Technical Planning

September 6, 2014

Vicksburg Convention Center

The meeting started at 9:15 am by Warren Holladay.

In attendance was Eddie Ware (MMST), Brian Ware (MMST), Joanna Manning (TTW), Fernando Reis (PEAQ), Allison Conn (PEAQ), Ray Lossett (SMAC), Wade Heggie (MSA), Alissa Kojima (Sanctions), Cris Roberts (Jr. Athlete Rep.), Barbara Aguirre (General Chair), Doug Welch (Admin. Vice Chair), David Orr (Sunkist), Corey Coon-Cassily (YHF), Cetin Oguz (DAC), Mathew Mixon (VSA), Warren Holladay (LSAM), Corey Persons (Sr. Athlete Rep.), Lucas Smith (SWAT), Triston Little (Athlete), Moses Williams (Athlete), Chad Garrick (LSA), Nathan Garrick (Athlete), Chris Chain (SCSO), Pam Passarelli (BEST), Misty Little (Secretary).

Wade Heggie opened the meeting with prayer.

Mathew Mixon reviewed the All-Star meet. Chris Chain is the main contact with the LA team. This next year the All-Star meet will be held in Baton Rouge, LA. Barbara Aguirre has sent a bill to LA team for $3,000 plus, and they have not paid it yet. We split the fees in half with them except entry fees since they had more swimmers than us. April 2015 is tentative for the next All-Star meet with LA. Chris Chain mentioned about travel to Baton Rouge and the consensus was to have parents possibly bring the swimmer to the meet but then have a central hotel and shuttles ready to transport team around during the meet. Warren Holladay ask Chris Chain and two other people to work on the specifics and present a budget to finance. Chris Chain, Ray Lossett, Eddie Ware, and Corey Persons is the athlete to help with this. They will meet at a later date.

Matthew went over the zone meet. We supported several top 8 times and scored more points than in the past. The trip was a little too far for the van. He suggested changing the budget to account for increase in gas and travel distance. There was a discussion about increasing the budget for zones and getting sponsorships to offset costs. This year’s zones are in Tupelo, MS on July 28, 2015.

A motion by Chris Chain that the 8 and under developmental meet to be on February 14, 2015. Wade Heggie seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A motion by David Orr for the Short Course Championship meet to be on the third weekend of February which is the 19 -22, 2015. Chris Chain seconded the motion. After a discussion the motion passed.

A motion by David Orr for summer Long Course Championship to be on July 16- 19, 2015.The motion was seconded by Barbara Aguirre. No discussion was necessary the motion passed.

8 under will be developmental meet long course for the Thursday morning. Discussion on why the host team also hosts the 8 and under meet for long course. A motion by Brian Ware for the 8 and under developmental meet to be on July 16, 2014, Thursday morning. Lucas Smith seconded and the motion. Ray Lossett discussed if a child meets a long course state time at this meet then the child should be allowed to compete in the state competition. A discussion on USA Swimming caps a swimmers swims to five per day. All in favor 12; the motion carried it will be on the 16th of July.

Old business:

At the state short course meet the AM/PM option on the 400 IM and 500 Free to be removed. The motion was seconded by Corey Coon-Cassily. Discussion about splitting out the age groups and making it prelim/finals. On the motion to remove the am/pm option the motion stays six to five.

Discussion on splitting the senior age group just for short course. Brian Ware explained how he was trying to give 15 and 16 years old a chance to swim a second swim. David Orr spoke against the motion to split. Lucas Smith called the vote. The motion for short course only to split swim together in morning and split at night in 15/16 and 17-19 age groups. The motion carries.

New business:

To add top 5 awards for short course meters awards to be included in the MS awards banquet Corey Coon-Cassily seconded the motion. Discussion. Matthew Mixon noted more work would be added to age group chairman. Brian Ware said he is against it; because one club has a 25 meter pool. Numerous others spoke for and against it. Lucas Smith called to vote which was seconded by chad Garrick. The motion passed. Beginning in 2015 the top 5 in short course meters will be added to the banquet.

Discussion on no longer providing top 5 team banners instead just go to top 3 teams. Corey Coon-Cassily seconded the motion. The motion fails and we are still at 5 team banners.

Motion by Barbara Aguirre to go from $3.50 up to $5.00 entry fee per swimmer, Chris Chain seconded. The motion failed.

Facility fee per athlete to cap it at $10.00 from $5.00, starting in 2016, and the current cap is at $5.00. The motion carries 8 to 5 the cap is now $10.00.

Increase the budget for zone travel. A number is needed to present to finance, currently it is at $10,000.00. A motion from Doug Welch and seconded by Eddie Ware to refer to finance. The motion passed.

A swimmer in the 8 and under who qualifies Thursday morning in events 100 free, 50 free, 50 fly, 50 back, 50 breast, who achieves a 10 and under qualifying time to be allowed to participate in the state meet. This is to allow them to participate in the state meet. Doug Welch added to motion that they would be added to a lane available but not reseeded, if needed an extra heat would be added. The motion carries.

Prelims and finals for the 400 IM, 400 free, 500 free. Lucas Smith motion for everyone swims prelims combined and the top 8 in each age division and gender for finals. This is 13/14, 15/16, 17/19 and swim in the order of events alternating (circle seated). The motion carries.

Brian Ware motion to increase individual event fee from $3.00 up to $4.00 cap; and the LSC pays for all banners, team awards, all high point awards, and individual awards. This would allow for a uniformed price if provided by the LSC. Motion was seconded by Chad Garrett. The motion carries. The finance committee will come up with more money for awards.

Qualifying times for 17/18 bb times for state meet moved by Chad Garrick and seconded by Brian Ware. The motion carried.

Doug Welch to add to the next technical planning meeting, relays for long/short course state meet for all relays to be in the morning and 200 in length we need to clarify if it is short and long course. Add this to old business for the next meeting. Short course and long course relays should match with each other.

Chad Garrick for zones, each swimmer is allowed a minimum of one event a day once the swimmer has meet our qualifications to qualify for the zone team this will be put on the agenda for the spring meeting old business.

Chris Chain suggests voting on zone coaches at this meeting. Warren Holladay opened the floor for nominations for head coach, manager, and two assistant coaches. Also coaches for the all-star meet.

For the All Star meet Ray Lossett, Pam Passarelli, Chad Garrick and Chris Chain.

For Zones Chad Garrick for Head Coach, Barbara Aguirre for Manager, Pam Passarelli for Assistant Coach, a second assistant coach will be named at a later date.

Jamie Lee to motion this and a second by Lucas Smith the motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Warren Holladay and seconded by Lucas Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27am.