

UNITED STATES AQUATIC SPORTS CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 25-29, 2018

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

OFFICIAL'S COMMITTEE:

2019 MEET DATES WERE ANNOUNCED:

- 2018 WINTER NATIONALS- GREENSBORO (LCM)- NOVEMBER 28- DECEMBER 1
- 2018 WINTER JUNIORS- DECEMBER 5-8
 - EAST- GREENSBORO
 - WEST- AUSTIN
- 2019 OPEN WATER NATIONALS- MIAMI -MAY 3-5
- 2019 NATIONALS- STANFORD- JULY 31- AUGUST 4
- 2019 JUNIOR NATIONALS- STANFORD- AUGUST 6-10
- 2019 WINTER NATIONALS (LCM)- DECEMBER 4-7- GEORGIA TECH
- 2019 WINTER JUNIORS- FEDERAL WAY - DECEMBER 11-14
- 2019 FUTURES WEST – IRVINE - AUGUST 1-4
- 2019 TYR PRO SERIES DATES AND LOCATIONS TBA
- 2020 OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS – JUNE 21-28
- 2020 US OPEN AND JUNIOR NATIONALS (COMBINED) - IUPUI

THE FOLLOWING RULE CHANGES WILL AFFECT OFFICIALS:

TECHNICAL SUIT BAN R-3 (USA SWIMMING GOVERNED) AND R-13 (LSC GOVERNED)

MELISSA HELLERVICK-BING REPORTED ON THE MENTORING AND EVALUATIONS CLINIC IN JUNE. AT THE CLINIC, THEY DISCUSSED HOW TO DETERMINE THE ELIGIBILITY OF AN OFFICIAL TO BE EVALUATED FOR ADVANCEMENT TO A N2, N3I OR N3 FINAL, AS WELL AS, HOW TO RECOGNIZE OFFICIALS AND DEVELOP A MENTORING PROGRAM. (NOTE GARY ARITA AND LEO LIN ATTENDED THIS CLINIC AND SHOULD SHARE THE INFORMATION LEARNED)

A NEW OTS PROGRAM WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON. IT WILL HAVE AN END USE AGREEMENT MUCH LIKE SWIMS.

ZONES WILL BE HOLDING WORKSHOPS SOON FOR DECK REFEREE

BRIEF REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SANDY DRAKE -OPEN WATER -3 REGIONAL OPEN WATER CLINICS IN2019, FINALIZING N2 & N3 QUALIFICATIONS,

PATRICK HUNTER – OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER, SITUATIONS HAVE BEEN UPDATED

JAMIE C – CONSISTENCY IN OFFICIATING.

BILL ROSE – CHANGES MADE TO THE TESTING PROGRAM

NATIONAL LEVEL MEETS ARE POSTED 180 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEET. THEY ARE TAKEN DOWN 120 DAYS OUT OR UNTIL THE CAP IS REACHED (60 OFFICIALS PER MEET).

CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS AND TRAINING: THE MOST COMMON AREA THAT CONCUSSIONS OCCUR AT A SWIM MEET IS DURING WARM UPS. (ATHLETES ARE SWIMMING WITH ATHLETES THEY DON'T USUALLY SWIM WITH.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE VARIOUS COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTING AFFILIATED SWIMMING ENTITIES (FINA, OPEN WATER, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE ETC)

THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS PROPOSED CHANGES (R-1 THROUGH R-18 AND HK 1-4)

THE ITEMS THAT ATTRACTED THE MOST DEBATE WERE R3 THE 12&U TECH SUIT BAN AND R-6 THE REQUIRED FOR SANCTIONING ADDITION OF A MEET SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ALL MEET ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: RISHAD TOBACOWALA DELIVERED AN INSPIRING KEYNOTE ADDRESS THRIVING IN TRANSFORMATIONAL TIMES i.e. CHANGE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

USING STATISTICS TO EVALUATE YOUR LSC

PATRICK MURPHY WAS INTRODUCED. HE IS NEW DATA ANALYST HIRED BY USA SWIMMING. (HE APPEARED IN SEVERAL MEETINGS THAT INVOLVED THE USE OF DIGITAL DATA)

WE WERE GIVEN A TOUR OF A PORTAL AND TIPS ON HOW TO FIND INFORMATION AND DRILL DOWN TO DETAILS. WATCH THE SCALE ON THE GRAPHS – THE SCALES CHANGE AND NOT ALWAYS VISUALLY COMPARABLE.

VENDOR DEMO FOR LSC REGISTRARS:

MEMBER DATA VALIDATION SERVICE

TEAM UNIFY DESCRIBED CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THEIR SOFTWARE TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW FLEX MEMBERSHIP. THESE CHANGES SHOULD ASSIST REGISTRARS BY COMPARING MEMBER DATA TO SWIMS. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS DECREASE THE NUMBER OF DUPLICATE MEMBERSHIPS. PACIFIC SWIMMING HAS TURNED OFF FLEX MEMBERSHIP. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE KINKS TO GET OUT OF THE NEW SYSTEM PRIOR TO CONSIDERING USE OF FLEX MEMBERSHIP. PACIFIC DEFINITELY NEEDS TO LOOK TOWARDS UPGRADING TO A MORE DIGITAL INTERFACE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SWIMS TIMES MODEL WORKSHOP

@USASWIMSTATS; BY THE NUMBERS:

NUMBER OF SPLASHES ENTERED INTO SWIMS – OVER 10 MILLION

SCHOLASTIC ALL AMERICANS

NAG RECORDS, PRINTING TOP 10 CERTIFICATES

TEAM UNIFY GAVE A REVIEW OF THE NEW FEATURES THAT ARE BEING LAUNCHED SOON. THE NEW FEATURES INCLUDE FLEX MEMBERSHIP (IT CAN BE TURNED OFF) AND UPGRADING A FLEX MEMBER TO A PREMIUM MEMBER (ANNUAL)

LSC REQUIRED BYLAW CHANGE:

HERB SCHWAB CHAIRED THE LSC BY-LAW TASK FORCE THAT REVISED THE TEMPLATE. THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED THE REASONS FOR THIS CHANGE (LAST REVIEW WAS 1995) AND PROVIDED RESOURCES FOR LSCs TO TAKE HOME. PACIFIC WILL NEED TO REVIEW HOW OUR BOD IS STRUCTURED AND INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM 20% ATHLETE PARTICIPATION.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION WAS OVER DAVID BENJAMIN MET WITH SOME OF PACIFIC'S REPRESENTATIVES THAT ATTENDED THE CLASS. WE SHARED OUR IDEAS OF THE DIRECTION THAT WE SHOULD TAKE WITH THIS PROJECT. UNANIMOUSLY WE AGREED THAT RATHER THAN TRYING TO REDLINE THE OLD BYLAWS, WE WOULD START FRESH WITH THE NEW TEMPLATE. WE THEN TASKED DAVID TO THINK ABOUT THE PROJECT OVERNIGHT AND THEN MEET WITH PACIFIC'S BY-LAW TASK FORCE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ON FRIDAY, DAVID MET WITH JAY ROWLAND, MARY RUDDELL, LEO LIN, CLINT BENTON AND CINDY ROWLAND AND PRESENTED HIS PLAN. THE GOAL IS TO HAVE THE NEW BY-LAWS READY TO PRESENT TO THE MAY HOD. HE HAS TASKED THE GROUP TO TAKE THE NEW TEMPLATE AND ANSWER ALL THE "SELECT ONE" ITEMS IN THE BY-LAWS. THE TASK FORCE IS TO IDENTIFY "CHOICES" WITHIN THE DOCUMENT. IF THE TASK FORCE DOES NOT AGREE ABOUT THE SELECTION/CHOICE – WE ARE TO PRESENT OUR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR DEBATE. THE TASK FORCE IS ALSO TO PROPOSE A TRANSITION PLAN.

LEAP FINANCES FOR LSCs

PACIFIC IS AHEAD OF THE GAME IN THIS AREA. OUR FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING MEETS THE LEAP 3 REQUIREMENTS.

WESTERN ZONE BUSINESS MEETING – PART 1

REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY THE WZ BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WESTERN ZONE 2019 CHAMPIONSHIP MEET PREVIEW - AGE GROUP CHAMPS MEET WILL BE HELD IN GRESHAM, OR AND SR CHAMPS MEET WILL BE HELD IN CLOVIS. WZ AGE GROUP PROPOSAL FOR 2019 TO ELIMINATE 400 RELAYS FOR 10/U ATHLETES AND OFFER 200 MIXED RELAYS INSTEAD (TO BE VOTED ON). TIME STANDARDS FOR SR MEET HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED WITH NO CHANGES, TIME STANDARDS FOR AGE GROUP WILL BE POSTED ON WESTERN ZONES WEBSITE WHEN READY.

ONE BID FOR THE 2020 WZ AGE GROUP CHAMPS WAS PRESENTED BY HAWAII. CLOVIS WAS THE ONE BID FOR THE WZ SENIOR CHAMPS.

SEAN REDMOND WAS RE-ELECTED AS ZONE DIRECTOR. NOMINATIONS WERE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR FOR WZ ATHLETE REP.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

BURNING QUESTIONS FOR OFFICIALS:

JIM HOLCOMB PRESENTED HIS MYTHS AND LEGENDS. IT IS ALWAYS INTERESTING TO SEE HOW DIFFERENTLY A RULE CAN BE INTERPRETED.

MELISSA HELLERVICK-BING PRESENTED INFORMATION ON HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE SWIMMING AND OFFICIATING.

MEET THE CANDIDATES:

THIS WAS VERY INFORMATIONAL AND ALLOWED VOTING MEMBERS TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. I TOOK PACIFIC'S TWO ATHLETES TO MEET SOME OF THE CANDIDATES.

WESTERN ZONE BUSINESS MEETING – PART 2

MEETING CONTINUED FRIDAY WITH, AN ADDITIONAL BID FOR THE 2020 WZ AGE GROUP CHAMPS 2020 BY SNAKE RIVER COHOSTING WITH INLAND EMPIRE AT MT HOOD IN GRESHAM, OR. A NUMBER OF ITEMS WERE VOTED AND APPROVED INCLUDING: 2020 AGE GROUP CHAMPS WAS AWARDED TO SNAKE RIVER/INLAND EMPIRE

2020 SENIOR CHAMPS WAS AWARDED TO CLOVIS

MARIA DE VILLA WAS ELECTED AS WZ ATHLETE REP

CHANGES TO BY-LAWS AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WESTERN ZONE COLLECTS TEN CENTS FOR EVERY ATHLETE REGISTERED IN EACH LSC OF THE WESTERN ZONE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND AUGUST 31 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS WILL START WITH THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR. FUNDING IS FOR INCLUSION.

WZ DEBATED A \$500 FEE FOR LATE ENTRIES TO THE WZ SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS. ALTERNATIVES WERE OFFERED.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES – AWARDS NIGHT

THE MEETING STARTED WITH A MEMORIAL PRESENTATION. IT IS ALWAYS SAD TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF SO MANY OF OUR SWIM FAMILY MEMBERS. JIM SHEEHAN PRESENTED HIS BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT. MIKE UNGER PRESENTED JIM WITH A RETIREMENT WATCH (AN OMEGA WATCH DISPLAYED AT NATIONAL MEETS) AND BOWL IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZATION. VARIOUS AWARDS WERE PRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING. PACIFIC SWIMMING EARNED A LEAP 2 CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500. (THANKS GO TO CINDY ROWLAND FOR HER WORK ON THIS PROJECT)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 -HOUSE OF DELEGATES

MARK BROWN REPORTED THAT MEMBERSHIP IS DOWN ABOUT 2.2% FOR YEAR ROUND ATHLETES COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR. BOB VINCENT PRESENTED THE NGB FINANCIAL REPORT. NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET IS NO LONGER APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

DEBBIE HESSE REPORTED ON THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION.

A PANEL CONSISTING OF Matt Farrell CMO, Lindsey Mintenko Director of the National Team, Tim Hinchey CEO, Lucinda McRoberts General Council / VP Business Affairs and Mike Ungar COO PRESENTED A STATE OF THE SPORT DISCUSSION. CLUB DEVELOPMENT IS BEING CHANGED TO SPORT DEVELOPMENT.

ELECTION THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ELECTED TO BOARD, OF WHICH, TWO ARE SEMI-INDEPENDENT *

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| ➤ CHRIS BREARTON* – 4-YEAR TERM | ➤ JAY THOMAS – 3-YEAR TERM |
| ➤ DR. CECIL GORDON – 3-YEAR TERM | ➤ TOM UGAST – 2-YEAR TERM |
| ➤ JEANETTE SKOW* – 3-YEAR TERM | ➤ ROBERT VINCENT – 2-YEAR TERM |

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE ELECTED BY THE ATHLETES

- NATALIE COUGHLIN HALL – 4-YEAR TERM
- MAYA DiRADO – 3-YEAR TERM
- DAVIS TARWATER – 2-YEAR TERM

CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES FOR APPROVAL. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT APPROVED CHANGES WERE THE TECH SUIT BAN FOR 12& U AND THE NEW LSC BY LAW TEMPLATE.

CLARK HAMMOND WAS APPOINTED AS RULES AND REGULATIONS CHAIR REPLACING JAY THOMAS WHO HAD JUST BEEN ELECTED TO THE BOD.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:50