

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.
Technical Planning Committee
Via Conference Call
January 21, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Kaeley Steinnagel, Henk Jansen, Ellen Johnston, Kevin Cullinan, Omar Cruz, Garrett Mazziotti, Ty Seymour

Not Present: Mike Ferraro, Quinn Mitchell

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Henk Jansen called the meeting to order at 7:41p

APPROVAL of AGENDA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- August Senior Invite
 - It was brought to the attention of Tech Planning that there was interest in an August Senior Invite since Wesleyan offered the weekend as an option for one of the LSC's Championship meets. Question was asked; will Wesleyan still offer the weekend since our schedule is back to "normal."
 - Concerns included, if meet is on the schedule and not run due to low subscription, Teams would be left in the lurch.
 - Agreed that it wouldn't hurt the LSC if a Team wants to bid on such a meet and incur all risk.
 - Our suggestion is to run it like the June Invite but with LC Sr Cuts not faster and that Senior should have a discussion on the meet as well.
 - No vote was taken or seemed necessary but Tech Planning is in support of this meet.

OLD BUSINESS

- Capping entry fees
 - Once again, agreed to pursue reducing surcharge fees without capping entry fees
 - Felt that setting cap wouldn't allow teams the discretion to charge what they needed to meet expenses.
- Senior Circuit
 - Tech Planning agrees this is a great idea to have a CT Senior Circuit
 - At least two weekends during the Short Course
 - Meets should have at least an 'A' time standard
 - Weekends should be "blacked out" to other 'Senior' meets. Committee agreed this would be the only way a true Sr Circuit could work.
 - 12/under meets can be run on the same weekend
 - Meets with a 'max' standard can be run

- If said Sr meet has an 'A' time standard, a meet would have to have cap times just that are below the 'A' standard.
 - Meet host can charge what they want per event
 - Meet host can decide trials/finals or timed finals
 - Committee felt that at least one should be T/F
 - Meets would be bid on just like Summer Invite and regionals
 - Meets should be run in a minimum of 6 lanes
 - Allow Bonus events
 - Finals should be at least 2 heats and if meet is over a certain number of swimmers, a 3rd heat can be added
 - Committee liked the idea of a points system were individuals accrue points from each Senior Circuit meet
 - Team scoring for each individual SR Circuit meet, not accrued liked individual swimmers
 - CT Seniors would be a apart of the circuit
 - High Point Circuit award winners could be awarded at Banquet
 - Concerns on who will take on the responsibility of keeping record of the points for each swimmer
 - Maybe something can be done centrally?
 - Possible expansion to include an early IMX meet into the Circuit
 - This meet would not have to have standards or T/F
 - Concern around swimmers getting bumped from Senior meet and then cannot swim at other meets that weekend because they are too fast.
 - Remedy – having a CT only deadline or closing meets to out of state
 - No specific dates discussed although it was mentioned in a Fall 2013 meeting that December, January and February were the desirable months
 - Getting Teams to bid would not be difficult since one team has already agreed to run one (if all is approved for 2014-15 SC) and other Teams already run popular T/F meets in January and February.
 - Possible expansion into the summer
 - Committee felt that Senior Committee needs to take a look and give feedback.
- Spending CT Swims surplus
 - Committee decided that these 3 initiatives were worth the time and energy of Tech Planning
 - New Blocks for Wesleyan with relay take-off pads
 - Henk to research
 - Extra set of touch pads
 - Henk to research
 - Coach's Travel stipend to High Level meets
 - Omar and Henk to research
 - Increase in coaches educational grants

Adjourned: 8:49 PM

Submitted by: Henk Jansen