

NCS Swimming House of Delegates Meeting on September 27, 2006

I. Meeting call to order 1:08

Kate took roll call

Team vote - AQTC-1, CYJ-1, FAST-1, GG-1, GOLD-1, GSA-3, GSC-1, HPSC-2, JCST-2, LENR-3, MAC-3, MOR-3, NCAC-2, NSS-1, Rusty Kretz-1, RCST-1, RSA-3, SA-3, SAC-2, SCSC-2, SSC-2, SSS-1, STAR-2, TEAM-3, THAT-2, WAVE-3, WOW-2, WSY-1, YBAC-1, YOTA-3, YSST-1, YWNC-1.

Board Vote – Jonathan Watson, Marty Fehr, Paul Silver, Jim Crampton, Aaron Reeves, Gene Ashcraft, Joel Black, Jr. Coach Rep, Peter Carney, Colleen Gillan, Bob Johnson, Tim Mann, Wayne Shulby, Kiki Farmer, Richard Pockat, Suzanne Heath.

II. Adoption of Minutes from Spring House of Delegates (May 7, 2006)

III. Officer Reports.

III.a. General Chairman – Jonathan Watson

Board of Director will take nominee from the floor

BOD recommend Gene Ashcraft as the Marketing Chair

BOD straight plan for budget in Jan will be presented in spring 2007

When meet dates that were accepted need to keep the original dates. Date changes can cause problems for other meets on the schedule and teams trying balance which meets that they are attending.

New budget process will allow division chairs to develop and manage specific amount allocated to their area

Coaches clinic will be in the spring and run with the select camp speaker is desired.

Meet director certification / training session officials chair will present proposal.

ASCA coach's clinic

OME for championship meets automatic proof of times

Bob Johnson to review all LSC fees and fines and compare with other LSC

Zone Head Coach – Alan Berry moved – 2nd approved

USAS convention notes:

NCS All scholastic American

As of May 1, 20% of the BOD will be athletes and clubs recommend 3 names Jon will email credentials for criteria they will have At-large status.

III.b. Administrative Chair - Marty– Sanction process send to the sanction e-mail from the web site ONLY –

Legal items to include – Sanction of USA Swimming
Issued by NCS _____
Rules how the meet is to be conducted.
“ In accordance with USA swimming”
Description of the format ie:Age group,
Age / senior, etc.
Eligibility registered swimmer with USA swimming
All members must be YMCA – for Approved meets
Release statement for USAS, club, facility, etc.

Paul and Jim will review and make suggestions that will make a better product for the swimmer

Meet information should include the meet referee and meet director.

III.c. Senior Chair- Paul Silver

a. Convention Report

Rules Committee – Background screening – Entry Times – Combined Masters/USS meets
Sr. Committee

- 1- Remove 200 Relays from Jrs.
- 2- Fall ‘-7 SC Nationals weekend after TG. NCAA format
- 3-No 08 Spring Nationals- added more grand prix meets LC in spring
- 4-Most National cuts remained same expect relays which will all be at

night.

b.High School Meet Dates and Location

1A/2A State	Feb 3	NCSU
3A East Regional	Feb 3	Goldsboro
West Regional	Feb 2	Huntersville
4A East Regional	Feb 3	Pullen
Central Regional	Feb 3	Hillsborough
West Regional	Feb 3	Huntersville
3A State	Feb 10	Huntersville
4A State	Feb 10	NCSU

c.US open Travel Reimbursement

Prices from RDU are \$225-265
Charlotte are \$182-265

US open reimbursements can be arranged with Peter

d.Senior Championships

LC – Great to be indoors, fast pool, good competition, cooler water temp, 3 heats at night
Concerns – No warm-up for those used to unc, air temp, empty lanes, 3 days v 3 ½ days
Suggestions – deck seed the meet, reduce size slightly, 19-over swimmers only swim

Motion: Swimmers age 19+ will still have the opportunity to swim, for finals (at night) they will only be eligible for the c heat only. Moved 2nd approved

prelims – more college kids LC than SC, Late entries

Discussion: Late entries – would like to tighten it up with a hard and fast deadline for the senior meet. Do a scratch type meet in order to be more like the zone/nation venues meet make the entry deadline for Monday noon before the meet. Ie. fax entries.

Motion: Control the size of the meet by use of the entries deadline and 2 bonus events max. Moved 2nd approved

SC – Meet size is good

Concerns about this year's location – Hillsborough, next year – no Pullen meets

e. Travel reimbursement

WCT 9 teams and 35 kids

Jrs 11 teams and 36 kids

2 request for \$ to be sent directly to individual, questions on if we do this.

A few questions on registration dates and minimum meet requirements

III.d. Age group Chair – Jim Crampton

6 zones coaches, 6 chaperone moved 2nd approved

Selection of assist coach selection will be age coordinated

Alan Berry is the head coach

Selection process for the 15-18 be held earlier in the spring with the junior cut.

Select camp – test set / Russ will be presented to the BOD

IMX program, use it

Use Power points as a method performance single highest event and short and long

Moved 2nd approved

- new award male / female and there will still be high point award

Section age group awards weighted method

Move the banquet to the fall starting 2007

Virginia wants a meet and will look into

Open water is now an Olympic event

A task force will look at 14u, championships format, and more distance events 10u time standards

Convention News – election, swimmers have to go the world championship in order to go the Olympics

Olympics Trial are in Omaha

Nation and Jr.'s will be at the same site two years in a row (multiple year contracts for pool sites)

Select of the 14u be different and the task force will be review and move it forward to coach Alan

III.e. Financial Reports – Peter Carney and Bob Johnson

see attached report –

-Financial report – see attached - Budget proposal will be in January

-Develop a 4year plan will be development and priority to usa swim 4 year plan especially the travel fund be on a 4 year plan.

-Fees will be review by Bob Johnson in accordance with other LSC.

III.f. Coach division – Kevin Toburen / Russ Kasl

Coach's clinic to the spring meeting,

Elect a Junior coach representative – nomination are; Kit Roulerson, Jack Madden,

Moved, 2nd approved

- work on the coaches clinic, select camp,

Ballot taken

III.g. Athlete Rep – Tim Mann –

First year going to the zones and thank you of the support and went to open water. It was tough at senior championship meet when you can't have continuous warm down and air quality was poor. He is working on web page for the athletes. Suggested that Olympic trial qualifier get towels with NCS name as display

Enjoyed convention

IV.a. Technical Planning, Aaron Reeves

meets schedule

Long course national championship meets bids – NCAC is secure for Seniors

Championships

14u championship is on the same weekend –

Two bids - High point or TEAM Charlotte –ballot - TEAM Charlotte won the bid

Qualifier term meets will NOT be used, teams may be assign to a specific meet by the Technical Planning Committee. Teams may request a location, but it is recommended that the request be made early.

Time standard will not be change with 4 bonus swims

IV.b. Official Chair – Richard Pockat

Awards to Kate Esch – for her work as registration coordinator.

Southern Zone Meet in 2007 Houston TX – Geoff Sander zone athlete rep

At the officials meeting – Tina shared her experience at Olympic time trial, emphasizing that it is important to be well prepared.

BOD proposal and approved meet referee will be assigned by the official chair and the meet host can make recommendation. Meet information referee needs to see, and work on the preparation of the meet information. This will also allow for variety of referees to train and more experience.

Meet information – The officials chair will develop a formal program for meet directors and certification process for meet directors.

The new official evaluations is in effect thru USA Swim

IV.c. Registration Coordinator – Kate Esch

There are problems with the Athlete registration cards, the cards will not be issued at this time. There are no addresses on the cards

Registration Report – 6000 athletes 500 non-athletes
Introduction of new coaches

Background checks – the program will be tested and the coaches will then go on-line / private / cost \$20 / there is an appeal for negative results / language to the code of conduct for USA swimming, renewed every two years /

IV. d. Records

IMX – a program to develop clubs and recognition for the swimmers

NCS is recognized at USA Convention regard registration, time entry, records

IV.h. Open Water Coordinator

Open water being developed in NC for a championship, there are very few meets

V. Elections

Nominations:

Nominated committee for 2007 – Chairman Eric, Alex, Scott Bowser, Gene Ashcraft, Marty Fehr. Closed, Moved 2nd approved

Board of Review – Wayne, Ann Rockwell, Mike Hoffer, Tim Mann closed moved 2nd approved. The committee will inform the BOD who will be the Chairman and the alternates

Slate of Nominees –

General Chairman – Jonathan Watson

Administrative Vice-Chairman – Marty Fehr

Secretary Colleen Gillan

Treasurer – Peter Carney
Senior Vice Chair – Paul Silver
Membership/Registration Coordinator – Kate Esch
Finance Chairman – Bob Johnson
Technical Planning – Aaron Reeves
Safety Coordinator – Gene Ashcraft
Open Water Coordinator – Taylor Cooper
Junior Coach Representative – OPEN

Marketing Director – Floor Nomination – Gene Ashcraft

Floor was closed, motion made, 2nd, approved

VI. Rules and Legislation

By-Laws, general corrections to the language of the bylaws, grammar and USS to USA Swimming were the changes made

Rule and Reg – see jim

Prelim/Finals –

Open swimming \$2 travel fund,

Score in the top 20 in order / time standard/ to go the nationals – in open water table to spring house of delegates.

4 hour rule – Purposed:

1. This is only for 12-under short course sessions that involve B/C swimmers.
2. The \$250 was arrived at by calculating 15 heats of 100 yard events with a swimmer per heat at \$2 per splash. The total would be \$240 so the host is really only paying roughly the same amount as they are taking entry fees.

204.6.

.2 – For short course yards meet sessions with 12 & younger swimmers the Senior Vice Chair or designee shall assess a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) if the session exceeds four (4) hours from the published start time of the sanctioned meet information or information sent to every participating club prior to the meet. Additional fines of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be assessed for each additional thirty minute period after the 241st minute (at 4:31, 5:01 etc.) until the session is completed. The meet host must refund entry fees for all events cancelled or limited. The assessment of such a fine may be appealed according to NCS Rules and Bylaws. The late start of 2nd session cannot be penalized for the time delay caused by 1st session

- .3 Weather delays are excepted from the time of session calculation.

Concerns / Discussions

- Delays cause by Electronic Equipment problems will be assessed fines.
- Meet officials will be responsible for the reporting of s start and finish times.
- Planning of meets with NT often because some time overages – discussion was tabled to be reviewed by the Officials Committee.

4hour rule Moved, 2nd approved

SCR Rule –

204.3. INDIVIDUAL SCRATCH RULE - Swimmers shall inform themselves of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call. The meet information shall specify all mandatory check-in and scratch deadlines and procedures.

.1 Pre-Seeded Meets - Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.

.2 Events Seeded on the Deck - Any swimmer entered in an individual event that is seeded on the deck, in whole or in part, who has checked in for that event, must swim in the event unless he notifies the clerk of course before the seeding for that event has begun that he **or she** wishes to scratch. Failure to scratch prior to seeding and not swimming the event will result in the swimmer being barred from the next individual event in which the swimmer entered in the meet. Unless the meet information states otherwise, events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event except that individual events of 400 meters or longer may be closed for seeding up to twenty-four (24) hours before the expected start of the event if the check-in/scratch deadline occurs after the beginning of the meet and is announced in the meet information.

.3 Preliminary and Finals Events

A. Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in a pre-seeded preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized. If the preliminary heat is **seeded** on the deck, then 204.3.2 applies.

B. Any swimmer qualifying for an A final, scored or unscored, or B scored final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said A or B final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in 204.3.4. **A declared false start or a deliberate delay of meet under USA Swimming Rule 102.14 is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.**

C. In the event of withdrawal or barring for a swimmer from competition, when possible, the Referee shall fill the A, B, or C final with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These and all other alternates and those qualifying for non-scoring B or C finals shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete.

D. When the B or C final has not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known **sufficiently** in advance by the Referee, the Referee should re-seed the A, B, or C finals, if necessary, to insert the

alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), FILLING ALL LANES IN THE FINAL. In Order to prevent undue delay of the A, B, or C finals, the Referee may elect to fill the empty lane(s), without re-seeding, with the next qualified alternate, or if unavailable, the next qualified swimmer(s) who is/are present in the starting area and ready to swim.

E. If a C or B final has already been swim, the A final of that event shall be swum without filling the empty lane(s).

4. Exception for Failure to Compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to compete in or scratch **from** an individual event if:

A. The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.

B. The ~~swimmers~~ **swimmer** qualifying for an A or B final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notified the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers of that final race that ~~they~~ **he or she** may not intend to compete also declares his **or her** final decision whether or not to scratch within thirty (30) minutes of his **or her** last individual preliminary heat, swim-off, or reswim.

C. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

204.4. RELAY SCRATCH RULE

.1 All Meets - Any relay or relay member, in a relay event that fails to complete to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.

Reasoning for the proposed changes.

1. In some cases the changes are merely housekeeping.
2. The addition of the prohibition on the declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is to align the North Carolina Swimming scratch rule with the USA Swimming Championships procedures.

Moved 2nd approved

Time Trails

The purpose of Time Trials is to provide an opportunity for swimmers to achieve times. Time Trials are a race for time, not necessarily a competition between individuals. Time Trials conducted as an accessory to championship meets and additional event opportunities are offered.

1. Time Trials may be offered at championship meets and other meets that are within 1 week of the entry deadline for USA Swimming Jrs. / Srs./ All Nationals Level Meets.

2. The championship meets where a Time Trial meet is offered will be determined when the met bids are received, approved and placed on the approved NCS calendar, prior to the start of the season.
3. Additional Time Session may be offered at other meets, after the publishing of the calendar, but must be approved with a majority vote of the Technical Planning Board.
4. Time Trials entry time is the NC Sr Champs cut the Time Trials for efforts to qualify for USA Swimming Sr. Sectionals level meets and above.
5. Time Trials may have separate meet information and a separate meet sanction will be attained that clearly identify the meet as a time trials meet. The time trials meet may have a separate meet director and/or meet referee.
6. Daily or meet limits will be stated in the Time Trials meet information but cannot exceed the daily meet limits of the meet.
7. The events should be swum 50's first 100's second, 200's third, 400/500' fourth, 800+ last. Backstroke events should not be combined with forward starting events.
8. The time and place for the Time Trials will be stated in the meet information and must be planned so as to not interfere with the championship meet (including warm-ups, breaks, and competition). ???????
9. All USA Swimming Rules will apply to Time Trials, including having at least the minimum number of certified officials

High School Regional championship will be blanket observed and times requested after the state meet if times are slower at State. Request must be submitted to Suzanne – Y meet will be changed to USA rules and meet can be approved swimmers must be member of the y

Meeting adjourned 4:34pm