

2008 AD Spring Meeting
House of Delegates
Saturday, May 17, 2008
Woodlin Club

Members Present: See attached.

The minutes of the fall 2007 meeting were accepted as written.

Officials Chair: Online testing has been updated and is available for 2008. The current evaluation process for officials is being reviewed by a task force.

There is a parent CD available for new parents to orient them to the sport of swimming. Each club contact has been sent a copy to share with their team.

Teams hosting meets were reminded to enforce feet-first entries during warm-ups. Teams were also reminded that meet marshals do not need to be USA registered.

Treasurer: 2007 End of year report was highlighted. Income for the year was \$193,822.56; expenses were \$165,000, with a net income of \$30,000.

Registration/Membership: There are 29 teams registered this year to date. Year-round athletes are 1768. There have been no single meet registrations this year.

Each team will be required to get Team manager 5 prior to their 2009 registration. The cost to the team for this program is \$99.

There is a new coaching requirement for 2008. Coaches must have Safety, First Aid, and Adult CPR. If the coach wishes to use lifeguard certification to fulfill the requirement, the coach's safety test must be taken online prior to recertifying after 2008. Coaches will be grandfathered until their current safety certification expires. Coaches must also complete a background check every two years.

Teams were reminded that if they run a Learn to Swim program it must be separately insured.

Coaches were reminded to send copies of their certification cards to the AD registrar so that their status remains current.

Administrative Vice Chair: There have been no bids for 2008 fall meets to date. Seven teams have not paid AD fees for winter meets, financials have not been submitted for these meets either. Checks and financials are due 30 days after the meet. A motion was made and passed for a requirement which would fine teams in 30 day increments for the period that required reports are overdue. 5% or a minimum of \$50 per 30 days overdue until the payment is made and the reports are sent to AD.

Increased expenses and the current funds level prompted a motion that fees be increased by: a) \$.25/splash for every meet except the Region 1 meet which will remain at \$7.50/splash. b) Annual AD registration fees increase by \$1/swimmer. Motion passed.

Board of Review: No actions pending at this time.

Safety: There were no major incidents to report. Host teams were reminded to make sure meet marshals monitor the locker rooms during meets.

Top16/Records: No report.

Athlete Representative: Frankie Dyer was introduced as the Junior Representative. The Special Olympics will be held June 1st. A request for volunteers will be posted on the AD website.

Coaches Representative: AD Coach of the Year: There have been no nominations. ASCA still needs the name of a coach in our area for this year. Dave will email team Contacts for nominations.

Coaches are reminded to check the AD website for important information.

To ensure that only certified coaches are on deck during meets, the meet director and the meet referee have access to a list of coaches with expired certifications prior to each meet. It has been the meet director's responsibility to ensure that only certified coaches are on the deck. The meet referee also helps enforce this policy. A motion was made and passed that if a person acting in the capacity of a coach is found to be on the deck during a meet lacking proper, current certifications, the team will be fined \$250 by AD due in 30 days.

Age Group Chairman: 41 athletes participated in Zones this spring. There were 168 entries. AD had the following results: 4 1st place finishes, 15 top three, and 29 top eight finishes.

Senior Swimming Chair: The rotation for AD championship meets this year is as follows: Silver: Schenectady, Gold: Delmar. The teams have decided to switch meets this year but maintain the rotation. Teams running these meets were reminded that the warm-up pool must remain open at all times during the meet. This includes designated warm-up periods.

It was decided at the Eastern Zone meeting that the fastest heat of 1000 meter freestyle for 13/14 and 15/18 will be swum at finals. Teams with larger athlete representation at this meet will also be given more deck passes for their coaching staff. Relay-only swimmers will also be allowed to time trial at Super Sectionals.

Technical Planning Committee: Schenectady will be hosting Gold Championships this year and would like to work with the technical planning committee to possibly change the order of some events.

New Business:

1. For teams that host Masters/Age Group combined meets new requirements will be posted by United States Swimming in the next few months.
2. National is changing the template for their bylaws and will therefore not act on any new requests at this time. The new template should be available at the next National meeting which will be held prior to our fall meeting.
3. Swimposium Update: Schenectady and Ravena will co-host the event which will be tentatively held on October 5th at Ravena High School. There will be representatives from the following disciplines: Officials, Biomechanics, Parent Education, Club Leadership, and an athlete. Local representatives will also be available to advise on registration and meet organization.
4. Meet Oversubscription Policy: The meet director and the meet referee have the authority to change the meet format to fit the 4 hour time rule as long as it is consistent with the language regarding oversubscription in the meet announcement. The team may not add a session to fit the timeline.
5. New Team Requests: A proposal was made to add the Green Aquatics and the (don't have a name)north Glens Falls. Both new teams were approved.
6. A motion was made to change the way new teams are voted in by the AD board. Each club will be contacted via email. If there is no opposition they will be approved. If there is opposition, there will be a vote requiring simple majority approval.

The meeting was adjourned.