

2011 USAS Convention

Jacksonville, FL

Report for Luke Schumm – WI Age Group Chair

LSC Development Committee Report:

- LEAP was the most addressed topic
 - Committee wanted to simplify the process by using check boxes so LSC's can indicate whether they are currently doing certain things, but it will keep the committee from having to sift through countless unnecessary documents.
 - o Committee also talked about specializing the evaluation committee members
 - All LSC's will need to complete LEAP Level 1 again after 2012 (and for every quad thereafter)
 - All changes being made will be as of January 1, 2012

Club Development Committee:

- Discussion was had on whether coaches education should be required or recommended
 - o After discussion, it was decided that coaches are recommended to further their education.
 - o Possible reward systems were also discussed by the floor, with a few LSC's being recognized as having good systems currently in place.
- Deck Pass was discussed at length

Age Group Chair Workshops 1 & 2

- Age Group Workshop 1
 - o Presentation on Deck Pass.
 - o About 30-40 minutes of small group discussion on prevalent LSC issues
 - Warm-up safety, Meet size, Meet length, etc
 - LSC presented the problems/solutions their respective LSC's were facing
 - Presented small group discussion to entire group
- Age Group Workshop 2
 - o A panel of presenters ranging from AG coaches, SR coaches, and College coaches presented on training athletes with a distance emphasis
 - Speakers touched on Open Water training, various workout/training strategies, favorite workouts, and more.

Social Networking Phenomenon:

- Presentation was done in 2 parts; by a presenter and by 2 athletes
- Focused on a variety of items
 - o How to effectively use Social Media
 - o Don'ts of Social Media
 - o USAS transformation to using Social Media
 - o Deck Pass

Observation on Starts:

- Russell Mark switched the topic to be an overview of as much information he could cover in the allotted amount of time. Good, like always.

Central Zone Meeting:

- Dave Anderson was elected Coaches Zone Director for the Central Zone.
- 2012 14&U Zones will be held in Pleasant Prairie, WI and Donner, IN.
- 2012 Senior Zones will be held in Lawrence, KS
- 2012 Sectional meets will be held in Pleasant Prairie, WI and Univ. of Iowa
- Full minutes can be found at:
http://www.centralzones.org/cenzone/UserFiles/File/Minutes/CZMinutes_2011.pdf

House of Delegates:

- Rule changes can be found at:
<http://www.usaswimming.org/Rainbow/Documents/662e8a4d-d45d-4dea-8947-723f09b49ffa/Rules%20Changes%20Adopted%20at%202011%20HOD.pdf>