

10/2/11

Coaches Committee Minutes- DRAFT awaiting approval at next meeting.

- 1) Coaches Endorsed Senior Committee's approval of Parade but no award ceremony for Senior Champs. It was felt that warm up for multiple swims each night was more important and beneficial to the swimmers than ceremony and that coaches had multiple swimmers to get ready and to talk to about other races during the time that they would be required to hand out awards. Unanimous
- 2) Endorsed Senior Committees recommendation to move LC Senior Champs to the July 26th weekend during Olympic years. Unanimous Discussion also included a more permanent move pending USAS move to tighten up US Nationals and Jr National qualifying times and making the US National LC meet all long course times.
- 3) Endorsed Senior Committees option of swimming the SC Senior Champs meet as yards in pre-lims and finals LC in Olympic years. Split vote. Also waiting to hear results on a full vote from the Senior Committee where not all coaches were present.
- 4) Endorsed Technical Planning's recommendation of "targeted developmental" meets getting some relief from LSC meet fees. Unanimous. This was to expand those meets that meet this requirement already, 8 and under meets, and possibly include senior meets, distance meets or similar type meet trying to promote or develop programming for the LSC.
- 5) Endorsed Senior's Open Water National Meet reimbursement for swimmers that had the Junior or National pool Qualifying Times for entry events. Looking into the open water qualifying procedures as another possibility for eligibility for reimbursement. Unanimous.
- 6) Proposed reimbursement for club coaches for National level meets if the club has and sends swimmers to same meets and said swimmers are eligible for VSI reimbursement, at the same rate as swimmers and officials reimbursement levels. Unanimous.
- 7) Proposed that Senior champs open up the number of swims each swimmer may swim to the National limit of 3 per day. The Committee is in favor of this even if it means that the bonus swims are disallowed for meet management purposes.
- 8) Plan to bring forth that the SC Zone meet's qualifying criteria would require a swimmer in the 14 and under divisions be ranked in the VSI top 8 in that event to be eligible. With the number of VSI swimmers now attending the NCSA individual Age Group Meet the pool of swimmers applying to Zones is not as competitive. Coaches did not want to spend the money and send a weakened team if a large number of swimmers from VSI were attending other age group meets instead of Zones.
- 9) Proposes to bring forth that VSI allows other meets that are recognized as National level competition meets for reimbursement. Totals to not exceed current levels, just to allow coach's the opportunity to choose meets that best compliment their athletes training and competition preparation. (ex: Grand Prix in the spring to prepare for mid summer Olympic Trials) This would mean that yearly totals or reimbursement fees would not increase but that coaches/swimmers/ swimmer families/ could choose which high level meet(s) best fit their training and their competition schedule. We feel that this falls in line with the original intent of helping to fund Nationals/Jr Nationals , as far as helping swimmers go to higher end meets that best help support that swimmers preparation for optimal performance.

Additional Information:

That the Coaches Committee will fill vacancies as soon as possible after a resignation. The remaining Chair will send out emails asking for nominations as soon as a resignation is tendered and send out ballots within 10 days of receiving notification of a resignation. Ballots will be due back within 3 days.

USAS will have an aerator design, engineered stamped to comply with the Virginia Graham Baker Act. Mick Nelson will have designs available for DYI installation this spring.

Appreciates Michael Downs efforts to disseminate new rule changes and interpretations to all head coaches as soon as he gets them.

Submitted; TJ Liston, VSI Coaches Rep Draft Minutes from 10/1/2011