Allegheny Mountain Swimming

Coaches Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th 2016

Market District Giant Eagle Settlers Ridge

100 Settlers Ridge Center Dr.

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

7:45 – 9:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

**I.** Call to Order 7:55pm

**A.** Approval of Minutes from November and June Minutes, 2016

In attendance:

Mike Kristufek – MLAC Coaches Representative

Bob Miller – WAAC

Cindy DiNunzio – JCCS (meeting minutes)

Ryan Schonbachler – PRA

**II.** Action items

**A.** None

**III.** Old Business

**A.** None

**IV.** New Business

**A**. **Review Long Course Season**

* First four events need to be seeded. This way Coaches can have the swimmers prepared and ready to go.
* If first 4 events are not seeded, coaches should get heat sheets first, then officials. This way coaches will have swimmers ready to start the meet.
* Athlete representative, Ryan Schonbachler, felt swimmers had enough meets to participate in, with different events
* Some coaches throughout AMS felt there were not enough meets for 10&unders. There were actually 5 meets (Mazzei, CVSC/USCS or JCCS Classic, Team Open GPAC or HD, Summer Celebration (BB or faster), 10&under SC Champs, Bronze Champs 9-10 age group. Not including Silver & JO’s.
* Bronze Championships needs to be 10&under not 9-10 age group
* Estimated timeline need to be posted, especially for championship meets.

**B. Review Long course zones**

* Zone coaches were disappointed that they finished 7th, compared to short course zones placing 2nd.
* Three championships going on at the same time, swimmers in the past would double up and go to back-to-back meets.
* Financially parents may not have been able to send their child, especially if they have more then one swimmer at a championship meet.
* Cindy’s daughter. Laura, attended for the first time and had a great experience, made new friends, and the coaches were great.

**C.** **Discuss meets to be funded**

* We decided to continue to select and fund current meets that USA swimming has determined as a path for swimmers to grow into. We will continue with our current funding availability.
* AMS coaches need to continue to communicate with parents/swimmers about the cost of championship meets

**D.** **Discuss Eastern Zone Open Water Champs**

* USA swimming & Eastern Zone swimming is trying to increase open water swimming
* Currently no funding available within AMS for swimmers or coaches. We would like to see the following approved: 12&under swimmers need to have a AAA time standard in short course or long course 500/400 freestyle and 13&over AAA 1650 / 1500 freestyle, based on their age group. A percentage will be funded comparable to Age Group Zone Championships. This would also include coaches funding.

**E.** **New Business from the floor**

1. Neil Jones email that was sent 9/14; concerns about meet information not posted on a timely basis

* We need to enforce the fines with deadlines for Meet announcements and event files
* Post deadlines & fines on the bidding forms, include in emails with information on bidding.
* Teams missing first deadline, a warning is sent out, miss the 2nd $300 fine. Short course 1st deadline 7/1 2nd deadline 7/15. Long Course 1st deadline 2/1, 2nd 2/15

V. Adjournment 9:58PM

Next meeting November 2nd 7:45PM at Market District

* Discuss Zone Coaching: looking for new head coach to commit to short/long course, Assistant coach can apply to either short, long or both courses, we need 8 coaches