AMS Coaches Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2012

7:45 PM - Vincent’s Pizza – Greentree

Call to Order 8:00

1. Senior Chair Report: nothing new to report
2. Age Group Chair Report: Jacinta Batisky
   1. Jacinta reported that in Sept., USA swimming did some strategic planning with AMS reps and it was stated that our swimmers are swimming faster than the Nat’l Average @ BB & faster levels.
   2. AMS is also swimming faster than the nat’l averages of IMX during the years that we participate in the IMX meets. When we don’t have the IMX meets, our averages fall below.
   3. There have been complaints that our meet schedule does not meet the needs of all teams. The Age Group Committee is working to make the best schedule that they can. Currently, they are working to revise the operating procedures so that clubs can host other sanctioned meets to meet their own needs. ie – dual/tri meets.
   4. The Senior Committee and Age Group Committee are working together to make sure meet structures are parallel.
   5. Please contact Jacinta to let her know what your teams needs are at the age group level.
   6. AMS has been invited to an All-Star meet in January in Indiana. This would be similar to a zone meet. It is not possible for this January, but will be looked at for the 2014 season.
   7. MEET NEWS:
      1. PRA Mini/BB warm up – 10:30 11:40 meet start
      2. WAAC sit will have revised warm up schedule TBA
      3. DEC. Distance meet - 11-12 qualif times have been changed from 13-14 times.
      4. Chrismtas Meet – OME opened and ready to accept entries
   8. IMX –January: Should we do IMR or IMX events? AGC will finalize next week. IMR does not give a true IMX time for 10 and unders. We need to give the opportunity to every kid to swim these events. There is a big push nationally for IMX meets. The structure is injoeopardy due to lack of interest and participation.
   9. CONVENTION INFO:
      1. Age group swimmers should have the opportunity to learn, fail and succeed.
      2. Most coaches at convention agree 10 and unders should not swim finals. USA swimming does not have 10 & u finals. Should we follow this trend or make adjustments for AMS?
      3. Suggestion for coaches and parents to watch “magic hockey helmet” on youtube
      4. Your most experienced coach should be coaching your least experienced kids.
      5. How do we embrace the excitement from the Olympics? Have opportunities for older kids to interact with younger kids.
   10. AGC meeting in October
       1. Send your concerns to Jacinta
       2. Bonus events not being considered until after s.c. season
3. New Business
   1. We do NOT have a site for Senior Championships yet.
   2. COACHES REP ELECTION
      1. Mike Kristufek (WHAT) and Zac Gebhart (MOON), both spoke about their qualifications for coach’s rep. A ballot vote was taken and Mike was elected the new Coach’s Rep.
      2. Motion to Pass: Cindy Woods 2nd: Matt Tucker
4. Old Business
   1. Jeff Armstrong brought up the subject of the distance/time for clubs north of Seneca Valley to travel to meets/meetings, etc. He stressed the point that AMS has clubs outside of Pittsburgh and that should be taken into consideration when planning. Jacinta suggested that the coaches rep reach out to other LSC’s and see how they deal with this issue.

Motion to adjurn: Dave Kutrufis 2nd: Patrick Wenzel

Respectfully Submitted: Kelly Kutrufis