

April 17, 2007 10:00 AM
Age Group and Senior Committee Meeting
Schroeder YMCA - Brown Deer, WI

Attending: Dave Anderson, Neil Wright, Mark Kohnhorst, Jeanne Drzewiecki,
Rob McCabe, John Bradley, Brent Boock

Minutes

- 1) Approval of minutes of 1/10/2007 meeting
- 2) Overview of agenda for 4/17/2007
- 3) Background Checks

John spoke in favor of expanding the background checks to all non-athlete registered members. The discussion went back and forth and the substance was potential protection of the LSC and its clubs from people in positions like club treasurers who have had felonies previously. John will speak at the LSC meeting about this. Also of interest is how many non-athlete (coach) members were disallowed during the initial screening – maybe Carol Graham can find out eventually when the background checks are complete.

3) Summer Silver Championships

New for this summer, the second year, is no northern meet – only Waukesha. Added a 13/14 age group. There is no bottom time standard and the top is the state meet times. Neil Wright will be producing the time standards. We talked briefly about a meet name change but decided to stay with Silver. After this summer we'll evaluate how the meet is going and if it is serving our needs effectively

4) Summer State Championships

12 & U

No changes essentially. Seeding will be (LCM, SCM, SCY). 7 individual events limit. There will be an event order change for Saturday AM session that will also be for the coming winter spring '08 meet (neil will publish). Meet warm up will start no earlier than 8:30 AM and the break between sessions will be shortened somewhat ie. 1.5 hrs. Also there will be a short break after the 10 & U 50 Br before the 11/12 M.R. for awards that should give some rests.

13 & O

Dave Anderson, as a representative of the Schroeder YMCA, was adamant about insuring changes to the meet to provide a meet that would fit the facility limit of not more than 575 total participants and not more than 475 per session. The YMCA is unwilling to have larger summer state meets because of pressure on the facility and its membership.

The changes maintaining the event order that was used last summer that moved the sprint relays to thurs after the 800 free will be maintained. The 400 MR will not be in its own session however. No relay-only athletes may be entered in the 13 & O meet this also means that teams without individual qualifiers may not enter relays – this was affirmed but by a very close vote 4-3. A little editorial: 7 of us saw this as a way – we thought the best way – to make the changes needed to get to the right size. The committee is interested in other solutions that get the meet to the right size.

With the, event order change, tightened time standards since last year, and the no relay-only athletes, this should mean that the meet will come in at the correct size. If it does not, then the committee recommends that teams be limited to A & B relays and then A only.

The idea is also that the no relay-only rule will be a key to get the 2008 spring championship meet to the required size.

5) Officials for State Champ meets – how they are selected

The committee spoke about the idea of how to help insure that quality officials are selected to be lead officials at State meets. It was proposed that the following steps be utilized:

1. Host team should be allowed to nominate a candidate for the position of Meet Referee. With the condition that they be able to justify their selection as having the experience to run that caliber of meet.
2. The Age Group or Senior Committee can accept or deny the nomination due to a lack of justification of the candidate's abilities. And offer 3 alternate selections to the LSC Officials Chair who will then make the final decision.
3. The LSC Chair can overrule the selection of the Officials Chair with Cause, but these selections should be completely transparent and justifiable.
4. The selected Meet Referee will then assign his Head Chief Judge and Administrative. Referee. The meet will be run with a national Format so when these athletes and coaches advance to higher levels of meets that are comfortable with the differing rules and requirements.

6) Unfinished/New Business

Jeanne as Admin Chair brought up the problem of limited LCM racing opportunities and what to do to help allieviate the problems. She was thinking changing all LCM to Open ie. no invite, but after some discussion the group came to thinking that if a team seeks a waiver for size limits that part of the

waiver be the change to meet info eliminating relays, and requiring events to be checked in.

NEXT MEETING: TBD