Program Operations Division Report for 11/01/09 Board of Directors Meeting

Meet Scheduling:

CSW requested to add an AB meet to the 2009-2010 SCY schedule on Jan 9-11, 2010. The Meet Scheduling committee approved, but the BoD rejected due to the already scheduled BC meet that weekend.

The 2010 LCM Skeleton schedule and request for bids has been distributed. The due date is December 1st. Some bids have already been received.

Sanctions:

As usual, the start of the season has many clubs (9 out of 18 so far) submitting their sanction requests late (less than 60 days). Even though MS has reduced the lead time from 75 days and eliminated the old sanction request form, this continues to be a problem.

The good news is that so far only one club has been late to the new six week posting requirement. In this case, as with implementing any new rule, Program Ops waived the fine and educated the club to the new process.

More good news is that Program Ops and Jan Cartmill are receiving meet backup files in a timely manner and heat intervals and session lengths are within the rules.

Meet Issues:

Program Ops has received inquiries from a couple of clubs about raising meet entry fees to offset rising pool rental costs. This is a HoD issue, since raising fees is a rule change. However, unless host clubs are willing to share their profit/loss statements and show how they are offsetting the rental fees (i.e. sponsorships, donations, etc.) we do not support raising the fees of all athletes in the LSC to increase profits for the teams that host meets. Approximately 50% of our LSC's clubs host at least one meet per calendar year.

At the 06/28/09 BoD meeting there was discussion about instituting a facility surcharge for state meets. The intent would be to use these funds to pay for state meet facilities to upgrade/maintain their timing systems. MS would issue the facility a check after receipts were submitted showing the money spent on the timing system. Again, this is a HoD issue and Program Ops is looking for input from the BoD on if we should pursue drafting legislation for the next HoD.

Championship Awards:

Hasty Awards has contacted us about awards for 2010. Although we had serious problems with them last SC season, it is our feeling we should give them another chance and have them do the awards for this year (there were no issues with the LC state meet other than them sending the bill to the wrong person). Attached is the design from last year. They will modify if we want another design, but we think the swimmers liked this design and are interested in using it again for this year.

2.0" Die-Cast Medal
with Cut-Out & Color-Fill

White, Red 485, Reflex Blue

raised

recessed

Michigan Swim Long Course MEDAL_8_08.ai