

Report – 2010 USA-Swimming Convention – Monique Grayson

Wednesday, September 15, 2010:

1: SWIMS Times Module Workshop.

Suzanne Heath (Committee Chairman), Larry Herr (USA Swimming Staff Liaison), Josh Fowler (USA Swimming Staff Liaison)

1. Records:
 - a. Records – World and American Records
 - b. National Age Group Records
2. Swim Meets – 6,334 meets were loaded into SWIMS from September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. 152 meets of those were loaded by Metro. 248,335 swimmers had at least one time in the database this year. 7,237,454 times were loaded from these swims. Grand total is 44,253,705 times entered from 1975 to 2010. Many relay splits are not uploaded as there are too many errors.
3. Scholastic All American: over 1,500 athletes have made the SAA Team.
4. Age Group Recognition Top Times: Final recognition list will be posted on October 15th with certificates going to LSCs in November
5. All Time Top 100 Times: lists have been updated to include all competitions swum this summer and in SWIMS.
6. SWIMS: there will be significant upgrades and changes to the SWIMS database as USA-Swimming has become the keeper of the world's times. NCAA Division I, II and III will be submitted as well as some FINA meets.
7. ConocoPhillips Athlete Reimbursement: 160 athletes received \$60,300.00 from ConocoPhillips
8. Special Task Force Participation:
 - a. Pool measurement and certification project
 - b. Article 102 Revisions for 2010 Legislation
 - c. Timing system corrections

2: Eastern Zone Technical Planning Meeting.

1. Code of Conduct for Short Course Zones will have to be signed.
2. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2010
3. How to increase participation of 15-18 swimmers at Zones and increase the number of EZ athletes applying for Scholastic All American
4. Long Course Zone Times – tighten them a bit especially for the 400 and longer events
5. Should we adjust the SuperSectionals cuts?
6. Short Course Sectionals: North go North; South go South – Should North use South times?
7. EZ Meets: Olympic events only at night
8. Meet bids are still needed!

3: USAS Risk Management Services Inc. Welcome Reception.

Great reception and great food!

Thursday, September 16, 2010:

1: Disability Swimming Workshop.

Very inspiring workshop (and we got candy!!!).

Erin Popovich introduced Dave Denniston. Dave Denniston was the 1999 NCAA Champion for Auburn University, and 2003 World Championship Team Member in the 200 Breaststroke! On Sunday, February 6, 2005, Dave was in his home state of Wyoming, spending time with his friend Andy Miller. They were having a great time in the mountains, sledding down some snow-covered slopes, until Dave slid into a tree and damaged his spine. The accident has left Dave without the use of his legs. Dave praised his coach Jimi Flowers for his continuous support. Jimi supported Dave but did not push. Dave, who had gone to Olympic Trials in 2000 and 2004, finally made the Paralympic Team in 2008 and swam at the Paralympics in Beijing. Dave Denniston has been named Coaching Fellow for the Paralympic Swimming Resident Program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

2: Scholastic All America Subcommittee (Times & Recognition Committee):

Committee members who worked on Scholastic All-America Teams are Joyce & Marvin Lanphere (Final Tabulators), Louise Limerick, Betty Kooy, Diane Limerick, Isabelle Fraser, Chuck Swanson, Ron Johns, Susan Huckleby and Terry Randolph.

1. There is one perfect score this year: Elizabeth Beisel, Bluefish, New England – 1 National win (200 back) and a 4.0 GPA

2. Time Standards – do they need to change? We are using the 2000 Junior National cuts
3. How to reach swimmers with Disabilities? There are standards for Physical and Vision disabilities (CAN-AM meet standards). For deaf swimmers, maybe use deaf Olympics or world games for deaf time standards). Also consider Athletes Without Limits (USA Federation for Elite Athletes with Intellectual disabilities and athletic dreams)
4. Total successful applications for 2010: 1,539
5. Top Four LSCs In the Eastern Zone: Middle Atlantic (61); New Jersey (57); Virginia (55); Metropolitan (45) – Metro needs to do better!

3: Adults Only: Online Predators (Convention Education Committee):

1. Guest speaker Deputy Chief Michael Sullivan (ICAC-Internet Crimes Against Children) discussed internet safety for kids. He logged on to a chat room as a 12 year old boy, and as he did his presentation, notifications chimed as others online wanted to chat with the 12 year old.
2. He talked about helping kids stay safe online by not posting personal info such as their full names, ages, phone numbers, addresses and even zip codes. 80% of what is done to kids is done by someone they know!
3. Predators are very good at grooming the kids online:
 - a. Where is your computer (bedroom? kitchen?)
 - b. Who uses your computer (kid only or whole family)
 - c. Do you have brothers and sisters
 - d. What is your address and phone number
 - e. Are you “active”
 - f. Do you have a digital camera or web cam (watch out as they will blackmail the children)
 - g. Can you keep a secret?
4. Safe stuff for children to do:
 - a. Use nickname not first and last name
 - b. Change zip code to reflect one far from hometown
 - c. Use cartoons or drawings for images on profile, not real picture
 - d. Make profile private and agree with child who can see the profile
 - e. Child should check if he/she really knows who wants to be “friend”
 - f. Wait... let me ask Mom!
5. Parents should use software against online predators:
 - a. Virus protection
 - b. Set internet explorer to limit content the child can access
 - c. Block Word Library
 - d. Secondary filtering programs
6. To contact a Deputy Chief closest to you for a presentation locally, go to www.icactraining.org
 Michael Sullivan’s book “Online Predators” is available at Amazon.com
 30-45 minute downloadable Power Point Presentation for parents, guardians and children ages 5&up at www.netsmartz.org/Presentations

5: Registration/Membership Committee – Business Meeting:

1. Review remote membership verification from summer championships and update the meet host checklist
2. SWIMS enhancement list – review pulled items and items that have not been prioritized
3. Adopt Orientation Manual
4. Review proposed legislation
 - a. 203.5 transfers (only thing that can stop a transfer is a court judgement)
 - b. Minimum age for coaches
 - c. Swim practice
 - d. Background check for non-athletes
 - e. Additional educational requirements for coaches

6: Eastern Zone Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. It was followed with the approval of the Agenda and approval of the Minutes of May 2010.

1. Financial report: Boots Hall report was read as Boots was unable to attend Convention this year.
2. Eastern Zone Diversity Select Camp in Philadelphia – 2 athletes per LSC – June 18
3. IMX Games/Age Group Chairs EZ – Eric Fucito
4. EZ Consultant, Sport Development – Peter Clark – educate parents, staff and coaches
5. Report of Officers
6. Report of Official’s Chair
7. Technical Planning Committee Report
 - a. Motion to have EZ score Championship meet by Age Group Combined in addition to regular scoring – Top 3 awards or Recognition Certificates

8. Athlete Representative Report
9. Zone Championship Coordinator
 - a. SuperSectionals at University of Pittsburgh August 4-7, 2011
 - b. LC Zones 2011 – no bids yet
10. National Committees Reports
11. Elections: Director Coach: Marci Callan; Treasurer: Boots Ha;;
12. EZ Spring Meeting: May 7, 2011 – Fort Lauderdale, FL; hosted by Niagara
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Friday, September 17, 2010

1: LSC Leadership Workshop (Club Development Staff):

Sue Anderson – USA Swimming Director of Programs and Services

1. Organization Life Cycle
2. Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit boards
3. How to develop a mission statement
4. General Chair job description
5. 10 things leaders do
6. Strategic thinking pre-retreat exercise
7. Strategic framework
8. Sample policy manual table of content
9. Checklist: 10 key financial questions
10. Crime insurance policy
11. Board self-assessment survey
12. Consent agendas
13. Statement of principles
14. Sample whistleblower policy
15. Sample document destruction policy
16. Legal responsibilities of a nonprofit board
17. Crisis management

2: Intro to OME for LSCs-NHQ & LSCs Working Together:

1. OME will allow a meet host to:
 - a. set up a meet according to their specifications including pricing, events, age groups, time standards, and more
 - b. Validate athlete USAS membership
 - c. Prove entry times
 - d. Process and monitor payment
 - e. Produce various reports about the meet
2. OME will allow a coach to:
 - a. Browse meets available for entry
 - b. Enter your team in meets around the country
 - c. Select proven entry times for your athletes
 - d. Validate athlete USAS membership
 - e. Process payment before meet check-in
3. Many questions about OME:
 - a. What is the cost to use OME
 - b. How does the OME verify membership
 - c. How does OME verify times
 - d. Can OME support paper entries
 - e. Is OME compatible with meet management software
 - f. Can I load files from meet or team management software into OME
 - g. What reports about the meet are available to the meet host
 - h. What else does OME offer

3: Registration Forum-Best Practices (Registration/Membership Committee):

1. Use of Credit Card in LSC for meet entries, registrations. Some LSCs raise surcharge so that it balances the charges of credit card. Many clubs want parents to take care of registrations themselves!
2. eLessons – how to use them, where to find them, future eLessons
3. Outreach Information: outreach swimmers entered in meets with reduced fees. Does Metro have reduced fees for outreach athletes? Some LSCs reimburse fee per day, per meet from a fund.

4. Privacy vs. Outreach. Some coaches ask team hosts to waive fees. Each LSC can determine how to classify outreach
5. Encourage clubs to fill out all information on the registration forms! We will have to update ethnicity on all swimmers
6. LSC and Club Portals – How to access them, what they can do for you - Roster available on Club Portal – use it! Give registration cards to the swimmers (2011 is Summer Sanders) – Update Club Portals
7. Do not put coaches' expiration dates on website – privacy!
8. Team Unify and Hy-Tek – problem has been fixed
9. Trial period for swimmers is 30 consecutive days for new swimmers only – Do registrations on time! If you invite Guest Speakers that are not registered, watch re: insurance!!!
10. Transfers/120 day rule – including a review of the transfer legislation and new form

4: House of Delegates:

1. Call to Order
2. Memorial Presentation
3. Presidents Report (Jim Wood)
4. Presentation to Life Members
5. Presentation to Past Board Members
6. Awards:
 - a. Philadelphia Bowl Presentation – Jim Wood
 - b. Glenn S. Hummer Award – Shannon Gillepsie
 - c. Open Water Swimmers of the Year Award – Eva Fabian and Fran Crippen
 - d. Adolf Keifer Safety Commendation Award – Rick Walker
 - e. Disability Swimming Service Award – Swimming World Magazine
 - f. Jimi Flowers Disability Committee Coach of the Year – Fred Lamback and Shawn Kornorlir
 - g. Disability Swimmer of the Year Award – Mallory Weggemann
 - h. Diversity Inclusion Award – Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation
 - i. Ken Pettigrew Award – Jim Sheehan
 - j. ASCA Coach of the Year Award – Gregg Troy
 - k. Developmental Coach Award – Todd Schmitz
 - l. Athletes' Appreciation Award – Trent Staley
 - m. ConocoPhillips Performance of the Year Award – Ryan Lochte 200 IM at 2010 Pan Pacs

Saturday, September 18, 2010:

House of Delegates

Membership Report

Credentials / Elections Report

President - Bruce Stratton; Treasurer – Thomas Hasz; Administration Vice President – Mary Jo Swalley;

Program Development Vice President – Jeff Gudman; Program Operations Vice President – James Sheehan;

Technical Vice President – David Berkoff

United States Sports Insurance Company

State of the Sport Report – Executive Director, Chuck Wielgus

2011 Budget – Treasurer, Tom Hasz

Rules and Regulations – Chair, Bruce Stratton –

Most important additions and new measures were passed in Athlete Protection Policies, Background Checking, Pre-Employment Screening, and Reporting of abuse

Vice Presidents Reports Requiring Action

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment: 1:42pm

Afternoon

Lunch with Mary Fleckenstein and Corinne Cody – and work on things to do for the LEAP 2 program

Aquatic Awards Banquet

Monique Grayson

September 28, 2010