WV LSC House of Delegates Meeting

September 28, 2014

Call to Order: 12:49 PM

Teams Represented: Fast, Heat, HYCAT, Parkersburg, Rays, Wild Waves

Approval of Agenda:

* Addition: HYCAT Huntington scheduled a meet for November 22-23.
* Motion to approve the agenda by HYCAT. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.

Approval of the Minutes:

* Motion to accept both sets of minutes Parkersburg. Seconded by Heat. All ayes.

**Committee Update**

Administrative Report:

* Tom Phillips deferred until later.

Age Group Report:

* No new information.

Senior Group Report:

* Phil Berry not present.

Treasurer’s Report:

* Scott Wilson presented current budget and financial information. Reviewed income vs expenses.
* The short course and the long course meet considered we still made money on both of those when examining them as totals combined.
* HYCAT motions to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by HEAT. All ayes.

President Report:

* Greg Olsen received e-mail from USA acknowledging our WV student athletes who made academic achievements.

Secretary Report:

* No new business.

Athlete Report:

* Suggested that the non-refundable deposit be May 1 for the first payment for Southern Zones.
* At a meet prior to June 1 if you are going for a swimming cut you should be able to declare that to have it applied to reimbursement. You must declare/request a cut before June 1 for any meets swam over the summer for reimbursement. That swimmer would still have to declare their intent to attend and southern zones and pay the non-refundable down payment.
* Liked the suggestion of having podium awards and to add a swimmer parade to the meet.
* Would like to see the 9-10 added to the prelim/finals meets and to continue to have the 200 stroke events swam at finals.
* Motion to accept the Athlete Report by Parkersburg, Seconded by FAST. All ayes.

Camp Coordinator Report:

* No new news.

Club Coordinator Report:

* USA Swimming is growing. Presented figures on USA Club growth across the country.
* Motion to accept by HYCAT. Seconded by HEAT. All ayes.

Coaches Representative Report:

* Need to replace Tom Blodgett as coach representative. It has been said that Phil Berry would be interested in being the Coach Representative by Jeff Breeze.

Registration Chair Report:

* 2014/2015 registration is now open.
* Late fee is now $200.
* Have not processed the cards yet because of lagging certifications coming in.
* All athlete protection training certification has been granted another year. So from now on athlete protection training certificates are valid for two year periods.

National Times:

* No new news

Officials:

* Let Sonja Chambers know if you want to hold an officials clinic to train officials.
* Cannot apprentice on deck until you have complied with all the other USA swimming regulations on joining USA swimming.
* Discussion on how to monitor visiting officials are correctly registered and certified.

Records:

* No new news

Safety:

* No new news

Sanctions:

* Observed meets will not require an A.O. where approved meets will require A.O.

Swims Database:

* Tera Tompkins not present. Tom Phillips filled in.
* Swims 2.0 will be coming out over the next few months and there will be more available to clubs and their portals.
* Reminder that meet files and backups need to be sent to Tera Tompkins.

Webmaster:

* Katie Squires and Dallas McNabb will be running the LSC website.

Motion to approve the above reports HYCAT. Seconded by RAYS. All ayes.

**Unfinished Business**

* Safe Sport will be coming up with an application/reference program and will allow teams to customize their own application.
* National Convention went really well. Had five people attend. Several people present who went to the convention spoke on what they learned there and what their experiences were.
  + Tom Phillips said that two main focuses at the convention were the upcoming 2016 Trials and the use of social media in the sport.
  + Greg Olsen addressed underwater blackout.
* LEAP is due for our LSC in 2015.
* Open Water Championships had poor participation this year. There were two issues this year: 1) Batavia E.coli reading was too high so the venue was moved to another location 2) lack of participation
* Policy and By-Laws of LSC has been updated by Tom Phillips and is up for review.
  + Motion to accept any changes that the USA convention has made that we must comply with on our own LSC by-laws. Motioned by HYCAT. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.
* Long Course meet was sparsely attended. Everything else went well
* Southern Zones was a mess on transportation, people backing out, and lack of communications. Swimmers did very well who went. Steps have been taken to alleviate those problems in the future.
* 2014/2015 Swim Meet Update:
  + Tommy Bird meet moved to the first weekend in December and is now a timed finals event.
  + Odd Age Meet has been moved to April 17-19.
  + HYCAT Huntington added a meet to be held November 22-23.
  + Motion to approve the meet changes by HYCAT. Seconded by HEAT. All ayes.
* High School Meets
  + HYCAT will only host 3 meets instead of 4 this year.
* Beckley YMCA that we know of has left the SEOWV league and will not be rejoining the USA program.

**New Business**

Short Course State Meet:

* Meet will be a still be prelim/finals. Phil Berry is working on the events list.

2015 Long Course Meet:

* Tentatively contacted Christiansburg Aquatic Center to use the same week this coming year July 17-19. Looking at going to timed finals and running the mile on Friday and limiting swimmers to 3 events. Phil Berry is again looking at events.
* Voted to eliminate the 200 stroke events, the 400 IM, and the 1500 free.
* Motion to approve the date by Parkersburg. Seconded by HEAT. All ayes.
* Motion to approve the layout of the meet by Parkersburg. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.

2015 Southern Zones:

* To be held in Tupelo, Mississippi. Bus trip leaving Aug. 3. Departing Aug. 9. No open water swim it has been separated from Southern Zones held earlier in the year.
* Proposal for amendment to change current zone policy.
  + Swimmers must sign up at the Short Course championship in order to go.
  + Swimmers must swim for events at the two LSC championship meets.
  + Meet and practice attendance requirements will not change.
  + Apparel has not changed.
  + One day travel will be $600 flat rate; a two day meet will be $700.
  + Recommend eliminating reimbursements.
  + WV Swimming has committed $10,000 towards the meet.
  + A down payment of $300 by April 15 and paid in full by June 1.
  + A minimum of 16 swimmers are required to send a team.
* Motion made by Parkersburg. Seconded by Perry McGhee. All ayes.
  + Amendments to
    - the first payment due by May 1
    - any time standard cut (Ex. Nationals) made before prior to the team leaving will be granted.

Male & Female Athlete of the Year

Male: David Nason

Female: Morgan Carr and Emily Hegeboeck

Motion accepted by HEAT. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.

Nominating Committee

* General Chair accepted by Jeff Breeze
* Treasurer Scott Wilson has agreed to go one more term
* Disability agreed to Vick Riggs
* Senior Chair agreed Phil Berry
* Age Group Chair agreed Tom Plemons
* Membership agreed to Clarissa Sutton
* Vice Administrative/Sanctions possibility of Sonja Chambers still investigating
* Secretary agreed Sarah Nisewarner
* Athlete Rep will be David Nason and Bryce Weaver
* Club Development agreed Tom Phillips
* Coach Rep agreed to Phil Berry
* Officials agreed to Sonja Chambers
* Records agreed to Katie Squires
* Safety agreed Aaron Settle
* SWIMS Database agreed Tera Tompkins
* Webmaster agreed Dallas McNabb, Katie Squires, and Greg Olsen
  + Motion to accept the slate of nominees HYCAT. Seconded by Parkersburg. All ayes.
* USA swimming will send a representative to meet with transitioning nominees for training.

Administrative Committee:

* Re-wrote the policy and by-laws. Sent out information to be reviewed. No one responded. LEAP is due in May.

Senior Committee:

* Short course meet changes have some events being made timed finals and some remaining prelim/finals. Some events have been reordered. Coaches feel that 9-10’s should be removed from finals. Athletes feel that 9-10’s should be included in finals. Adding a podium for athlete recognition on the top three winners in each event. Discussed to add an athlete parade as well during finals. Only the last two heats will be circle seeded. All of the 10 and under would be swam as multiage events and then separated for scoring. The blocks would be used by behind the scoreboard.
* Motion made by HYCAT. Seconded by Parkersburg. All ayes.

Buckhannon IMX Meet Change:

* Buckhannon can no long host this meet this year on November 30. Looking for another team to take this meet this year.

Spring Meeting:

* Saturday May 9, 2015

Athlete Representative:

* Bryce Weaver would like for the LSC to look at moving from Southern Zones to the Eastern Zones. We would have to petition the Southern Zone to exit and then petition the Eastern Zone to enter. Bryce is going to contact the Easter Zone rep for discussion he has already talked to the Southern Zone Rep at convention.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 PM

* Motion to adjourn by HEAT and seconded by RAYS. All ayes.