

**Connecticut Swimming
Program Development Meeting**

Wednesday October 17, 2012 @ 7:30pm
Orange Community Center

Postponed to Thursday, November 8, 2012, 7:30 pm, via teleconference. Quorum not present so motions listed below were voted on by email the day following the meeting. The subsequent email vote resulted in the approval of all motions.

Call to order by Jeff Scobee 7:45 pm

Attendance: 10/17/2012: Jeff Scobee, Mark Sedlak, Mark Kinne, Kaeley Steinnagel, Randy Erlenbach 11/08/2012: Jeff Scobee, Kaeley Steinnagel, Matt Hurst, Dave Reilly

Not Present: Tak Takabayashi, Kaz Takabayashi, George Bradner, Rick Lewis, Ty Seymour, Jordan Berger, Coral McNary

Approval of Agenda: Added SC Meet Schedule and SC Age Group Time Standards; motion to approve as amended, second, agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2012: motion to approve, second, minutes approved

Committee Reports:

Senior Committee: Randy Erlenbach provided the report. The first topic of discussion was a proposal to increase the athlete travel assistance amount for Jr/Sr National and Sectional meets based on increasing costs and the distance of travel.

Motion: submit a motion to the board of directors to increase the travel reimbursement for athletes to \$1,000 for Jr/Sr Nationals and to \$250 for Sectionals, second, passed

Randy noted that the selection criteria for the athlete of the year would be modified to read "the top world ranked swimmer as of September 1st" to coincide with the end of the USA Swimming year and clarify any subsequent changes in the rankings.

Motion: accept the proposed changes to the selection for athlete of the year without change, second, passed

Randy noted that the Sr Committee was working with the coach reps and the Age Group Committee to modify the selection criteria for senior coach of the year. This will likely result in a recommendation for revised procedures at a future meeting.

Additionally, the Sr Committee is discussing the potential for offering a CSI coordinated trip to participate in a high level meet (e.g. Grand Prix) or a training trip to Colorado Springs. This discussion is in the early stages with more investigation needed. Kaeley noted that CT Swimming

has sponsored similar opportunities in the past and that Randy should connect with those involved for details and pro/con perspectives.

Age Group Committee: 10/17: Dave Reilly was unable to attend in person but provided a brief update which was read by Jeff Scobee. The primary note was that SC Age Group Championship times were under review and would be available by 10/26. The PD committee noted the need to expedite the approval and posting of the times and agreed to facilitate an electronic review and approval of the times when available. 11/08: Dave provided an overview of the process and the results of the review of the time standards. Every effort was made to provide consistent changes that were reflective of past results, with the expectation that the standards represent the recent performance of athletes in the respective age groups. In addition, the AGC reviewed and appropriately adjusted the non-conforming times (LCM/SCM).

Technical Planning: Kaeley noted that a proposal will be presented to the SR/AG Committees recommending the establishment of an upper level meet during each season and that no other meets be approved in that time frame providing for competition at the same or higher level. The idea is to facilitate the top level athletes of CSI competing together in a common venue. Meets established for athletes not achieving the established cut times would not be precluded. The topic is informational at this point and requires further analysis and support before a formal proposal is made.

In addition, Kaeley reported that work is underway to establish a workshop for prospective NCAA swimmers and their parents. The goal is to identify speakers and information to assist CSI athletes gain a better understanding of the process and opportunities. The hope is to offer this workshop in the April/May time frame.

Old Business

2013 SC Age Group Championship time standards will be approved electronically by 10/26/2012

New Business

Motion: accept the 2012/2013 SC AGC time standards as presented by the Age Group Committee

2013 SC Senior Championship meet announcement

The 2013 SC Senior Championship meet announcement was reviewed and a few minor clarifications were noted as necessary to dates and pool configuration. A discussion was held with respect to the short time between entry deadlines and the deadline for corrections. The recommendation of the PD committee was that Randy review the potential of moving the entry deadline to Sunday March 17.

Motion: approve the SC Senior Championship meet announcement as presented and including the modifications proposed and the change of the entry deadline to Sunday March 17, second, approved

2013 LC Championship meet schedule

Nan Cooper provided dates from Wesleyan University on the availability of the pool for LC Championship meets. A discussion was held on the alignment of dates with USA Swimming championships and the desire to provide a CT Senior Invitational meet in June. The pool at Wesleyan is not available on the desired weekend (June 21-23). Tak Takabayashi will contact UCONN in attempt to use that facility on that weekend. If not available, the weekend of June 14-16 would be available at Wesleyan.

In addition, Wesleyan has provided dates for 2014 and notes that there are restrictions on the month of July due to an AAU basketball tournament. They are providing CSI first opportunity on the dates, however, this will require advanced planning. The matter was referred to the Technical Planning Committee for discussion and recommendations.

Motion: accept the 2013 LC Schedule as proposed below, second, approved

Sr Invitational - June 21-23 (UCONN) - or June 14-16 (Wesleyan)
Sr Championships - July 11-14
Regional Championships - July 19-21
Age Group Championships - July 25-28

SC Meet Schedule

Kaeley noted that numerous coaches and meet directors were concerned about the inconsistency of the meet schedule. A lengthy discussion ensued. The recommendation of the PD Committee was that the matter be referred to Technical Planning for a broader discussion surrounding the process for meet selection and purpose. This will require input from Program Operations and the coach/athlete representatives.

Future Business

The Athlete committee would like to discuss the potential of an CT Swimming Alumni Camp were former CT Swimmers that have or are competing at an Olympic level would participate.