

Bi-Annual Coaches Meeting
September 28, 2013 at 1:30pm
Chartiers Valley High School – LGI Room 1

The meeting was called to order by Michael Kristufek, Coaches Representative at 12:10 pm

I. Old Business

- A. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

II. New Business

A. Technical Rule Changes

Discussion: John Schaefer (Officials Chair) reviewed the rule changes for the 2013-2014 year. Questions were raised about the breaststroke similarities between NFHS rules and USA Swimming rules. NFHS rule differences have no effect on the outcome of our meets and training. John informed the Coaches that he would be running an officials clinic the following weekend, and any Coaches were welcome to attend.

B. Zones Report

Discussion: Cindy Woods gave an overview of the Summer LC Zones trip. With 99 athletes, it was the largest trip in a very long time for AMS. Meet records were broken, and overall the trip was successful. Cindy hopes that this year's trips will be well supported by AMS Coaches again. She also passed out a report summary.

C. Age Group Chair Report

Discussion: Charles indicated that if anybody has issues with the first splash entries, talk to him at a Meet Management Committee Meeting and they will be happy to work out a solution, or discuss the issue. He also indicated that we are falling below levels with retention at the younger level, and USA Swimming has made it clear that they would like the Age Group Chairs to incorporate a program to maintain retention with meets and programming at the 10 & Under level.

D. Senior Chair Report

Discussion: Todd remarked that we need greater athlete involvement in our LSC, and we need to get them more front and center on the website and publications as well. He also said that funding, which is past due is being reviewed.

E. Safe Sport

Discussion: Jacinta reviewed Safe Sport from a USA Swimming perspective. She indicated that we need to be aware of what is going on around us and within our teams. This is just not sexual predator awareness. Most Safe Sport issues include bullying and dangerous social media interactions. She indicated that we should use the 24 hour rule to decide if something is inappropriate and should be reported. Boundaries need to be set by both Coaches, Parents and Staff so as not to confusion or misrepresent future situations. USA Swimming has specific people and procedures in place to deal with these issues.

F. Super Sectionals

Discussion: 2015 Super Sectional meet is being planned as a stepping stone to Junior Nationals. This will be pushed up to the second weekend in July. There will also be a Senior Elite Meet held in place of the original Sectional Meet by the Eastern Zone. The Sectional LC Meet this Spring will be held in Buffalo. Dave Schraven of USC indicated that AMS Teams should join together to make this an exciting trip and meet. Many reservations were made due to the facilities air quality, lack of a warm up/down pool being available, and poor meet hosting. It was indicated that most AMS teams would be traveling back to the SC Sectional Christiansburg Site in the Spring.

III. Other Follow Up Items

- A. IMX is continuing to be developed and doing well in the Eastern Zone with meets closing out due to entries.

IV. Adjournment at 1:10 pm