



Ohio Swimming Senior Committee Meeting

Conference Call - October 15, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

Topic: Moving Senior Meet from March to Nov

Call-in Attendees: Chris Hadden (chair), Pam Birnbrich, Chris Wolford, Ed Bachman, Steve Nye, Jim Peterfish, Erin Schwab

There's possibly some interest moving the senior meet from its historic date in March to Nov-Dec timeframe.

Pros:

1. Training generally planned around HS swimming, moving senior meet would remove that hurdle.
2. Can have 3 shorter swim cycles in the year (Aug-Nov, post HS, LC) – shorter season for the senior athletes
3. HS athletes can have a little time off after the HS season before beginning LC training.

Cons:

1. HS athletes with no sectional cuts will not have another opportunity to get Sectional Cuts after the HS season.
2. Coaches would have to revamp their seasons
3. Athletes may have to get permission of HS coaches to participate in the meet

Objective of the senior meet? Would be a shave/taper meet to get kids charged to get started sooner at the club level and prepare kids for HS season.

(Chris Hadden) Consider adding a 3rd meet to transition to moving the senior championship meet. There's enough demand to have a March senior level meet. Keep LSC championship meet status quo and add the senior circuit meet to get coaches adjusted to a senior-type meet in the Nov-Dec timeframe.

Questions:

1. What clubs would participate in the Nov-Dec Championship meet? Some clubs do a travel meet that time of year.
 - a. Send out a survey: How likely are you to attend this meet?
2. If the Nov meet is not a championship meet, who will buy into it? Need to ease into this and get mindset across the LSC before making the change.

Ideas:

1. Travel reimbursement
2. Time trials after the HS state meet?
3. Replace March Champ meet with senior circuit meet?
4. Invite teams from the outside the LSC if Nov senior circuit? May not be able to in case that becomes and LSC championship meet.
5. Make the Nov meet Prelim-Final
6. Push current senior champs timeslot 1 week later (not the week after HS state meet). May conflict with JOs.
7. Switching JOs and senior championship weekends?

College would have to have the Nov meet on their school schedule in order to swim it and the coach cannot be their "active" coach.

Most kids bypass their first 1 or 2 HS meets to attend a meet in early Dec.

A lot of importance is placed on the JO championship. HOD and many clubs place a lot of value on this meet, and decisions are made based on this meet. More emphasis needs to be placed on the seniors.



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Where do we go from here?

Move forward with the championship meet in Nov

Nov 20-22, 2015 – Miami can host the meet and put in a bid.

Either weekend before Thanksgiving or 1st weekend in Dec as options, however 1st weekend in Dec you may lose some HS kids. Juniors can also fall on the 1st weekend in Dec.

HOD just approved SC Championship meet schedule for 2015—2016 season. This meet will have to be added to the schedule and a call for bids to be done.

Spring 2016 SC senior meet to be changed to a senior circuit.

Should offer the Nov 2015 Senior Championship meet first to Miami (MAKO)

Miami will still be awarded the same stipend for the Spring 2016 meet.

Action Step: Chris to draft a letter for distribution about the meet change and connect with Terri about hosting. Need to check on other events also going on at Miami that same weekend to ensure hotel availability.

Marlins want to be assured that they can still host their Nov meet and be able to move their weekend to not conflict with the Senior Championship meet weekend. Teams historically hosting on that same weekend will be protected.