AMS Coaches Meeting Minutes April 24, 2013 7:45 pm

**1. Call to Order**: 7:45 Mike Kristufek – Coaches Rep

**2. Motion to approve fall minutes**: Ryan Johnston 2nd: Matt Tucker

 Motion Approved

**3. Zone Report** – Cindy Woods – Head Coach AMS Zone Team

 a. Cindy provided a 2 page summary of the trip. She mentioned that there were no behavior problems and the staff did a great job. Packet also includes information on the summer meet and qualifying times. Cindy reminded coaches to please push this meet with their swimmers

**4. Age Group Report** – Jacinta Batisky – Age Group Chair

 a. Short Course schedule has been emailed out and posted on amswim.org. Bids are being accepted until May 10th, and will be awarded by May 13th.

 b. The Steel City Meet is FULL, but 12 teams were left out. Jacinta and meet hosts are working with the timeline to see if any other entries can be accepted.

 c. Upcoming BOD Elections – Jacinta encouraged coaches to think about making sure a coach is elected to the important positions within AMS so that we are sure that age group swimming is promoted.

**5. Senior Report** – Todd Clark – Senior Chair

 a. Senior Circuit 1 will be at YSU. There will be an AGO in between prelim/final sessions. Senior Circuit 3 will be at Pitt.

 b. Short Course info: There will be a “Senior Champs” meet (prelims/finals) the Sat/Sun after WPIALS. This will give seniors more opportunities to swim other events. There will not be distance events, those events are to be swum at Age Group Champs.

 c. Athletes – Todd reported that we need to do a better job getting our athlete reps involved in the BOD processes. There will be a representative meeting in the North Hills (date and time TBA) to discuss the expectations of reps. Both Todd and Jacinta stressed that these representatives need to be willing and able to attend meetings regularly.

 d. “Trends” – Todd brought up the fact that at many meetings throughout AMS, the phrases “equality” and “fairness” are being used in regards to “teams.” Todd stressed that we should be given athletes the best opportunities to succeed regardless of what your club wants/needs. There was a long group discussion regarding more detailed examples of this.

**6. Coaches Committee Report** – Mike Kristufek

 a. Mike reported that the newly formed coaches committee has met twice so far and will continue to meet every other month. The committee is made up of 10 different coaches and was made to figure out how to better serve the LSC and coaches within the LSC. Topics discussed so far:

 1. Videotaping – should be done by coaches only.

 2. Meet Warm-Ups – how can we redesign warm-ups to make them safer for athletes. Recommendation was made that host clubs provide a lifeguard at least for warm-ups. Jacinta reminded that it is the host clubs responsibility to set up warm-ups according to the numbers and timelines. If needed a third warm-up slot may be added, creating 3, 20 minute sessions.

 3. SAFESPORT – Meet volunteers need to be reminded that they should have some sort of identification to be on the deck during a meet.

7. Goals – Mike Kristufek

 a. Mike suggested that we set goals for our group to determine where we want to go and what we want to do as coaches. Ideas should be submitted to members of the coaches committee.

b. Current Goal - More publicity for our sport

8. New Business

 a. Jeff Armstrong questioned if there were requirements to be chosen as a coach for the Zone Team or the Elite Camp practices. Mike and Cindy stated that zone coaches were chosen the same way they have been in the past, by a discussion between the Zone Head Coach, Age Group Chair, Team Manager, and Coaches Representitive. There is no “criteria” in our operation procedures for this. There are criteria set for Elite Camp Coaches which are posted in our operation procedures.

 b. Mike passed out the list of winners for “Swimmer of the Year” in each age group. Those swimmers will he honored at the AMS banquet in May.

Motion to Adjourn: Dave Kutrufis 2nd: Charles Lersch

Meeting Adjourned – 8:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Kutrufis