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Minnesota Swimming House of Delegates

Report of Age Group Chair

2009-10 has been a busy year for Minnesota Swimming and for my position as Age Group Chair:

Meets Fall/Winter 2009-10:

- Scheduled ABC Open meets this past fall '09 experienced higher than anticipated participation that lowered the quality of several meets—dropped relays, long sessions, etc. Together with the Admin Vice Chair, Jim Hanton, and the advice of the Meet Scheduling Committee, MSI added a meet to one scheduled weekend in January to prevent another potential oversized meet situation.

Meets Spring/Summer 2010:

- Meet size was assessed with the help of the Meet Scheduling Committee to determine whether there were any weekends for Spring-Summer that were in danger of becoming oversized.
 - The decision: Proceed as originally bid out in 2009 with the expectation of the meet hosts strictly adhering to the 4 hour rule and not allowing additional entries that would push them over the limit.
- June's BC Open is a two zone weekend with one meet hosted in SCY while the second is in LCM. The zoning has been done, effectively splitting the clubs evenly between the two locations. Clubs preferring to swim in the pool format opposite of where they are zoned may, with approval from the Admin Vice Chair or Age Group Chair, swap with another team of similar size.

Meet Schedule for 2010-11:

- The Meet Scheduling Committee put forth a schedule designed to reduce the likelihood of oversized meet weekends in the fall/winter season.
- BC Open meet weekends have been replaced with ABC Open weekends in Spring/Summer 2011. This will likely take some size pressure off of our all-zone A meet weekends as well as allow more opportunities to compete for all of our swimmers.

Zones 2010:

- The Central Zone Championships have been split into two meets starting this summer 2010. There will now be a 14&Under meet in Kenosha, WI and a 15&Over meet in Bismarck, ND the weekend of August 5-8, 2010.
 - 15&Over Championships: Swimmers will compete with their individual clubs at this meet. However, MSI will provide 2 coaches at the meet for swimmers who are able to attend but do not have their team coach in attendance. In addition, swimmers who participate will receive a \$100 travel stipend.
 - 14&Under Championships: Swimmers will compete as part of Team Minnesota as in past years. Brenda Robrock has now been hired as team manager and with her help, the Age Group Chair will hire the 2010 Head Coach. If you are interested in being a part of the 2010 coaching staff as an assistant or as head coach, please email Brenda at brendarobrock@msn.com
 - A Zone Championships webpage will be created and linked on the MSI website in the coming weeks. Hotel information, event schedule, staff information and more will be posted as it becomes available.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Minnesota Swimming this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Seversen
Age Group Chair