Western Zone Business Meeting Notes
August 8, 2019
Location: Bumpers Grill and Bar, Fairview OR

Meeting convened: 8:34 pm
Conducting: Sean Redmond

Noted several records have already been set at the Age Group meet, including 1 NAG

Noted that this year we have a Western Zone Athlete Rep in attendance at the meet: Maria Davila

Cathy Vaughan invited LSC's to consider bidding for 2021 meets at convention and gave benefits Utah received as a result of hosting the 2016 Age Group meet.

Jody Rash thanked everyone for coming. It was fun to see the kids excitement and to see them swim

Sean noted that one reason for this meeting is to field any changes to the Western Zone Policies and Procedures or the meet before the General Meeting at convention.
PLEASE: If you are not going to convention, let those who are know about this discussion and help educate their vote.

Convention has been shortened, so we're trying to move more items to a consent agenda to help counteract the reduced meeting time

- PROPOSED: Make the 11-12 200 Stroke and 400 IM events prelims/finals and have the top 16 swim in Finals. (Currently these events are Time Finals with the fastest heat swimming in Finals)
    - Discussion include various points including
        - The kids have earned the right to be here. They have the right to swim.
        - Question: How much time would that add? Last year we took out some 10 & u relays because of concerns about the length of the sessions.
        - This is a developmental meet -- already rest is too scarce in between sessions
        - Athletes want a 2nd swim
        - Are parents behind it? 10 & u are only getting 6-7 hours sleep as is.
    - **NEW PROPOSAL: Only do 11 - 12 200 Stroke events as prelims/finals. (Keep 400 IM as is) this was and amended and approved by the maker of the motion.**
        - More discussion items
            - Many LSC's have a 3 day championship meet. It's good for the progression of our athletes
            - Western Zone Mission Statement for Championship Meets was read
                - Goal of both team experience and individual achievement
            - Question: What do other zones do?
                - Eastern has short and long course zone meets
                    - Short Course: 2 swimmers per LSC in each event

        - Long Course: Open, less attendance at meet
    - Noted: Other zones aren't as big
- Idea: Don't allow bonus swims. That would help timeline
- Question called. **Motion carries 12 in favor, 6 opposed**

- **PROPOSED: Next year, do open warm-ups from 6:30 - 7:40 am then each LSC gets own lane for 20 min for starts and pace**
    - Discussion items
        - Concern expressed: Kids getting cold before they swim
        - What about adjusting and doing three 40 minute warm-up times with assigned lanes?
        - Is this just an issue for this year because hotels are 20 minutes away?
        - A lot more people utilized early time this year over last year
        - This is a long-term issue.
        - What about scheduling warm-ups by age? That has been done in the past
        - Need to get creative and work together
        - Question called. **Motion did not pass 1 in favor, 15 against**
        - **This is already covered by the host in setting up the warm-up assignments.**
- Concern with new USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy (MAAPP) brought up
    - Hawaii is an island state. Because of ban on adults in rooms, it cost $1,750 for one 10 and under girl to attend her LSC State Championships. The average cost for each athlete was $350.
    - Suggestion: Get corporate sponsorships and offer scholarships to help offset costs
    - Alaska said they were in a similar situation. Alaska and Hawaii agree to talk more.
    - All encouraged to continue the discussion and not to put themselves at risk.
    - There was more discussion but no real solutions. Keep open communication with USA Swimming and your clubs.

Susan Huckaby presented some Diversity and Inclusion items for consideration before convention

- Currently, the Western Zone D&I receives $0.10 per *premium* athlete for funding. Has not been greatly successful at getting LSC's to pay. So recommending change to simplify. Recommending change to $0.10 per athlete (includes premium, seasonal, outreach, etc.)
    - These funds pay for zone D&I camp and All-star team
    - June 2020 D&I camp needs a host. Application to bid is online
- Please note that in the new USA Swimming required bylaws for LSC's, a D&I Chair is not included. We encourage LSC's to include a D&I Chair in their bylaw template
- If you want to host an LSC D&I Camp, the Western Zone D&I Committee is a great resource
- FYI: Power Points for athlete times are going to be adjusted and come down
- FYI: Western Zone Top Times are updated each week, except during September
- FYI: The deadline to apply for Scholastic All-America Award is August 15
    - 3.5 GPA
    - Winter Jr Nationals cut