

1999 CHAMPIONSHIP Committee Minutes

September 17, 1999

Action Items

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*****The Championship Committee voted to solicit new designs for the National Champion patch. A design will be picked at the 2000 convention and made available for 2001 Nationals.**

Attendance

Number of committee members present:10 Number of committee members absent :6

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 30

MINUTES

I. Top Ten Survey

There was much discussion and debate regarding the survey that the Championship Committee has proposed sending out to Top Ten swimmers.

The committee voted to continue working on a survey for Top Ten swimmers to help identify possible areas of improvement in our National Championships.

II. Relay procedures

There was discussion of the new Hy-Tek Windows system and whether there would still be a need to have relays list swimmer ID numbers. The committee decided to continue using the ID numbers. A suggestion was made to have a separate sheet at Nationals for each day's relay events to make it easier for relay teams to enter the correct relays. These sheets could also be color coded.

III. Warm-up Procedures

The committee wants to encourage meet hosts to have ample safety marshals on deck when there is a separate warm-up after a distance event. Meet hosts are also encouraged to designate warm-up lanes in the competitive pool by time and age.

IV. Officials liaison

The officials liaisons have been very helpful at this year's National Championships. Michael Moore was liaison to Santa Clara and Ted Haartz was liaison for Minneapolis. The Officials Committee shall be preparing a position description.

V. Coaches hospitality

Coaches chair Scott Rabalais has reported that the coaches have appreciated the access to the Hospitality Room at Nationals. One suggestion made was to also give coaches meet pins as the identifying pass for Hospitality.

VI. Meet Info in SWIM magazine

It was suggested that it would be helpful to swimmers to have hotels for the upcoming Nationals printed in the issue prior to that in which the entry form is printed. This service can be implemented for 2000 LC Nationals in Baltimore.

VII. Facility Standards

The committee will continue to encourage the most optimum facility standards for National Championship bids.

VIII. 7 AM Start

The committee voted to allow meet hosts to change a 7 AM start time listing in the meet entry form to 8 AM if the timeline dictates that this would be feasible. This possibility of change of time will be included in the meet entry information. Warm-up times will remain the same as that listed on the meet entry form.

IX. Team divisions by splashes

There was discussion of alternatives to the current method of team divisions, such as designating the divisions by splashes rather than number of swimmers. The committee decided to leave the team divisions in their current format.

X. National Champion patches

The committee voted to solicit new designs for the National Champion patch. A design will be picked at the 2000 convention and made available for 2001 Nationals.

XI. Shuttle

Potential meet hosts do not have to offer shuttle service but this must be stated in their bid packet. The committee felt that a shuttle should be provided if there were no nearby hotels.

XII. Criteria for dropping 6th event

The committee felt that the 6th event should not be dropped unless the timeline shows that more than one day of the meet will go long. An alternative would be to tighten qualifying time standards.

XIII. Short Course meters Championships

Mel Goldstein distributed a partial list of pools that are short course meters. He will resurvey the zones that have not yet responded.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.