Coach and Manager must be appointed no late than the end of the year.

Policy Manual - (Hanton)

All but 2 years typed up and formatted. The Manual will be a compilation of policies over all the years.

Interantional Aquatic Center - GC Lundsten for Todd McIntyre

McIntyre had a very good meeting with city of Minneapolis. The meeting was encouraging

Order of Events - (Larson) taken care of earlier in the meeting

NEW BUSINESS

State Meet Evaluation – Cassy received a couple forms that were sent to Kate Lundsten to compile.

GC Lundsten says the host team handled the meet well.

Upcoming Meets – none

Adjourn: 8:57

Executive Committee meeting to follow