

South Wind Swim Conference

Fall meeting 9/17/2022

Meeting was a mix of in person and zoom

Called to order 10:35 a.m.

Attending: Anna Lawhon (POC, Treasurer), Sara Frazier (POC, VP), Hope Normandy (MH, Secretary). Jennifer Rawls (POC) in person.

Zoom: Chris Kohler (MH), Jennifer Feighert (Harrison), Caitlyn Cothorn (SW President, SWAT), Will Green (SWAT), Jim Rose (Blytheville), John Rowe (JETS), Katie Liddell (CASC), Elizabeth rose (Blytheville), Tim Byrd (JETS).

No representation from Searcy, Wynne, Mtn View.

Anna addressed some questions posed prior to the meeting which were not in the agenda.

1. Event lineup change is not a National AAU recommendation but a South Wind accommodation to our level of swimmers,
2. The South Wind board is comprised of the 4 officers and the teams, which have 2 voting members at each meeting.
 - I. Treasurer Report (AL) – The Conference is in the black with fees collected exceeding awards costs despite Finals being same weekend as the ASI championship meet. Accepted report HN/J. Rose
 - II. SWSC JO Wrap Up (AL) – Three teams from AR competed, Team Arkansas, SWSC and the CASC racers. B & B was cost effective, but Greensboro is an expensive city. No one hospitalized.
 - III. AAU submissions received: MH, PAC, JETS, Blytheville. Anna will follow up with SWAT, CASC, Searcy. Harrison may field a team in summer 2023.
 - IV. Proposed change to format of events is based on the fact that our meets are long. We get new families, and they get burned out before they get really interested, since their kids usually are not in medley relays and breast and fly. Moving events to recommended format would allow them to depart “early”. It would allow computer people time to enter names in relays and handle changes. Newer swimmers can do 2 of the free relays since our events are & under. This is a business, and we want more customers. HN/WG Motion passed.
 - V. DQ’s had high numbers, slowing timeline since extra time and care is taken by some teams to enter the codes showing why the DQ. Ribbons were delayed. Coaches had trouble accessing some DQ slips. Suggestion made that 8 & unders not be DQ’d, but be “warned”. This wouldn’t save time/paper and the 8 & unders are working towards JO’s in some cases and need legal times. There is a report summary in MM that can be sent out showing how many DQ’s each team had, it was suggested this also be sent with the meet zip file. HN/J. Rose
 - VI. Bull Pen – are optional but nice. Might look at having larger team meets with a long timeline have them.
 - VII. Officials – The fee felt unfair to smaller teams and some larger teams were just providing 1 official. We did have more officials since we implemented the \$25 fee. Suggestion was to base fee on # of kids entered at the meet, i.e., less than 8 kids – no official fee
 - 9-19 – 1 official or \$25
 - 20-39 – 2 officials or \$50. These can be shadowing officials.Reminder that people can train during winter season and with the high school meets in our area.
 - VIII. SWSC Website
All meet flyers, entry/result files will be on the SWSC website. Goal is May 1st for meet flyers, since our Spring meeting will determine meets to be held. HN/WG
 - IX. Finals meet: 2023 Jets
 - 2024 Paragould (CASC)
 - 2025 Pocahontas

2026 SWAT

2027 Blytheville

Date of meet – Discussion was held about the date and wording of the bylaws. A vote was taken of members present with the Date of Finals being set as July 22, 2023.

X. Relays

Teams were not submitting names for relays before the meet began. This caused a crunch at the computer. Difficult to verify relay limits. Timer sheets were blank. Had to print special officials heat sheets. Get the names in and do changes at the meet was the suggestion.

XI. Exhibition swimmers, 6 & U's and Coaches in the water. If unable to SWIM an event, they should NOT be entered. Some teams were putting kids in events they couldn't possibly hope to legally swim.

XII. Meet improvements –

A. Coaches requested that music be muted during warmups so the kids can hear the coaches.

B. Sometimes coaches were in the way of the timers at blocks and starts.

XIII. Deck safety

Does your team have a plan for deck safety. Photos were being taken behind the blocks. Facebook clearly showed this. Be aware that BOTH ends of our pools are starting ends (related to photos).

XIII. Coaches AAU #'s.

WHO is a coach? People just "said" I'm a Coach. But no one really knew if they were AAU and PCA certified. USA and High School credentials do not supersede AAU requirements.

XIV. Roster and Swimmer AAU numbers:

This year the roster is sent to President Caitlyn Cothorn.

XV. JO's 2023 are in Des Moines July 27-30.

XVI. Spring meeting date will be wither March 11, 12 or April 2nd. Depending on Sectionals.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 JR/John Rose.