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SWIMMING

## **NJS Governance Committee**

**Meeting Minutes - July 8 2020, 7:30 PM**

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- Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM
- Bud thanked members for meeting on such short notice and stated that the goal of the meeting was to review the athlete sections. Bud has also isolated changes made to the Policies and Procedures (P+P) Manual since May 2017 and will circulate that to committee members later in the evening
- TJ initially went through the document and identified sections for the athletes section including records, entry times, zone team selection, adaptive provisions, and athlete conduct. John went through those sections and noted necessary additions or changes to the language, specifically that the adaptive provisions section could be condensed
  - Bud suggested formatting some of these items into an appendix with the goal of condensing the body of the manual
  - TJ suggested putting the entire athlete section into an appendix due to the scarcity of information/sections
- Bud asked the athletes if they understand the age-up exception in its current language and John responded that the language does adequately explain the exception
- Anna questioned the athletes if they feel that the age-up exception period of time is enough or it should be longer
  - TJ mentioned that as a younger swimmer, he would qualify for JOs as a YMCA swimmer, but then would not be able to swim because his birthday is before the exception. He also asked if this should be changed in the manual now, or approved as a separate item.
  - Bud responded that as the Committee get closer to a final draft, major changes should be highlighted before they are brought to the Board of Directors and then House of Delegates
- Anna mentioned that USA Swimming made major changes to its adaptive provisions and we should make sure the reference number is correct
  - TJ mentioned that our current adaptive provisions section has a blanket statement for meet referees to make any adequate changes
  - Anna mentioned that there was a Berkeley swimmer a few years ago who needed a chair lift before their race and no request was made in advance of the

meet. Anna stated that she thinks it would be beneficial to have facilities and meet referees aware of adaptive provisions well in advance

- Bud said in his experience requests were submitted to the meet referee in advance of the start of the session. Ed mentioned that for YMCA Nationals registration, there is no section for requesting provisions and that advance notice would be beneficial
- TJ volunteered to put together some preliminary language for this portion
- TJ again reiterated the need for condensed language, specifically from the Zone Selection Section
- Bud asked that the athletes forward him a copy of their notes within the next day so he can identify any new or changed language for the Board
- Anna questioned if anything needs to be changed in regards to athlete elections and Bud responded that it is contained in the document he will be sending out
- Ed thinks approved vs. observed meets needs to be in the officials section in addition to other sections
  - Bud agrees that it should also be in the meet section along with any other language in relation to sanctioning
- Ed also wants to make sure that expenses incurred by any officials committee members, reimbursement for officials and the difference between sanctioned vs. observed meets will be highlighted in the officials section
- Next meeting **TBD** via Zoom
- Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM