Wv LSC Meeting

May 3, 2015

Call to Order: 12:15pm

Attendance Call of Teams:

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda HYCAT. Seconded FAST. All ayes.

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion to approve the minutes for the Fall Meeting Parkersburg. Seconded by Club Mountaineer. All ayes.
* Motion to approve the minutes for the special spring meeting HYCAT. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.

Report of Officers:

* General Chair: No new updates.
* VC Administration: General consensus of the letter to dissolve the LSC was that we needed to save the WV LSC and not dissolve it. Conference calls were held with higher USA Swimming members. A special meeting was held in the spring with modest attendance. Current position of VC Administration is that we still need more participation and help from team and members to make the LSC a success and keep it together.
* VC Senior: Absent. No new information.
* VC Age Group: If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions on the topic of the Southern vs. the Eastern Zone meets please contact the Age Group Chair for discussion.
* Treasurer: Discussed the 2014 report for the LSC finances. This report will be used for the LEAP program.
  + Suggested to pour some of this money back into the LSC for growth and development since we have a significant excess. – Tom Phillips
  + Pointed out by that the last few years have not been as profitable as previous years. – Samantha Hageboeck
  + Motion to accept financial reports by FAST. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.
* Secretary: No new information

Reports of Committees

* Athlete Rep:
  + Discussed that at the State Championship meets having the Masters (18+) swimmer swim finals as exhibition. Discussed replacements and elected positions for next year.
* Board of Review: absent
* Camp Coordinator: absent
* Club Development Liaison: no new news
* Disability Swimming: absent
* Diversity: absent
* Membership: everything going well so far, parents are not to send registration directly to Clarissa Sutton they should be processed by the club first. Register with USA swimming prior to registering for a meet.
* National Times: absent
* Officials: Officials have printed out policies on how to become officials. Officials are desperately needed. One of the big issues being noticed is that parents are being YMCA officials because it’s less work to become certified. Suggested that we waive the LSC surcharge fee to help with that. The background check cost is reimbursed by the LSC when submitted. Need more meet referees as many of ours are going to be leaving soon as their children graduate from high school.
* Open Water: Last year about 9 swimmers participated and had a change of venue at the last minute due to high algae in the water. This upcoming summer will be at Huston Woods on July 1. Greg is going to be mailing out the packets. Needs to be placed on the website.
* Records: absent
* Registration: See membership. All teams but one reregistered and paid. Sarah Nisewarner informed Clarissa Sutton that Marietta, Oh is planning on trying to get their information together to reapply to join the LSC.
* Safe Sport: Went to a conference where they learned on red flags to look for on potential predators. Also at the latest meeting identified and discussed predators that may lurk outside of the swim clubs. Discussed the FBI’s new issue of ‘sextortion’ and using nude photos to essentially blackmail youth by threatening to send out the photo. Urging clubs to form policies on technology acceptable use. Discussed crisis management plans for each club to deal with claims of sexual misconduct (either coach/swimmer or swimmer/swimmer). Need to develop a plan to have on file. Swimming and gymnastics are the two highest sports that sexual predators focus on. Be vigilant at practices at meets on who is watching. When there is a missing or exploited child case that goes on for so long the FBI is brought in. All child abduction cases the FBI was involved with, the predator that they caught on that abduction, the predator was involved in contacting/stalking that person prior to the abduction. Smaller LSC’s are areas where predators would try to work because it’s smaller population base.
* Safety: See above
* Sanctions: All sanctions have to be sent to National now to be viewed. Recommended in the future to hold the thirty day lead time to get information returned and approved.
* Top Times Tabulator: absent, all results need to be sent to Tera Tompkins so that they can be uploaded to the SWIMS database.
* Webmaster: nothing new
* Motion to accept all committee reports HYCAT. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.

Unfinished Business

* LEAP Program: Program has been updated by not finished. Tom Phillips is more than willing to help others with getting the LEAP program finished and completed but he is not finishing it. The first penalty that will be handed down by USA Swimming will be the banning of issuing sanctions so that teams cannot hold meets if not completed.
* IMX: Maybe a dozen bag tags issued for those swimmers competing in the IMX and a few certificates for IM Ready. Participation has dropped dramatically in the last two years. Proposals 1) Drop the IMX meets and designate certain LSC meets as a meet for IMX events to be offered 2) Anyone who does all five events over the course of the season would get a bag tag. IMX meets are involved in the team Level certifications by USA Swimming.
  + Motion to eliminate all individual IMX meet by FAST. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.
  + Motion to award bag tags to all swimmers who have completed all five events during the calendar period September 1 – August 30 for short and long course meets respectively with bag tags to be handed out at the fall LSC meeting by Parkersburg. Seconded by Fast. All ayes.
* Policies of WV Swimming:
  + Officials certification policies have been added and to be updated per the new submission by Dallas McNabb.
  + Southern Zone financing states that for 2015 we will allocate $10,000 for the meet. One day to and back travel fee would be $600 and a two day travel meet would be $700. Concern is that the math may not support the fees in that what happens if the fees plus the $10,000 does not cover the total cost.
    - Having the kids sign up at the Short Course Champs meet expedited the selection process. Suggested keeping that as a mandatory requirement.
    - Head coach gets $400. Assistant coaches get $300. Currently listed as $35 per diem for coaches and chaperones. Although the bulk of the meals were purchased for the whole team so that didn’t really come in to play last year.
    - Motion to strike the reimbursement for Southern Zone language from the policy manual by Tom Phillips Parkersburg. Seconded by Rio Grande. All ayes.
  + Bag tag award program for the swimmers who achieve the motivational time standards on a yearly basis. Parkersburg is the only team so far that has submitted information for bag tags. None were issued last year because none were submitted. Proposed new change that a bag tag will be given to each swimmer who achieves the requirements for that year regardless of improvement. Coaches urged to send in the information to get the bag tags.
  + Motion to use e-mails for notifications for the Board of Directors and that there be 48 hour notice and not 20 days of notice by Tom Phillips Parkersburg. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.
  + Motion approve and accept all amendments as proposed by Tom Phillips Parkersburg. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.
* Open Water Camp: not held last year due to expense.
* Short Course State Championship:
  + Put a timeline in place to control the speed of the meet for finals.
  + Can place the awards within the meet to again control the pace of the meet and get more award participation.
  + Dallas McNabb thanked for doing his best efforts to control the speed of the meet.
  + Suggested by parents that the 200’s as timed finals should be changed to prelims/finals. Also suggested bringing back 9-10 finals.
  + Bryce Weaver discussed the elimination of the 200’s and 9/10 finals as well and potentially bringing them back into the meet.
  + Don Snider points out that we will not have time for everything so something will be cut out regardless. Suggested putting a time standard on the 200’s.
  + Samantha Hageboeck said that if the 200’s have a time standard we need to consider putting time standards on all the events.
  + Dallas McNabb there is no set USA swimming rule on the amount of time between events. Suggested to develop a policy on amount of rest between events, or set it out there that if the swimmer enters back to back events that’s on them. We need to have organized timer jobs because it held up the process of the swim meet.
  + Clarissa Sutton when changes are made to the state meet that an administrative official be involved in the decisions.
  + Time between prelims and finals was very good this year – Aaron Settle.
  + Rob St. Jean – suggested that the pro to the 200 finals being eliminated forces the athletes to come in and actually race in the mornings as opposed to floating it in the mornings and then coming back to finals.
  + There is the option to examine the number of swimmers at the meet and if there’s not enough swimmers for a full final they can opt to make that event a timed finals at the meet.
  + Don Snider suggested to examine the heats leading up to the state meet to determine how many kids we have interested in certain events.
  + The Age Group Chair will get a committee together to generate proposals for the Short Course state meet prior to the fall meeting in September.

New Business

* WV LSC:
  + Improve volunteerism and participation on committees.
  + Improve team travel.
  + Bryce Weaver suggested having a meet requirement for the state meet where swimmers have to participate in two non-home meets in order to compete at the state meet.
  + Suggested to have the Administrative committee examine this issue prior to the fall meeting.
* 2015-2016 LSC Meet Schedule: meet scheduled discussed.
  + Decision needs to be made about where to host the short course state championship by the fall meeting.
  + Motion to approve the meet schedule as listed Parkersburg. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.
* Open Water Camp: Discussed previously. Not sending anyone to camp due to cost.
* Southern Zones:
  + Discussed team travel, coaches, chaperones.
  + Send all money and forms to Sarah Nisewarner.
  + This year the LSC will cover any overages. Motion made by Clarissa Sutton. Seconded by FAST. All ayes.
* Long Course Meet:
  + similar format as last year.
  + Require either long course or converted short course times. No times still not allowed.
  + Phil Berry and Sarah Nisewarner to set up a schedule of events with the 1500 being on Friday.
  + 200 Free and 200 Medley relays only two relays.
* Website: absent
* Swim Convention: held at Kansas City, Mo. Bryce Weaver and Alyssa Rittinger going. Still need to determine adults to go.
* WV LSC Elections:
  + General Chair – TBA
  + VC Administration – Derek Weaver
  + VC Senior – TBA
  + VC Age Group – Sarah Nisewarner
  + Treasurer – Scott Wilson (1 more time!)
  + Secretary – Sarah Nisewarner
* Committee Chairs:
  + Athlete Rep - Bryce Weaver
  + Board of Review – Jim Sheatsley
  + Camp Coordinator – Pat Snively
  + Club Development Liaison –Tom Phillips
  + Coach Rep – Chris Rogers
  + Disability – Vic Riggs
  + Membership – Clarissa Sutton
  + National Times – Greg Olson
  + Officials – Sonia Chambers
  + Records – Katie Squires
  + Registration – Clarissa Sutton
  + Safe Sport – Aaron Settle
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  + Sanctions – Derek Weaver
  + Top Times – Terra Tompkins
  + Webmaster – Dallas McNabb
  + WVSSAC/Y Liaison – Don Snider
* Motion to accept the election roster as listed by FAST. Seconded by Parkersburg. All ayes.
* Suggested to send a congratulatory letter to Tim Phillips on his World placement on the USA team.
* Fall meeting September 26, 2015 location TBA. Coaches meeting and Southern Zone conference meeting will by 10 -14 days prior to the athlete rep and HOD meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: motion to adjourn by Parkersburg. Seconded by HYCAT. All ayes.