Technical Planning Committee Minutes
Sunday, January 9, 2011, 12:00 Noon

MINUTES

Technical Planning Chairman, Chris Oliver, called the meeting to order at 12:07. Those in attendance were Fred Lewis, Lisa Bitting, Ira Klein, Melissa Hellervik Bing, Bill Vargo, Gregg Cross, Clay Parnell, Doug Schustor, Todd Hoffmeier, Justin Correia, Chris Oliver, Dale Porter, Helen Kelly, Steve Wilson, and Cashel Mack.

Minutes of previous Board Meeting were not available.

Additions to Agenda:
-Change Name of B Meet
-HYV files for JO's---Stuart stepping down from OME—Helen is working on replacement
-Request for Ranking updates twice monthly
-HYV files changed by host team need to be communicated to clubs.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
Doug Schustor: Nothing to report
Clay Parnell: Nothing to report
Fred Lewis: Proposed that the B Championships East and West become the Florida Swimming Harry Meisel East and West Championships and that the entry deadline be changed to 5:00 the Monday prior to the meet. There was a second, and the motion Passed.
There was discussion following regarding scoring the meet.
Fred made a motion and to score the meet team wise and that everyone scores who places, regardless of times. There was a second, and the motion Passed.
Doug Schustor made a motion to add a spirit award to the Florida Swimming Harry Meisel Championships. Florida Swimming would provide the spirit award.
The motion was seconded and Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:
Justin Correia presented a proposal for changes to FLAGS. Lisa Bitting stated that the meet information for 2011 was ready to go, and that any changes would need to be for 2012. She requested that since she is the Age Group Chair, that future proposals go through her committee. The proposal was tabled and will be discussed in October, 2011, at which time we will have info. on how the 2011 meets ran.

Fred requested that the Florida Swimming rankings be updated on a more regular basis. Helen agreed to provide updates to the rankings twice monthly.

It was requested that we direct host teams to inform clubs regarding changes to their meet announcements or HYV files. Discussion followed, and ended with agreement that the revisions would be numbered on the Florida Swimming website with the date they were made.

Gregg Cross addressed the Open Water Championships held in Ft. Myers, June 10 through 12th. They are looking to move the FL Swimming Championships to Sunday, as opposed to Saturday to allow for an extra travel day for teams. The event this year hosts the USA 10K World Trials, the USA Swimming 5K Nationals, the Canadian 10K Trials, and the Masters 10K. Qualification times will remain the same as this past year. The course will be different , and will be 4 miles from Lynn Hall Park where it has been held in the past. It will be at the Holiday Inn South of Lynn Hall Park where the water is more shallow, and there are less currents and less boat traffic. Gregg believes it will be a much safer course. The Open Water All Star team will consist of 6 swimmers each age group, each gender. They will be selected as follows: 2 from the SPA Open Water Race, 2 from the Ocala Open Race, and 2 from JO's and Senior Champs. Florida Swimming is looking for coaches for the Open Water All Star Team. Applications are on the Florida Swimming website.
In addition to the slate of events at the Open Water Championships there will be "The Crippen Mile" on June 11th. The Crippen family has started an Elevation Foundation, and proceeds from this event will go to the family.

MEET DATES 2012
There was discussion as to the order and timing of the spring meets in 2012.
Ira Klein made a motion to have Senior Champs on February 16 – 19th, and FLAGS on March 1-4. He stated that then when the Sectional Committee met, they would push to have Sectionals 2 weeks later.
Motion was seconded and Failed

Fred Lewis made a motion to have Senior Champs February 23 -26 and FLAGS March 8-11.
Motion was seconded and Passed

Discussion followed that the Sectional Committee would push to have Sectionals March 15-18 (long course)

Lisa Bitting made a motion the summer FLAGS would be July 19-22 and Senior Champs July 26 – 29th.
Motion was seconded and Passed

Helen stated that BID forms would be up on the website this week. They are due March 29th.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, April 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cashel Mack, Secretary