

2013 CONVENTION REPORT
ADMIN VICE CHAIR – Denise Byrne
September 2013

Wednesday, 9/11/13:
Disability Workshop:

Through the swimmer. This was a hands on workshop where we participated in becoming the swimmer and feeling their perspective on multiple types of disabilities from hearing loss, blindness, dyslexia, learning disabilities and physical disabilities. We were given scenarios and how to be more attentive to the swimmer when speaking, showing or directing various practice sets, officiating and volunteering when a disabled swimmer is in our meet. Most important quality is patience and calm.

Club Development:

Coach Mentoring Grant program for LSC. Will grand funds for chosen Coach Mentors to travel within the LSC to run mentor clinics.

Increase in memberships by 61% in the 12 and under age group. Basically we are all doing a good job retaining the younger swimmers.

Club Achievement will begin to require team registration procedures, Meet procedures medical form procedures.

EZ Technical Planning:

It was decided that the North and South Time Standards will be one uniformed time standard.

A faster than Championship meet has been proposed for the 3rd week of July to be a stepping stone for a Juniors or Senior qualifying meet. That will give the swimmer the option to qualify and attend. This year if you're qualified at Sectionals on Sunday, you could not enter and go. Legislation Passed.

Zone Meet: We need to tighten up the way we qualify with TM the time standards and remind all coaches and Meet entry Chairs that they need to check for National Qualifying times within their Zone so that these swimmers are not in the meet.

Thursday, 9/12/13
Officials Committee:

FINA Report: A) Breaststroke Change – Hands must be above or below the water on the finish but separated. (Cannot be hand over hand) Same for Butterfly. B) A Backstroke starting devise has been developed to give the backstrokers a push off like the racing

starting blocks for the other strokes. This is a bar that is on two cords, dropped into the water for the start and removed by the official before the end. It can be at any meet level, but must be available for all lanes. A swimmer cannot purchase his/her own and use it when racing other swimmers who do not have one. It must be a fair playing field.

Mentoring Clinics for N2 Certifications, etc.

Thursday, 9/12/13

Admin Official:

Will now be required in every sanction meet. Admin Official will wear the official blue and white; will be responsible to the Referee of the meet. Responsible for type of seeding, being consistent and fair and using common sense, Level 2 Background check,, Overseeing the other desk positions, reconciling time and investigating times in Meet Manager. Coaches can only be an Admin Official if they are at the desk wearing blue and white.

Meet Management:

Dry side and wet side
Budgets, Leadership team, education, facilities. Can be the Admin Official, trouble shoot. Must have 4 officials. Rotation for Meet Marshals, reverse shadowing for official apprentices. Cannot change meet info once published?

Friday, 9/13/13

Coaches & Officials:

George Block gave a workshop on working together.
A) This is a partnership and officials should reinforce what the Coach teaches. Maybe invite officials to officiate a practice.
B) Set tight standards
C) Professionalize
D) Official and coaches take care of your best volunteers.
E) Have a rating system for officials
F) Have officials give clinics to coaches and parents and swimmers on what they expect and rules for strokes and vice versa Coaches give officials clinics on how they teach the strokes.

Friday, 9/13/13

Board of Review:

Notice and opportunity for hearings.
Elect a Chairperson, Administer and conduct the established policies, procedures and guidelines, BOD Policy, elect officers. BOR is not an investigator panel. The investigator should not hear the case. Plaintiff to file within 90 days of occurrence. Appeal to HOD and not BOR. Must have 20% Athlete representation and should not be from the same teams.

There are many procedures to be followed and these are all located on the USA Swimming website, under Member services.

Saturday, 9/14
House of Delegates
Legislature:

This is a summary workshop and a Legislature meeting. The full minutes and passing legislature is on the USA Swimming Website, under member's services.