MINUTES

Florida Swimming Technical Planning
Orlando, Florida 9/10/2011

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 by Technical Planning Chair, Chris Oliver
Those in attendance were: Gregg Cross, Fred Lewis, Bryan Woodward, Mitzi Tighe, Justin Correia, Todd Hoffmeier, Helen Kelly, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Steve Brown, Jim Kelly, Jacki Kenny, and Steve Corrie.

Report of Officers:
Area 3: Fred reported that the meet, separated from Area 5 was not the same quality of meet. It was a one pool meet, almost 600 swimmers. He feels there is a desire to split again, but would prefer to return to the previous format with Area 3 and 5 combined.

Area 5: Steve reported that the meet was small. He agreed with Fred, that the meet had a different flavor, and that they missed Area 3. There was not a lot of depth to the meet. The Area 5 meet was about 450 swimmers.

Area 1 and 4: Brian reported on Area meet in Tallahassee. He mentioned that the meet went smoothly, but sessions were long.

Area 2: Mitzi reported that the meet was a quick 5 hour meet. They do not combine with Area 6. The run one session.

Old Business:
Sectionals: Sectionals will be on the designated date(3/13-16) at the YMCA Orlando. The NSCA meet moved forward (3/20-25)one weekend, so that Sectionals could be at the YMCA facility. There was discussion regarding limiting outside participation in this meet. It was agreed that the meet should be limited to swimmers within our Section with the exception of swimmers who have achieved 2011 summer National standards. There should be no relay only swimmers. There was discussion to eliminate bonus swims for the 400 and above events. Chris stated that this would need to be decided by the Sectional Committee. There was discussion regarding the D final, and whether or not it should be an 18 and under final. The group was split on this subject. There was discussion regarding parading the A final. It was decided to defer this topic until closer to the meet.

New Business:

Procedure for Deadline for entry to Championship Meets:
Jim Kelly stated that there is a committee assigned this task to discuss and make recommendations regarding this procedure. Chris made the suggestion that the Deadline for entries be the Wednesday the week prior to the meet, with a final correction date of Sunday, prior to the meet. There was concern that coaches would be making changes based on the psych sheet. Mitzi suggested that we hold out on posting the psych sheet until Monday, following the "correction" date, and that we send each team a review of their entries for "proofing purposes" after Wednesday's entry deadline. It was agreed that this would be a good solution, with corrections limited to addition of athletes (accidentally left off), and addition of events (accidentally left off), not for changing events. We will wait until we hear from committee on this issue.

Senior Committee Proposal:
Ira not in attendance, so it was decided to wait for this proposal.

Open Water Dates:
Gregg Cross would like to propose that we run the Florida swimming Open Water Championships with the Open Water Festival the weekend of April 29th. They have secured the Mirimar Lakes Venue. It is a fresh water venue and the water temperature at that time is suspected to be in the mid 70's. The Gold Coast is interested in doing the All Star Open Water meet at that date as well. The selection process for our LSC would be from FLAGS and Senior Champs.

Minutes from our April meeting were reviewed and approved

Meet BID process: Chris presented a proposal for the handling of meet BIDS. There needs to be an addition to our Policies and Procedures Manual regarding this process.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Cashel Mack, Secretary