

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SWIMMING
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MARCH 10, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM in Tulare's Senior Citizens center. In attendance:

Rick Klatt	General Chair	Jim Patterson	Membshp/Webmstr
Renee Patterson	Adm Vice Chr	Spencer Harris	Travel Fund
Sean James	Treasurer	Luanne Aakhus	Adapted Swimming
Jerry Renna	Board of Review	Dowain Wright	Clovis Rep
Moira Orsi	Fresno Dolphins Rep	Shann Blue	Porterville Rep
Rick Hopper	Tule Nation Rep		

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

General Chair Report: Rick spoke of James "Doc" Councilman who recently passed away. Doc was a great influence on coaching and the science of swimming.

Rick thanked Diane Anderson and those who tried so hard to save Women's swimming at Fresno State. Heartfelt wishes to those athletes who had to endure the method Fresno State used to cut the sport.

Following are proposals that were moved and passed by the House of Delegates for the format of CCS Long Course Junior Olympics:

- To move the finals of the 11-12 400 meter freestyle to Thursday the same day as the prelims for that event. (Reasoning-this was a carryover from when the meet was 3 and ¼ days instead of the current 4 day format. The change would be a better balance for 11-12 finals between the first and second days.)
- To limit the number of individual events a swimmer can swim in the entire meet to nine (9). (Reasoning: No championship meet allows a swimmer to swim 12 individual events plus relays over a 4-day meet.)
- To consolidate the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups into one (15-18) age group for scoring and awards purposes. (Reasoning: The 17-18 age group has been very small at this meet and it makes more sense to combine scoring and awards for the efficient operation of the meet.)
- To modify the penalties for "No Shows" to following:
Swimmers who check in for an individual event in preliminaries and are charged with a "no show" will be scratched from that event and their next preliminary event in the meet.
Swimmers who are seeded into finals in an individual event and are charged with a "no show" will be scratched from that event, and any other individual finals events they are in that day, plus their first individual preliminary event on the next day. A swimmer who qualified for finals and wishes to scratch their event, must scratch or declare their intention to scratch within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the results for that event.

Admin Vice Chairman Renee presented proposals for fact sheet wording that would provide the Meet Referee options at the time of the meet to comply with the requirement of the 4 Hour Rule. These proposals deal with non-championship meets. The proposed additional statements to be included in CCS fact sheets are as follows:

- *A swimmer failing to appear when the heat is closed shall be scratched from his/her next individual event (No Show) Rational: USA Swimming Rule and Regs states, "Meet announcements...shall specify check-in and scratch procedures...and penalties for violation of these procedures." CCS Guidebook states the penalty.*
- *A swimmer unprepared to swim when the heat is signaled to the starting platform shall be disqualified from that event. (Delay of Meet) Rational: USA Swimming Rules and Regs states, "The Referee shall disqualify a swimmer who fails to appear at the starting*

platform ready to swim..." Stating the rule on the meet announcement will declare the consequences for delaying the meet and will hopefully lead to less time wasted between heats.

- *Events of the same stroke and distance may be consolidated without regard to age and /or gender at the Referee's discretion with approval of a majority of the coaches affected.*
Rational: USA Swimming Rules and Regs state, "As a local option, an LSC may sanction...events...seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' age or gender..." This may be a time saving procedure for some meets.

Proposal 1 regarding No Show was passed.

Proposal 2 regarding Delay of Meet was pulled and will be resubmitted with clarification.

Proposal 3 was amended to delete the words "*with approval of a majority of the coaches affected.*" With the amendment, 3 was passed.

Age Group Applications for Zone coaches are on the website. Complete the form and email it to Gary for consideration.

Dennis Penner Memorial Event will be the 13-Over 100 Fly at the RCA Meet (boys and girls). A special award for the winners will honor Dennis who was a CCS swimmer and fine young man from the area.

Treasurers Report Sean made a proposal to *Convert tax year with IRS from January 1 - December 31 to September 1 - August 31 and place the reports on an accrual basis rather than cash basis.* Rationale: "Accrual basis tells the truth". Motion made as above, second and passed. The Treasurer report was approved as presented.

Coaches Rep Voting will take place at JO's for the CCS Coach Representative. 1 vote per team.

Officials and Awards Chrm Report presented on behalf of George Christian: Top 5 and Swimmer of the Year will be presented at JO's. All available officials are asked to attend.

Adaptive Swimming Luanne reported that the Para-Olympic Trials are being held April 22-24. Entries due April 6th.

An Adaptive Swimming Chrm workshop was scheduled for January 2004. If it was not presented or occurs again, Luanne asked that CCS fund the transportation cost for the Adaptive Swimming Chrm. USA Swimming provides hotel and food.

Disabled swimmers will be included in the Zone meet for the first time this year. Any questions about inclusion should be directed to Randy Julian at rjulian@usa-swimming.org

Sanctions A complete report of meet that have been sanctioned for 2004 as well as the scheduled meets was presented. The document includes due dates for receipt of paperwork from host This provides the meet host with a due date for requesting sanction. See the website for 2004 Sanctions exhibit.

Membership A Floating Season membership is available from USA Swimming. Does CCS want to implement it? If so it must be done before May 4 so that the registration forms can be ordered.

There will be an increase in USA Swimming athlete membership by \$1 per year for the next 10 years. Eventually membership will be \$50. After 10 years the family membership will be eliminated. This increase also applies to non-athletes.

A report regarding unregistered swimmers in swim meets is available on the website. All clubs have been notified about changes in the registration procedures that are taking place and the new penalty for unregistered swimmers. Deck registration penalties information is also included in the website report.

Travel Fund Chrm The Travel Committee recommended approval of the following amounts for 2004: *National Development \$200; Spring Nationals \$250; Summer Nationals \$150; US Open \$200.* It was moved, second and passed to accept the recommendations for funding.

Keith Moore and BSC have asked for a waiver for Val Kalmikovs for travel funding. As a foreign national, he would be eligible for ½ Championship and ½ Development funds if approved by the H of D. Val will compete in 3 CCS meets between March and July 2004. He represented BSC at the recent Nationals in Orlando. If he does not comply with the 3 meet minimum required to receive funding, BSC will assume responsibility for refunding CCS all Travel Fund monies paid to or on behalf of Val. Approval granted.

Change to wording in the Travel policy recommended as follows: b) Athletes who achieve a CCS National Travel time standard on or before March 31 of the current year may be eligible for up to \$400.00 per calendar year....

c) Athletes who achieve a CCS National Travel time standard after March 31 of the current year may be eligible for up to \$200.00 for the remainder of that calendar year...

Motion, second and passed to change wording as presented. At issue: Fiscal year vs. Calendar year.

Zone Advisory Committee The revised report was presented. All Star and Zone team selection, coach selection, conduct at the meet, travel, and housing issues are addressed. The full report is available at the CCS website. It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendations. Passed.

Website Advisory Committee CCS is receiving about 165 –170 hits per day on its website. 400 hits were registered after the All Star Q meet.

Trials for the times data base entry system occurred during March. Hytec Data Base and Swim Connections were available. The committee is encouraging as many as possible to sign on and try the two systems. CCS times and records from all 2003 meets are loaded into the database. Entries to meets using these systems will provide the athletes' best time as entry times and fees are automatically calculated. Trials will continue.

Motion made that *as a condition of meet sanction award, a host club must accept and process electronic meet entries submitted in USA Swimming SDIF (Standard Date Interface Format) file accompanied by appropriate paper documentation and entry fees.* Second, passed. This will go into effect with all 2004 CCS long course meets and all CCS short course meets beginning September 1, 2004.

Equipment Co-coordinator Motion by Rick Klatt *to provide up to \$500 for Equipment co-coordinator to replace and /or repair and upgrade CCS equipment.* Second, passed.

Standard microphones are \$75, extended mic \$90, watches approx \$15 each, storage cases necessary to protect and transport equipment about \$100.

Guide Book Revisions See the website for all Guidebook revisions that were proposed. Many of the items are housekeeping and were approved with an omnibus motion. The following items were pulled and after review it was moved, second and passed to accept each of them individually.

#6-Time Standard Formulation. This change puts the formula which CCS uses for determining it's time standards into print. It is not changing how those standards are formulated.

#8-This clarifies and defines deadlines for application, fact sheet and sanction.

#11-Publishing meet sheets on the website deletes the necessity of mailing facts sheets to all clubs. Electronic distribution would become the practice.

#12 This entire section is being moved from Meet Schedule Section to make them enforceable. This will formulate, define current practices and document what we now do.

In this section item 5 & 8...Motion to *delete wording "...best time faster than or equal to the B time standard"* and change it to "*..best time faster than or equal to the CCS JO time standard"*.
Second and passed.

Remaining pulled items # 23, 24, 25, and 26 to be discussed at next meeting.

New Business: Communication will occur between sanctions, NTV officer Dan Klein, and Rick regarding the process of Observed swims at high school championship meet.

Meeting adjourned 9:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Renna

Secretary