TECHNICAL PLANNING

October 1st, 2011, Mission Inn and Resort

Chris Oliver called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
Those in attendance were: Fred Lewis, Lisa Bitting, Steve Brown, Sherwood Watts, Bob Ruth, Thomas Tiedt, Grant Nelson, Jackie Kenny, Emma Volz, Erik Bing, Helen Kelly, Kiki Cook, Perrin Foerster, Charlie Rose, Joe Auer, Scott Caron,, Clay Parnell, Randy Reese, Rich Rogers, Crystal Tavares, Erin Crabtree, Carol Nash, Mel Nash, Don Henshaw, Justin Correia, Mike Verwest, Laura Verwest, Todd Hoffmeier, Dale Porter, Jon Sakovich, Ira Klein, and Cashel Mack

Additions to Agenda:
2012 Meet Schedule
Due Date for 2013 Meets
Age Group Chair set of proposals

Previous meeting minutes approval. Motion was made to approve, seconded, APPROVED

Area Report:
Area I: Not in attendance
Area II: Clay Parnell expressed a concern regarding heat sheet charge. Provision was made that host teams could charge $2.00 per swimmer to post heat sheet online. Teams still have to provide heat sheets for coaches, Proposed that coaches as well be required to download heat sheets. Teams would only be required to provide heat sheets for timers and officials.
Fred brought up that someone from Area 3 had suggested that we raise the heat sheet fee to $4.00 for more than a 2 session meet. The current fee is $2.00.
Sherwood brought up that teams could just print that in the meet announcement if they would like the coaches to print heat sheets ahead of time.
Rule was read, and it was decided by both parties to withdraw proposals.

Area 3: Fred made a suggestion from another coach in the area that since there was a 15-16 age groups at senior champs that we make a 17-18 age group, and that C finals stay 18 and under. Discussion followed and suggestion to keep 18 and under C Final.

Area 4: No Report

Area 5: Sherwood reported that the Area meet was separate from Area 3 over the summer, and that it was a smaller meet. Area 5 is interested in combining areas again. He feels that it makes for a better meet.

Area 6: No Report

2012 Meet Schedule:
Bolles Feb. 25-26th meet should read the same as the SPA meet (no 15-16 or senior champ qualifiers)

Don Henshaw reported that the Open Water Nationals was awarded to Gulf Coast Swim Team on April 27-29, 2012. The National 10K will be on the 27th, the National 5K on the 29th, and the Florida Swimming Open Water Championships, as well as the Fl Swimming vs. Florida Gold Coast Open Water duel meet will be on the 28th. He stressed that entry into the all star open water meet and the Florida Swimming Open water Champs are two separate entries.

Meet Bid Process and recommended that the process goes to House of Delegates. * See attached sheet. Motion was made, seconded, APPROVED

Championship Meets/Age Group Chair
Lisa presented that her committee has met several times, and accomplished a lot of things including the announcement letters for all of the FL Swimming FLAGS meets, Zone meet, and All- star meet. They also went over selection process for All Stars and Zones.

FLAGS : the order of events will be the same as this past year. Timeline worked well. Time standards will remain the same. Summer FLAGS were discussed that on Thurs. p.m. there should be a break in finals, and a timeline should be printed and handed out ahead of time, to keep the meet from going too fast. They agreed that chase starts were a good addition and that we should keep them.

The 120 day rule (see attached handout): The committee defined the petition process for waivers. They agreed that the purposed of the rule was to keep campers out of our championship meets as well as individuals going back and forth between LSC's.

The committee discussed that they feel that the entry deadline should be the entry deadline for the meets. There can be a proof deadline, but entries should close as they have in the past.

The All Star selection will remain the same from Spring FLAGS and will select the top 6 as eligible for the meet. Applications must be turned in by the end of finals on Sunday. The All Star meet is 3/24 and 25.

The Zone Selection process will be the same. The Zone meeting voted to make the upper standard for the meet the summer Jr. National standards. They wanted to keep the Zone meet as a stepping stone in the progression.

Motion to Approved Lisa's proposals, seconded, APPROVED

Senior Vice Chair (Ira Klein):
Ira explained the problem that we created by moving FLAGS to March several weeks after our Senior Championship meet. The problem created made a situation for any swimmers who were 14 years old at Senior Champs, but turned 15 prior to the FLAGS meet. Ira stated that he had brought up some solutions at the last meeting, but we left the meeting without a solution for these swimmers. He suggested that we make a 14-16 age groups for this meet/year only in order to accommodate these athletes.
It was suggested that we go 16 and under . Ira explained that we had discussed that and too many coaches felt that it would be a poor solution for our 15-16 athletes.
It was suggested that swimmers only be allowed one age group championship meet.
Athletes spoke up and stated that they would be fine with swimming against 12-13-14 year olds.
Ira mentioned that we don't have a single LSC Senior meet.
Chris suggested that we take two separate votes:

A) On the 14-16 year old division for Senior Champs
B) For the proposal to allow swimmers only 1 age group championship meet in a specified age group

Motion made to create a 14-16 year old age group for Senior Champs, Seconded, PASSED

Motion made that a swimmer that competes in 14-16 age category at 2012 sc senior champs may not compete in individual events in the 2012 sc FLAGS. , Seconded, PASSED

Set Date for Meet BIDS for 2013. Date was set at 3/24/2012. This gives Helen one week to post.
Motion was made, seconded, APPROVED

Jon asked for clarification on the BSS meet and SPA meet on the same weekend as senior champs. Still remains that the two meets cannot allow 15-16 and senior champ qualifiers.

Chris stated that we would try to do the next meeting by phone, or perhaps at FLAGS, then again in April.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cashel Mack