

Justin Haycraft – Candidate for Age Group Vice Chair

Black Dog Swimming Head Coach

Math Teacher PLHS

Prior Lake High School Assistant Coach Boys and Girls.

I have been an active member on the coach's advisory council for Swimming and Diving State High School League. I served for two years as Vice-President of the Boys Coaches Association and two years as the President of the coaches Association. During my tenure, we extended Class A schools from 4 sections to 6 sections. We increased the number of state qualifiers for Class A Diving to improve competition at the state meet. We dropped the state coaches meeting as there was minimal attendance and high cost to the coach's association during my tenure as well. I don't believe in wasteful spending. I have been a strong advocate of fiscal responsibility for the coach's association and intend to extend that to Minnesota Swimming as well. I have served on the Age Group Committee for the past 5 years. I have been the Head Coach of Black Dog Swimming for 4 years where I have helped to rebuild a dying program through the growth of our age group program.

I believe that Minnesota swimming has a responsibility to its member clubs to keep the sport of swimming cost efficient for families. We need to build our programs from the ground up by supporting our youngest athletes and molding their love of sport. The Age Group Committee's job is to make sure that our young athletes keep coming back to us by supporting quality competition at each level. I believe in strong communication with the Age Group Committee as well as with member clubs. I believe in grassroots program growth. I would be a strong advocate for club programs. Minnesota Swimming has a proud past and bright future and I would love to be a part of the guiding force to that future.

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