# Southeastern Swimming Technical Planning Meeting Minutes

**October 4, 2014**

**Attendees: Steve Fair (CSS), Tavie Cobb (SBY), Arnie Cobb (SBY), Ben Davis (MTS), John Morse (NAC), Jackie Bertucci (TNAQ), Greg Davis (CMSA), Robert Dahlke (MCC), Dan Schultz (MTAC), Vicki Balog (PNY), Gerald Baird (PNY), Scott Robinson (GST), Greg Johnson (GPAC), Brad Kale (CA), Jeff Dellinger (AUB), Brian Haddad (PCST), Steven Murry (XCEL), Shantel Perry (XCEL), Bryan Jenning(BSL), Michael Bottchen (BSL), Laurel Chaney (BSL), Neeley Chapman (BSL), Stephanie Schuster (CMSA), Caroline Bentley (MCC), Kendall Jacobs (MCC), Robin Heller (SAST), Martie Brown (PSL), Mike Brown (BXST),**

**David Kalange (HSA), Chris Coraggio (BSC), Robby Dellinger (AUB), Arthur Fortin (HSA),Marshall Goldman (TNAQ), Michael Bowman (ACAC), Dan Flack (BAY), Lance Thorton (MYB), Mike Rindle (MYB), Caroline DeCarmen (MYB), Jorge Blasini (KP), Pam Van Jouanne (MSA),Phil Kraus (GPAC), Philip Wood (PCST), Tom Healey (UN), Guest – Larry Alexander (officials committee), Dave Smith (officials Committee), Donna Williamson (Official Committee), Jewells Harris (Athlete Representative), Margaret Carey (Athlete Representative), Christian Berry (Athlete Representative).**

1. Opening remarks/Introductions - 2:03 PM. Brian Haddad, introduced and welcomed the three newly elected Athlete Representatives: Jewells Harris (CTA), Christian Berry (MTAC), and Margaret Carey (CMSA). Thanked Robin Heller (SAST) for her presentation on communication with athletes and value of including disabled swimmer in your program
2. Approval of Minutes - Minutes from the Fall 2013 approved, 2nd, passed
3. Reports of Officers
4. Age Group Vice Chair - Stephen Murry (XCEL) - report on the web page. Of note from convention, Open Water will be separate weekend, details to be sent out.
5. Senior Vice Chair - Greg Davis (CMSA) Olympic Time Standards are posted. Will have report on the web page.
6. Review of 2014 Short and Long Course Championships
   1. Districts – East/west/south/central - went well but too many swimmers per session
   2. Championships – SC and LC - went well but too many swimmer at the meets.
7. Old Business - none
8. New Business
9. Legislative Packet
   1. Proposals pertaining to tech planning results

2014 Southeastern Swimming Technical Planning Committee Meeting  
Legislation Packet

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| T- 1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST)*  *May be implemented immediately upon passage*  **T-1** **Proposal to Determine Criteria for SES Funds Allocation for Coach Education**   * Proposal is made to determine the method for allocating funds from the Coach Education Budget.  1. Proposal shall take effect for 2015. 2. Proposal does not affect Senior Coach of the Year or Age Group Coach of the Year Educational Awards. 3. Criteria for Allocation shall consist of the following points:    1. Applicants must be member coaches of SES in good standing at the time of submitting application to be considered for allocation of funds. Additionally, they must still be member coaches of SES in good standing at time of educational event to qualify for funds.    2. Written request by coach to be submitted to SES Technical Planning Chair no later than December 31 of prior year.    3. No more than one applicant per team per calendar year    4. Coaches shall only be eligible for allocation of these funds once every four years.    5. Allocation shall be for reimbursable funds related to registration, travel, and lodging for the constituted “share” of funds available yet not to exceed a total allocation of $500.00 per recipient. Applicant shall present SES Treasurer with receipts upon requesting reimbursable funds.    6. Funds will be distributed up to $500.00 for each applicant on a first come first serve basis    7. Unused funds each year shall revert to SES General Fund and may be considered for increase in following year’s budget.    8. Technical Planning Chair shall create a committee to approve educational opportunities to be considered for allocation of funds. |

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| T- 2 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *May be implemented immediately upon passage*  **T-2** **Remove relay lead-offs from the Southeastern's Zone Team selection process.**  Rationale: Hytek MM does not currently recognize leadoffs for power points purposes. |

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| T- 3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  **T-3 Proposal to Determine Selection of Meet Referee for Southeastern Championship Meets (SCY and LCM)**   1. Proposal is made to determine that the Meet Host shall select the Meet Referee for Southeastern Championship Meets (SCY and LCM). 2. Proposal is to be effective for 2015 Southeastern SCY Championship Meet. 3. Meet Host shall consult with Officials Committee to obtain their non-binding recommendations and to verify USA Swimming Meet Referee status of any potential candidate for Meet Referee. 4. Meet Referee shall be determined at least two months prior to first day of meet. |

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| T- 4 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  **T-4 Proposal to Determine Selection of Administrative Referee (AR) for Southeastern Championship Meets (SCY and LCM)**   * Proposal is made to determine that the Meet Host shall select the Administrative Referee (AR) for Southeastern Championship Meets (SCY and LCM). This is to give the Meet Director and host club the ability to better coordinate their meet workers with an Administrative Referee (AR) of their choice to ensure a more smoothly administered meet.  1. Proposal is to be effective for 2015 Southeastern SCY Championship Meet. 2. Meet Host shall consult with Officials Committee to obtain their non-binding recommendations and to verify USA Swimming Administrative Referee status of any potential candidate for Administrative Referee. 3. Administrative Referee shall be determined at least two months prior to first day of meet. |

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| T- 5 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST)*  *Will be effective for 2015 District Championship Meets*  **T-5 Proposal to Mandate Host Club of SES Championship Level Meets Provide Timers for all Events**   * Proposal is made to mandate that the host club of any Southeastern Swimming Championship Level Meet (SCY Championships, LCM Championships, District Championships) shall provide all necessary lane timers for every event in the meet invitation.  1. Teams not meeting this requirement will be fined the entire cost of awards provided by Southeastern Swimming for the meet. 2. Time Trial events are not to be included in this requirement. |

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| T- 6 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST) Will be effective for 2016 District Championship Meets*  **T-6 Proposal to Allow for 2.5 Day format for SES District Championships**   * Proposal is made to allow Southeastern Swimming District Championships to be conducted in either a two day, or a two and one half day format. This is to ensure meet hosts have the opportunity to offer the best meet format for their facility.  1. Proposal will take effect for 2016 District Championships. 2. Format must be declared with submission of bid to host meet (Thus will be subject to the vote of the District and SES BOD). 3. Two and one half day format will be included as appendix. |

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| T- 7 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Brian Haddad (PCST)*  *Will be effective for 2015 District Championship Meets*  **T-7 Proposal to Develop Deadline for allowance of 2.5 Day format for District 2015 Meet**   * Proposal is made to set a deadline of December 1, 2014 for current meet hosts of 2015 SES District Championships to declare their intention to use 2.5 day format for 2015 Meet. This is to ensure travelling teams have ample lead time to make lodging plans.  1. Proposal is contingent on passage of 2.5 day format for 2016 proposal 2. Proposal will be pulled if no 2015 District Meet host chooses to run a 2.5 day format 3. Proposal will follow approved 2.5 day format from 2016 proposal. |

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| T-8 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2016 District Championship Meets*  **T-8 Make all district meets 2.5 days and prelim/finals for 13-14 and 15&overs.** |

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| T- 9 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet* **T-9 Start all final sessions at LSC championships at 5:00pm.**  Rationale: Earlier finish times to finals sessions. More rest for athletes. |

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| T- 10 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  **T-10 Hand out awards after each final is swum. Not in a ceremony just have the athletes report to someone assigned to hand out awards.** |

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| T- 11 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet* **T-11 Change the scoring at LSC Championships to Top 8 for all events.**  Rationale: Creates an accurate distribution of points across all age groups related to scoring. |

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| T- 12 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  **T-12 Not announce the names of finalists before each heat in any event in finals**  Rationale – This will help the flow of the meet and eliminate any ridiculous delays with announcing. |

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| T- 13 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| **T-13 Multiple Proposals of Identical Action (Action Also Listed in T-12)**  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA) WITHDRAWN*   1. **Add a console final for the 11-12 & 13-14 age groups at LSC Championships.**   *Submitted by Ryan Buechner (SAC)*  2) **Add a consolation heat at finals for the 11-12 (50 Yard/Meter events) and 13-14 (50 and 100 yard/meter events) year old’s at Southeastern Championships.**  Reasoning:  -Prepare swimmers to swim prelim/final meets; only having one heat prepares a select few  -Allows for more swimmers at finals which gives a better crowd atmosphere/energy to the event  -Only swim meet that I have ever gone to that only does one heat of finals, very limiting and I could see it as losing a number of swimmers who may not think they are good enough even though they have sectional cuts  -allow more recovery time between the shorter races, 50 free  Concern/Drawbacks  -Timeline, the time effect this would only add a maximum of about 20 minutes to the timeline each evening |

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| T- 14 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *Will be effective for 2015 SCY Championship Meet*  **T-14 Remove the Senior age groups console final from LSC Championships.** |

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| T- 15 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet*  **T-15 Use OME for all SE Championship meets.** |

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| T- 16 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet*  **T-16 Change format of Long Course SES champs to 11-12,13-14 in one pool and senior in another pool for prelims with 10 and under timed final session midday. 10 and under session to include top 8 podium following every 2 event cycles. 10 and under relays move to Saturday and Sunday.** Rationale: Creates shorter timelines and lower athlete numbers per session. (Site session report after realignment.) |

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| T- 17 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet* **T-17 Eliminate flighted heats for all events at both LSC Championships.**  Rationale: No need for them with realignment. |

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| T- 18 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet*  **T-18 All events time standards should be based on the top 32 swims in SWIMS, not based on swims at the SE Championship meets. Times for Senior events based on 15-18 times in swims**  Rationale – The meet is TOO long in prelims |

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| T- 19 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| **T-19 Multiple Proposals of Similar Action**  *Will be effective for 2016 SCY Championship Meet*  *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*   1. **SC SE be split into a Senior meet with OPEN time standard goal 600 Swimmers. Meet would be swum during current SE dates. 14 and under SE swum 2-3 weeks later goal 800 Swimmers. Current standards would allow similar numbers.**   *Submitted by Tyler Kerns (CMSA)* 2) **Split Southeastern Short Course Championships into two meets, an Age Group meet to be held in mid March and Senior championship to be held in mid February.**  Rationale: This would allow more facilities to host LSC championship level meets |

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| T- 20 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet*  **T-20 LC SE run a smaller elite, ALL STAR meet the same weekend we currently run SE based on top 24 times from swims for each age group. Goal 600-800 swimmers. If needed run a lower level meet 2 weeks after as a end of summer meet with Qualifying times.** |

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| T- 21 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Withdrawn |
| *Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB)*  *Will be effective for 2015 LCM Championship Meet*  **T-21 All events time standards should be based off top 24 swims in SWIMS. If we are going to stay with one meet.** |

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| **General Rationale for All Proposals Submitted by Jeff Dellinger (AUB):**  It is our fault as a tech planning committee that we have issues with the SE Championship meet not the meet host. The meet needs to be between 600-800 kids not 1100+. Air quality cant not be assured anywhere with those numbers per session and more importantly we are keeping the kids and the volunteers at the meets too long. We need to become more fan and family friendly, working to get Prelim sessions done in under 4 hours and finals should be finished in 2 and a half hours. We are asking too much of any facility to maintain adequate and SAFE levels of chemicals in the air when we have failed to take into account that children will rise to the occasion to make marginally improved cuts and that our LSC has grown in a substantial way in the last 3 years adding hundreds of new swimmers across the LSC many already qualified for SE. This is more than a timeline issue but a safety issue for all of us. With USA Swimming pushing the #funnest sport marketing campaign how is that slogan fit in with a 5+hour prelims and a 3+hour finals for 3 straight days with children coughing uncontrollably for 3 and a half days while having all their hopes for fast swimming slip away with each coughing fit or sleepless night. I can’t ask our parents and athletes to do something I can’t rationally and logically defend. |

1. New Proposals from Floor -- none
2. 2014- 15 Championships
3. Time Standards

Short Course - proposed time standards were defeated, will use current standards.

Long Course - proposed time standards were passed

1. Dates

July 16 - 19, 2015

1. Elections
2. Dick Fadgen Senior Coach of the Year -- Marshall Goldman (TNAQ)
3. Senior Swimmer of the Year - Sam McHugh (BAY)
4. Cory Horton Age Group Coach of the Year - Jackie Bertucci (TNAQ)
5. Technical Planning Chairman Election - Brian Haddad
6. Announcements

Fit and Faster at Pensacola, Robin Heller (SAST) November 9th.

Open forum - last 40 minutes was an open forum for coaches to discuss the Championship meets. It was a great open discussion of varied ideas, questions and answers between coaches.

Championship committee was form during this period to look at all aspects of our championships, are our athletes of all levels being served, best format to ensure best performance, etc.

TPC will form a committee to review all LSC Championships

TPC will solicit input from member coaches for survey questions relating to LSC Championships

TPC will send survey to member coaches in November

Committee will also meet on Friday, April 17, 2015 the day before the Board Meeting in Birmingham.

1. Adjournment 4:55PM 2nd