USAS CONVENTION 2013 – Garden Grove, CA – RECAP
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Wednesday, September 11, 2013

- **SWIMS Times Module Workshop**
  - 176 NAG (National Age Group Records) in 2012-13
    - 112 Individual records
    - 64 relay records
  - 15 USA-Swimming Records; 11 World Records
  - SWIMS Database Information for Swim Year 2012-13:
    - 8,635 meets loaded in SWIMS
    - 8,946,546 times uploaded in SWIMS
  - All-Time Top 100 SCY and LCM Age Group Times
  - Scholastic All America Report
    - 1,353 applications were accepted
    - 77% of the SAA team members had a 4.0 GPA
    - One perfect score: Missy Franklin
    - Closing date for SAA may change in 2013-14
  - SWIMS – presentation of the Flowchart for the SWIMS System
    - Registration - Membership
    - Times
    - NCAA
    - FINA
    - Deck Pass
  - Deck Pass (free App or Paid App: Deck Pass Plus)
    - Member Card in Deck Pass (no birth date)
    - Scoreboard
    - Goals
    - Friends
    - Perks (Arena, AT&T, BMW, Marriott, TYR)
    - Log Book
    - Live Results
    - Patch Scan
  - Time & Recognition (T & R) Committee Status Report
    - SAA 2012-13
    - Age Group Recognition Program
    - NTV Process Review (Observed and Approved meets)
  - Rules and Regulations – proposed legislation for 2014
    - USAS Administrative Official Requirements for meets
      - Not required for Observed meets

            - Not required for Approved YMCA meets
            - Required for all USAS meets and non-YMCA Approved meets (like State Games, Black Heritage meets)
            - Observers at HS meets must check for the Breaststroke Fly Kick and the Backstroke Turns
        - TIMES Verification Process – Approved YMCA meets: Mutual guidelines for YMCA Teams and USA-S Officers for SWIMS database

- **Eastern Zone Technical Planning Meeting**
    - Presentation from Dave Ferris (Senior Committee Chair)
        - New legislation coming up
        - How does 1 level goes into the next
        - We need meets for the 13-18 swimmers to step up to the next level
        - Establish a "High End" cut for Sectionals
    - Review of the Sectional qualifying times for the Spring of 2014 – Identical standards for North and South [times were averaged between North and South]
    - Long Course Zone Meet
        - Recon Problems for "not faster than" times in non-conforming time standards
        - Length of sessions
        - Entry Procedures and policies
        - Open Water Committee Proposals

Thursday, September 12, 2013

- **SWIMS Database Workshop**
    - Browsers – Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer
    - SWIMS on the iPad – Import/Export files using iCabMobile
        - Exporting files from SWIMS to email
        - Uploading files from email to SWIMS
    - New Club Portal Reports – use your team/club portal!!!
    - Apprentice Officials category (registration, tests and certifications) and links to OTS (Officials Tracking System)
    - Athlete Protection Training – changes – will need to take the APT course every year
    - Discussion of different uses of SWIMS to track LSC info – how every part of SWIMS interacts with each other
    - New Records Tracking Feature
- **Meet Management: The Players, Role & Responsibilities**
    - A meet is like a symphony – the Meet Director must have all the "instruments" working together
    - Meet Directors Role Before the Meet – get in touch with your leadership team and volunteers for all positions:
        - Officials
        - Meet Marshals [check ID's of all adults on deck]

        - Electronic Timing System Operators
        - Computer Operators
        - Pool (lifeguards; parking; custodians; hospitality)
        - Admission
        - Runners and Awards
    - After the Meet
        - Reports
        - Budget
        - Thanks
        - Evaluation
    - Officials
        - Meet referee and Deck referee are often the same person
        - Hospitality
        - Give Opportunity to move up ranks
        - Must be confident in their calls
    - Meet Information
        - Can't be changed after receiving the sanction
        - Do not add swimmers in meet if it is not spelled out in the meet information
        - Chase Starts / Flighted Meets – is it in the meet info? Ok if it is mentioned that it may happen "at the discretion of the meet referee"
- **Administrative Official: The Who, What & Where**
    - Report to the Referee re: name of personnel working at the meet in all positions
    - May serve in one (or more) position or as a supervisor
    - Must complete the minimum standards for Administrative Official
    - Guidelines for reconciling times in Meet Manager 5.0
        - Investigate when yellow, blue, green lines – don't accept adjust time automatically
        - Get the timers watch times and enter them in MM
        - Check the Splits Screen – time may be hidden there
        - When an ERROR repeatedly occurs – FIX the cause! (change the button or the pad; re-educate the timer on using watch/button AND stepping to the edge of the pool to get a better view of the swimmer's finishing touch) – Watch the timer
        - Get order of Finish from Referee
        - USE CONSISTENCY and COMMON SENSE – " If you do it for one – you have to do it for all" – Be fair
    - Can the Administrative Official be the Computer Operator?
        - If he/she is confident in both jobs - yes
        - If the novice computer operator – no
    - Administrative Official must wear Officials Apparel
    - Observers for High School Championship meets – for Stroke & Turns in Medley Relay, Individual Medley, Backstroke and Breaststroke)
- **Eastern Zone Meeting**

- Minutes: Correction to approved Minutes of September 2012 and of Minutes of May 2013
- Treasurer and Agenda Reports
- Technical Planning Report (see TP meeting of Wednesday)
    - Spring LCM Meet – March 27-30 – STAR / ECC Buffalo
    - Summer LCM SuperSectionals – July 24-27 – STAR / ECC Buffalo
- Directors Report
    - Reports
    - LEAP
    - Finance Committee
    - Coaches Committee
        - Promoting Alumni Accomplishments
        - Education of Parents
        - Importance of Coach / Parents Conferences
        - Promise "experience" and nothing else!
- Visit from Bruce Stratton (USA Swimming President) and Chuck Wielgus (Executive Director of USA Swimming)
- Marci Callan and Marcus Titus presented the "Deaf International Short Course Swimming Championships – SCM – January 14-18, 2014 at RIT in Rochester, NY
- Summer Zones – will be in Richmond, VA
- Athletes Report – the athletes bagged 1,000 meals to distribute to kids in Los Angeles
- Open Water – All proposal were accepted
- FINA – Water Temperature – USAS has no intention on increasing water temperature for meets
- Meet Bid Process Proposal for Zone Meet and Eastern Zone By-Laws were accepted
- Safe Sport Liaison for EZ – position until May then Regular 2-year term
- Elections:
    - Zone Director Non Coach – Paris Jacob
    - Technical Planning – Tristan Forman, NJ
    - Age Group Development Committee – Pete Barry, AM
- New Business:
    - Finance Committee to establish budget
    - Elimination of EZ Age Group Non Coach
    - EZ Official Chair – thanks to Jamy Pfister – Welcome to Bob Vincent
    - Report of Diversity Summit 2013
    - IMX Games
    - Review of Legislation
    - Safety Poster Contest

Friday, September 13, 2013

- **Intro to OME for LSCs-NHQ & LSCs Working Together**

- For Coaches – must have an account in USAS Web Site
    - Enter name of the coach that will be at the meet
    - Responsibility of coach to know who to enter in meet
    - Unattached swimmers can be added
    - Names of relays are not important – they will not export to meet manager
    - Do not check out early or you will not be able to delete events or remove swimmers
    - Entries are not official until you click "Submit"
- Meet Host
    - Follow all the steps and add what is needed
    - Payment from USA Swimming will come every 2 weeks
    - Contact Anthony Buhr at abuhr@usaswimming.org
    - No refund for errors

- **Registration – Best Practices Workshop**
    - Safety Training For Swim Coaches First Aid – 3 hours course to be done online and CPR/AED
        - Go to http://www.redcross.org/takeaclass
        - Questions: contact connie.harvey@redcross.org
    - Deck Pass V4 & 5
        - Athletes cards will be mailed directly from USAS – One card per athlete – remind them not to lose it
        - Use Club Portal to view names of athletes from your team
    - Setting up of Satellite Clubs in SWIMS
    - New Club Requirements
- **2013 House of Delegates Meeting – Part one**
    - Memorial Presentation
    - USA Swimming Foundation President's Report – Bill Maxson
    - USA Swimming President's Report – Bruce Stratton
    - Presentation to Life Members
    - Presentation to Past Board Members
    - Awards

Saturday, September 14, 2013

- **2013 House of Delegates Meeting – Part two**
    - Membership Report
    - United States Sports Insurance Company Report – Carol Zaleski
    - Credentials Report
    - USA Swimming Foundation Executive Director's Report – Debbie Hesse
    - USA Swimming State of the Sport Report – Chuck Wielgus
    - 2014 Budget – Treasurer – Stu Hixon
    - Rules and regulations – Dan McAllen

- Vice Presidents Reports Requiring Action – none
- USA Swimming Zone Director Election Results
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment at 12:52pm

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