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Florida Swimming

Board of Directors Meeting February 17, 2015 8:00 PM

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM, Tuesday February 17, 2015

In attendance:

Jeff Smith, Scott Kimmelman, Charlie Rose, Scott Caron, Justin Correia, Brent Arckey, Jackson, Auer, Elizabeth Richardson, Martin Zubero, John Hulvey, Mark Corley, John Bruening, Fred Lewis, Don Henshaw, Jeanne Epps, Sherwood Watts, Adam Epstein, Pat Toner, Steve Lochte, Helen Kelly.

Charlie Rose Discussed the Futures Meet. Over the past 10 years, our number of athletes in the sport has grown 46%. Much less of a percentage of our athletes are achieving Senior National Cuts. About half the number of swimmers are making the national meets compared to 10 years ago. The cuts for the Jr. Nationals have been made faster so a considerable number of athletes from FL would want to compete at the Futures Meet. USA Swimming to fill the need for athletes left out of the national level meets, developed the Futures Meet. Charlie estimates about twice the number of swimmers will request reimbursement for the Futures Meet than have requested reimbursement for Jr. and Sr. Nationals in the past. Charlie recommends we consider the futures meet as one of the two reimbursable meets. Charlie recommended \$450 per swimmer (half the national reimbursement currently allowed by FL.) Anyone who elects to go to the futures meet would be reimbursed. Scott Kimmelman expressed concern over the budget challenges this may impose on FL. The final amount for 2014 reimbursement is not yet ready for review so we could not respond to Scott's request to review last year's budget adequacy. Scott expressed concerns that we may find it too expensive after the fact, FL should consider a lesser amount to err on the side of caution during this first year. Discussion on setting a minimum amount which may be increased after the requests are made and we have the funds to cover an additional amount over \$250. Steve Lochte added that our focus should continue to be on getting our athletes to the Sr. Nationals and we as an LSC should consider limiting the number of times an athlete may be reimbursed for The Futures Meet. This initial policy will only apply to this summer and then in October the house will revisit this meet and what level of support we would like to commit to this futures meet. It was discussed to use this first summers Futures Meet as a test run and work on the policy for athlete reimbursement for this meet at the HOD in October. Don Henshaw made a motion reimburse athletes \$300 for this summer's Futures Meet, the house will review and discuss in October, motion seconded and approved unanimously by the board.

Summer 2016 Southern Zone Sectional Championships will be held July 7 – 10. We need to advertise for bids for this meet. The following dates have been selected by the Senior, Age Group, and Technical Planning Committees for the following FL Championship Meets:

July 14 – 17, 2016	Age Group Championships
July 21 – 24, 2016	Senior Championships
February 23 – 26, 2017	Senior Championships
March 9 – 12, 2017	Age Group Championships

Fred asked if the senior meet is two weeks after the Arena Pro Series. No meet has been planned as of yet for the Arena Pro Series for Spring 2017.

Bids will be due to the Florida Swimming Office by July 31, 2015. All Bids will be on our website as well as mailed to all clubs prior to our HOD in order for all to have a chance to review and consider prior to the October meeting. The announcement for bids will include the caveat that any bid received after July 31st will not be placed on the ballot and not presented to our House for consideration. Bids will be made available to all clubs prior to the HOD meeting.

Gemma Spofforth has made a proposal for Crisis Intervention Training for USA Swim Coaches. During the HOD weekend Dr Smith recommends offering a program for coaches. Scott Kimmelman recommends working with the coaches representative to plan a program. Sherwood Watts feels this is an important enough topic to allow Gemma to be the “keynote speaker” for our HOD meeting. This was supported by the group and the General Chair and Coaches Representative will work together to develop a program for the October HOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42