

SNAKE RIVER SWIMMING – TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
Conference Call - February 22nd 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Todd Bartolome (Chair)
Todd Marsh (Senior Chair)

Alex Trompke (Athlete)
Mike McCorvey (IFC)

Tim Green (Age Group Chair)
Vicki Marsh Secretary

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- A. Meet Format: Mixed Gender format at Twin Falls. Everyone swims by time and 175 swimmers ran in 3.5 hours. Discussion took place into allowing the 50's and 100's more 10 and under age groups and mixing by age groups. This would allow more 7 and 8 yr olds opportunity to swim and step up to the challenge of racing the opposite sex.
- B. Championship Meets:
1. Need prelim and finals for both Sat and Sun of championship meets. Put the mile at the end of prelims on Sunday.
 2. Champs meets in the middle of February. Top kids can participate and have this be a stepping stone for the sectional meets. All swimmers need to benefit!
 3. Champs meets need to be in a good facility with adequate warm down and deck space and the time of year. Technical Planning needs to be in charge of setting the date and make the meet more prestigious. (ON AGENDA FOR APRIL 2014 HOD MEETING).
 4. Change 8 and under to 10 and unders for championships and allowing them to swim finals (HOD)
 5. Official's criteria per team per number of swimmers.
 6. High point awards for the teams per age groups per sex and for individuals per age group.
 7. Better awards to be given.
- C. Open Water Meets:
1. Vicki found an open water chair Rebekah Olsen from Boise from Southern Cal. She was chair and set up the open water meets in CAL.
 2. Looking in to open water venues in Idaho Falls, and also in Boise in Quinn's Pond mid-July.
 3. Look into a dual sanction with USA Swimming and Triathlon to run events Mid-August.
 4. Looking into the Rire Reservoir in Bonneville County for Mid-August (Rainbow Lake)
 5. Todd B and Mike M will look into the possibility of a swim in August.
 6. Vicki will ask Jeff Erwin if he wants to attend the Open Water Official and Meet Training in Fort Meyers Florida April 11-12 weekend.
- D. General Technical Planning Discussions
1. Todd Marsh Proposed that the Technical Planning Committee come up with a meet format and time standards for 2015. Mike M will look at different LSC's for their champ formats.
 2. Like to see the time standards more challenging for Snake River Swimming.
 3. Like to see standards set a little higher each year and make the athletes work harder to achieve the times. (**Discussion for HOD meeting**)
 4. Raising them a certain percentage based on the top times .
- E. Tri LSC meet: IES, Montana, Utah didn't want to participate in this meet as they are already committed to their local meets. Boise has an open weekend (July 11-12) to do an invite in place of the tri-lsc meet and tie in open water at Quinn's pond that weekend. Todd Marsh is looking into the open water swim here.
- F. Meet Schedule:
1. Bids and sanctioning need to happen in a timely manner.
 2. Officials Chairs need to choose the meet referee and Admin officials for champs meets.
 3. On the meet bid form, the meet referee and admin official needs to be secured before the meet bid is accepted. Dina can verify that the officials chosen are current.
- G. Top 10 LSC Times for each age group:
1. Long Course and Short Course Top Ten times for Snake River- Todd B will have Patty Stratton prepare for 2013-2014 season.
 2. Mike will publish to the website once we get the times from Patty.

H. 2014 Zones Age Group Meet.

1. Proposed having a fee per splash for Hawaii Age Group Zones 2015.
2. Unanimous for a team bus for Seattle this year.
3. Advance planning and making families aware of the meets and to financially plan ahead. Info on website. (HOD Topic)