**Minutes**

**Technical Planning Committee**

**9:00 p.m. CST – Monday, November 28, 2016**

**Call to order:** Kyle Margheim called meeting to order at 9:10 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:**

Present: Kyle Margheim, John Kramer, Edie Mueller, Molly Hogg, Lucie Anderson, Bonnie Biel

1. **Championship meet**

Discussion on what our purpose for the committee is to be. We are looking at going to a prelim/finals format at both LC and SC Championships.

Molly is in favor of this format – brought up the fact we might think about cutting down the limit of events for this as it would benefit the swimmer. Brought up questions on the profit, who would be responsible for volunteerism, timers, officials, etc. What would host team be responsible for?

JK is in favor of this format also – was concerned on the heavy workload for coaches without assistant coaches present. Also brought to question the split duty of concessions, awards, etc. He would be willing to look at Rose Bowl(?) Aquatics as they have hosted this type of meet before and have roles split and clearly outlined.

Discussion on what teams already do to split the burden of hosting (timers, concessions, and apparel.)

Should we move 8 and Under age group Championships to the B meet? Make qualifying times and age group at state for 10 and under and keep all at the state meet? Will this deter families with both 8 and under and 9-10 age group swimmers from attending one or the other?

1. **Timing of plan**

All were in agreeance and aware that this committee should have a concrete plan by the Spring HOD meeting to look at and think about for a vote at the Fall HOD meeting. This would give time for teams to look at the plan, suggest what they think could be changed, and give the committee time to reconvene and discuss these changes.

1. **How many athletes at the State Meet?**

Committee discussed what size of meet and concerns for the best venue possible. We could look at the tabled proposal from this fall HOD on facility requirements. Important to have a warm up/warm down lane/area/time. Thoughts on a pool in which you could start from both ends?

1. **Time Standards**

Discussion on if we want to look at how we determine our time standards.

We should use them as a way to manage the size of the meet; need to be in the territory of getting faster times for swimmers.

Can we look at if/how our swimmers have improved over the years? How many A/AA/AAA times our swimmers have achieved?

1. **B Championships**

Should B Championship remain the same (mirroring) the State A meet?

Discussion on keeping this meet a timed finals and State A prelim/finals.

1st and 2nd place finishers still receive a “pass” to the State A meet? Possibly keep for 12 and under, eliminate for 13 and over?

1. **Meetings**

Meetings will be held two times per month on Wednesdays.

1. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

**Next meeting will take place on Wednesday December 7th at 9:00 p.m. CST**