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Florida Swimming Technical Planning Committee Meeting
October 11, 2008
Crowne Plaza, Orlando, FL

Attending: Steve Lochte (chair), Brent Arckey (GSC) Area 1, Peter Banks, Melissa Bing Area 2, Lisa Bitting (PYP) Area 3, Nancy Hennessy (GSC) Area 1, Don Henshaw (CGST) Area 5 (TP committee), Randy Johnson (CVST) Area 3 (TP committee), Gina Mayer (CVST) athlete at-large rep Area 3, Terry Maul, Stuart Michelson Area 2, Dale Porter (SPAC) Area 1, Charlie Rose (BD) Area 2, Bob Ruth (DOLF) Area 4, David Smith (NFS) Area 1, John Stearns (DBS) Area 6, Katie Westbrook (CVST) athlete rep Area 3, Mark Wilson (DBS) Area 6, Helen Kelly (Exec. Dir.).

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:20 pm by Chair Steve Lochte.
- II. Additions to the agenda. Report from Atlanta, mission for LSC, coaching mission statement.
- III. Report from the USA Swimming meeting in Atlanta: There is a new rule concerning suits for 12U events. The suit may not cover the neck or extend beyond the shoulder, nor past the knees. Bob stressed the common-sense element of this rule (there may be religious reasons for exceptions or a short swimmer may have a suit that extends slightly past the knee). Suits with legs will not be allowed. The swimmer will not be allowed to swim and will be requested to change their suit to swim, but the meet will not be held up. This rule goes into effect on May 15, 2009.
- IV. Melissa presented the information discussed at the Official's Meeting earlier today. Bob Griffiths will write up a description of the flyover start, to be used for novice swimmers. Gina Mayer will review the write-up to ensure it's clear.
- V. Chair Steve suggested we run a clinic for coaches at next year's meeting on "How to train athletes." The clinic would focus on the emotional, psychological, and physical development of swimmers. This will be discussed further at the Coaches' Meeting this evening.
- VI. Peter asked if anyone thought we need changes to the Championship Standards. He recommends that the standards stay the same.
- VII. Don Henshaw presented the Age Group report for Sherwood Watts. He recommends that we don't use the full day format for Summer 2009, but instead run chase starts. He received too much criticism for the full four-day format used during Summer 2008. It appears that the Technical Planning committee wants to consider other solutions, such as tightening time standards (cut off at 48th place from the previous meet), putting the 10U in the PM session, starting the meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, or changing the format all together. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the new Age Group Chair form a Task Force and/or a committee (of the whole) of Technical Planning meet in January to discuss alternatives. Terry Maul will appoint the Task Force. Peter made the suggestion that the committee consider: chase starts, keep the full four day format, start

earlier on Thursday (at about 1 pm), but leave the time standards the same (to keep from making drastic changes). Chair Steve suggested that SR coaches have input to this committee.

VIII. Helen Kelly was contacted Texas Swimming, who asked if Florida Swimming would move the Zone meet one week later. They would guarantee several Texas teams would attend if the date were changed. Technical Planning agreed that this date couldn't be changed. Additionally the Zone Committee would need to approve any changes.

IX. Melissa reported from USA Swimming Meeting:

- University of Texas is not hosting SC Nationals in 2010. There was discussion as to whether Florida Swimming would want to host this meet.
- OME can be used without using credit cards, so the teams can avoid the extra fees and charges.

X. Motion to adjourn (Charlie Rose/Randy Johnson, motion/second). Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.