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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Jeff Gudman, General Chair

What a great sport swimming is...the coaches, the officials, the parents and at the center, the swimmers. In February and March there were numerous examples of the caliber of the people in Oregon and southwest Washington. Example #1. In a championship race a swimmer had to step down from the blocks due to broken goggles. The swimmer in the next lane over saw what had happened and offered his competitor a set of goggles from his bag. Example #2. A relay team disqualified for a false start stays on the deck and cheers the remaining teams on and the winning team offers support to the disqualified team. Example #3. The coach who talks to the swimmers about the difference between success and winning and focuses on the first, not the second. Example #4. The change in the structure in the 11 & Over Championship meet from a one racing pool/one warm up pool to two racing pools which required equipment from four different clubs, a doubling of the number of officials, a complete reworking of the entries and all the other changes needed to reformat the meet in the few days leading up to the start and the terrific attitude the swimmers, coaches and volunteers took in working to provide the best possible meet under challenging conditions. There are many other examples but these four exemplify the quality and character of our sport.

With respect to the two championship meets (the 10 & Under and the 11 & Over) I would like to acknowledge six people in particular. At the 10 & Under Championships, Dawnmarie Woodward (meet director), Craig Martin (Meet Referee) and Rich Birky (Administrative Referee). At the 11 & Over meet, Kathy Kilroy (Meet Director), Al Smith (Meet Referee) and Tim Stevenson (Administrative Referee). Without their leadership the meets would not have run as well as they did. Can we do better? Yes, but these six leaders did a great job. A tip of the swim cap to all the people who helped make the championship meets possible.

There were problems at the 11 & Over Championship meet. No question. The problem came at the 2000 annual meeting of the House of Delegates when the recommendations of the April 2000 scheduling meeting were changed. A majority of the House of Delegates voted the 2000/2001 schedule in. The source of the problem is very simple. Three age groups (11 - 12, 13 - 14 and 15 & Over) at the spring championship meet is one age group too many. Time standards were not the problem. At the older age group championship meet you want to have between three and five heats in each event. For the most part that standard was met. Some tweaking could be done but the source of the problem was three age groups. Thanks to the Tualatin Hills parents and all the other people who helped make the best of a difficult situation at the 11 and over championships.

The 10 and under meet was a successful meet (although any meet can always be improved). The 10 & Under Championship was a timed final meet which began on Saturday at 1:30 and finished at 6:00. Sunday began at 9:30 and finished at 2:30. People could drive to the meet Saturday and return Sunday at a reasonable hour. In my judgment this was a good meet for younger swimmers and their parents (i.e. one over night stay and timed finals)

The issue is very simple. In the spring if Oregon Swimming has two championship meets then either the 8 and under's are dropped or the 15 & over's are dropped. Three championship meets will accommodate all age groups....two will not. The format of the meets can change (e.g. 11 - 12 and 13 - 14 vs 11,12,13,14) but the core issue remains. Two meets vs three meets. In my judgment Oregon Swimming should have a two meet spring championship format. One meet for 9 - 10 year olds and 11 - 12 year olds in a timed final two day format. One meet with prelims and finals for the 13 - 14 and 15 and over. I do not believe our sport is generally served by having 8 year old swimmers in a season end LSC wide championship meet. There are of course exceptions to this judgment and others will disagree.

The meet format will not be decided at the April 14, 2001 scheduling meeting but the direction and as many meets as can be scheduled for 2002 will be. The final meet schedule will be decided at the October House of Delegates meeting. I urge each club to send a representative to the April 14 meeting.

At the board meeting in March a committee was put in place to examine the current process for selecting the officials committee chair. The members of the committee are Stan Benson - Head Official, Andy Carlisle - Coach, Jess Hickerson - Official (Chair of the Committee), Al Smith - Official and Tim Stevenson - Official. The committee will examine the question and report back to the board in May or July with any changes subject to approval by the House of Delegates. Thanks in advance to the five for serving on this ad-hoc committee

Another issue at the board meeting was the possibility of a joint survey between Oregon Swimming and the OSAA concerning the possibility of moving the high school championship from the winter to the fall. After vigorous discussion it was decided not to pursue the idea. Thanks to all the board members who participated in the discussion.

If you have attended the Oregon Swimming Top 5 Awards ceremony you know it is a wonderful event for the swimmers. Christy McCauley has chaired the event the last couple of years. She will co-chair the event in 2001 but needs a co-chair. The committee is already in place and will continue. If you are interested in co-chairing the event contact Christy McCauley at 503-691-5753 or mccc6swim@aol.com.

See you at the next meet. . Jeff

APRIL NOTICES

New Office Address: The Oregon Swimming Office has moved January 7th to the main floor of the building. Address is 1750 SW Skyline Blvd #103, Portland OR 97221.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND MAIL TO THE NEW ADDRESS. We have a couple of tables too many. If you are interested in them please call the office at 503-297-6027 for more information. They are free, but need to be picked up.

New OSI Record – Congratulations to the following THSC athletes and their coaches for setting a new Oregon Swimming Record:

Caitlin Summers 13-14 girls 400 yd IM **4:23.80**

Kristen Kilroy 15-16 girls 100 yd. butterfly **55.08.**

She bettered this time at Senior Sectionals **54.56**

Melissa Greene 17-18 girls 100 yd. butterfly **55.27**

Relay Records (all from 11 and over championships):

13-14 girls 800 yd. free THSC (Caitlin Summers, Sarah Fausel, Genna Patterson, Anne Liggett) **7:45.96**

13-14 girls 200 yd. medley relay THSC (Mary Patterson, Genna Patterson, Kara Nelson, Anne Liggett). **1:47.87.** This is also an open record.

13-14 girls 400 yd free relay THSC (Caitlin Summers, Sarah Fausel, Genna Patterson, Anne Liggett) **3:35.48**

13-14 girls 400 yd. medley relay THSC (Mary Patterson, Genna Patterson, Kara Nelson, Anne Liggett) **3:53.57**

15-16 girls 200 yd. medley relay THSC (Danielle Erickson, Chelsea Hahn, Kristen Kilroy, Majanke Miller) **1:48.30**

Athlete Membership Requirements. According to Oregon Swimming Standing Rules the Membership Requirements are:

All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned or approved competition are to be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.

Athletes competing in OSI Championships must be USA Swimming athlete members registered in OSI. **Registration forms and fees must arrive in the OSI office prior to an athlete's participation in an OSI Sanctioned or Approved meet.**

Athletes competing in Region XII Senior Championships, Western Zone Championships, or any USA Swimming Championship level competition shall be full year athlete members. (i.e., not Seasonal) **Enforcement** - The person signing the entry form will be required to verify that all athletes entered are members (in the appropriate category) of USA Swimming.

Penalties - per Article 302.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, OSI may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the person signing the entry form

Oregon Swimming Board of Directors Meeting. The next meeting is May 2, 7:00PM at the Eugene Hilton. The meeting is open to everybody who is interested. An officials meeting is held the same day before the Board meeting. Please call the office for more information.

Oregon Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Mount Hood Swim Team for winning the JD Pence Spirit Award at the 11& Over Championships.

Our Scheduling meeting is Saturday April 14 from 1-5 PM at Multnomah Athletic Club. Clubs intending to host meets in 2002 are required to be represented at this meeting. The purpose of the April 14 scheduling meeting will be to establish as much as possible the 2002 schedule. Format or structure of championship meets will not be reviewed. The assumption will be a similar or very similar format. Although there is some overlap between schedule and format, at this meeting only the schedule of meets will be established. Meet host applications are included in this newsletter. These must be returned to the office no later than April 1. Please note that hosts are required to submit a second choice for meet dates. Priority will be given to clubs which (1) submit applications before April 1, (2) give alternative dates, (3) host open competitions, and (4) request meet dates which are more conducive to progressive development of Oregon swimmers.

Awards Ceremony

HELP!!!!!!

I am looking for a generous soul to agree to coordinate the annual Awards Reception. I need to pass the torch, but currently I have no one to pass it to. I will be very willing to be an advisor to whomever is willing to accept the position. I have enjoyed the five years I have been involved with the "Top Five" recognition reception. The opportunity to meet and work with people from all over Oregon Swimming has been really fun. The time commitment is limited, and it is a really rewarding job! There are already some volunteers willing to help! Please call me if you would be interested. Christi McCauley (503) 691-5753

2001 Swim Guides are available for \$5.00 each through JD Pence or the Oregon Swimming office. Send \$5.00 to 1750 W Skyline Blvd, #103, Portland OR 97221 to order your copy.

Office Assistant. Oregon Swimming is accepting applications for an office assistant, for about 8-10 hours a week. And occasional more hours could be necessary. If you are interested or need more information call Coby at 503-297-6027 or send a resume to Oregon Swimming, 1750 SW Skyline Blvd. #103, Portland OR 97221.

Sectionals Lyle Campbell is putting together a data base for all athletes in the section for the championships. All clubs should send their results to him the following format. I haven't had much luck in getting any info from Oregon. What I need is a full comlink file or sdif file of the meet. When I download the results it picks up all of the sectional qualifying times. The results should be send to: lylesscd@gte.net. The one thing about the district meets is I have no idea what swimmers are USA registered nor the club they represent.... Any help in that would be greatly appreciated...

In Washington, I know most of the swimmers and can place them accordingly. I get a copy of results and the meet referee

has marked the bad swims like toes on gutters and back to breast flip turns. Lyle Campbell

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

West Hills Aquatic Team (WHAT) is seeking an assistant coach for its growing program. The qualified candidate should be familiar with competitive swimming, be able to provide good instruction technique in the four basic strokes, and have current Oregon/USA swimming certifications. The candidate must also demonstrate positive communication skills and a desire to work with swimmers of all ages. Work expectation an average of 12-15 hours per week. Salary negotiable.

If interested, please contact Gwen Woods, 15520 SW Breccia Drive, Beaverton, Oregon 97007 503-524-6421.

John Day Swim Team is seeking an energetic, motivated person to coach our summer program. The coach will work with all age-group swimmers. Summer program runs from June - Aug 15, 2001. Please send resume before March 22, 2001 to John Day Swim Team P.O. Box 132, John Day, OR 97845.

Blue Marlin Aquatic Club, Sandy, OR., has an immediate opening for a motivated and experienced head coach of our year round competitive age group program. Position requires about 10 hours on deck weekly, prep time, plus about 1 weekend meet monthly. The Blue Marlins have the potential for substantial growth and applicants should possess strong recruitment abilities. Current OSI and USA certification required. ASCA certification preferred. Salary negotiable based on coaching experience.

Resumes, with references, should be mailed to:
BLUE MARLIN AQUATIC CLUB - Coach Search
PO Box 162
Sandy, OR 97055

Albany Aquatic Association, a year-round competitive swim team, is seeking an enthusiastic assistant coach. Qualified candidates should have experience with competitive swimming, be able to teach the four strokes, and have the ability to communicate with children age 9 to 12. Position requires approx. 10 hours per week of coaching and at least one weekend swim meet per month, plus prep time. Current CPR and First Aid and Safety Training for swim coaches required. Salary range \$500 to \$800 per month depending on qualifications. Persons able to make a long-term commitment to the position are preferred. Position has potential for growth.

Send resume, references and letter of interest to:
Albany Aquatic Association
Head Coach Russell Eidman
2150 SE 36th Ave
Albany OR 97321

Pendleton Swim Association has an Assistant Coach opening for our summer program. We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic person to assist the Head Coach with the competitive team and work with our developing swimmers and fishies. Our summer program runs June through August. Please send resumes

to Pendleton Swim Association, PO Box 431, Pendleton, OR
97801 or e-mail mlkl@ucinet.com

A Message from Records Chair Marni Henrickson

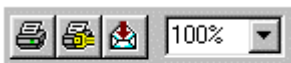
I have completed a preliminary list of NRTs achieved in the short course season since September 1, 2000. I will be mailing it to USA swimming tomorrow (March 9th), and would expect that it will be added to the USA Swimming website sometime next week. Please watch for it, and let me know of any inaccuracies or omissions. This is a very early list this year; there will be many additions between now and the end of summer. I know that many families are anxious to see the inclusion of Oregon swimmers as soon as possible, and I hope they will find all the swims that they expect to see. I would also like to remind clubs to send results for any meets they have hosted or attended, including out of state meets or dual meets, which may have not previously been sent to me. Thanks. Marni Henrickson, 1626 Jeanette Rd. Hood River, Oregon 97031, phone (541) 386-7247.

From Robbert van Andel OSI Website Developer

OSI has had many requests over the past couple of years to create a section on the OSI website for meet results. With the redesign of the website, I will be adding a results section.

Results will only be posted if they are delivered in HTML format. To create this HTML file, follow these steps for Hy-Tek's Meet Manager:

1. Select **Results** under the **Reports** menu.
2. Create the results report as though you are creating a final results printout (single column would be preferred for browsing ease).
3. At the top of the report you will find a series of buttons, two that look like printers, and an envelope with an arrow pointing into it. Click the envelope; this is the export button.



Export button

4. When the export box appears, click the down pointing arrow of the Format box. Find **HTML 3.0 (draft standard)** and click. A text file will be sufficient as well.
5. Make sure that **Disk file** is selected in the Destination box before clicking okay.
6. At the Export to Directory box, select a name for the directory you will save to. Make a note of the drive and the main directory as you will need to find it later.

7. You can select a name for the file if you like. However, Meet Manager automatically names the file default.htm.
8. Click OK.

Other meet management programs may have different methods for exporting meet results, consult with your programs documentation for those procedures.

I will be happy to post CommLink (CL2) files to allow teams to download results into team manager, but please send an HTML or text file along with the CommLink file. Interested parties will not be able to view the contents of a CommLink file online.

After exporting the file, please e-mail the file to robbertv@oregonswim.org or send it to:

Robbert van Andel
c/o Oregon Swimming

Age-group Coaches Report Amy Emmett

Congratulations to the Tualatin Hills Swim Club and everyone else involved in salvaging a seemingly impossible OSI 11 & Over Championship meet. Running preliminaries at both ends of the pool at short notice was a great solution to the time line problem. Thank you, everyone (swimmers, coaches, officials, and parents), for your patience during the meet.

Alternative scheduling proposals for Short Course Championship meets in 2002 will be presented at the scheduling meeting in April. Please come to that meeting with an open mind, looking for solutions that will work instead on complaints about what was not the best situation. Meet format and site selection for the Championship meets will have to wait for the House of Delegates meeting in October.

The OSI Short Course 10 & Under meet at Willamalane was very successful. Thank you Willamalane Swim Club parents for all of your efforts in making this an enjoyable meet for young swimmers and their parents.

Coaches and meet entry personal need to be aware that deadlines for meet entries are just that **-deadlines**. If the meet information states that late entries will not be excepted, they will not be excepted unless the hosting team extends the deadline in order to fill the meet. It is never appropriate to expect meet management to make exceptions to the rules for you, or your swimmers, at the expense of the hosting club or other swimmers.

During the Long Course season entering meets becomes very competitive. Each team needs to evaluate which meets they would like to attend and have alternative meets in mind. Plan ahead. We can not all go to the same meets, and there are alternatives available.

USA Swimming athlete registration is required for all

swimmers. Oregon Swimming has the right to impose a \$100.00 per splash fine for unregistered swimmers competing in any sanctioned meet. Additionally, unregistered swimmers are not in good standing with Oregon Swimming and any times they achieve while unregistered will not be valid. Many teams have summer league programs. Seasonal registration is available and must be completed before swimmers may compete. If you have concerns or suggestions concerning Age-group Swimming, please e-mail me at amyemmett@home.com

OFFICIALS CORNER

STAN BENSON

Kudos are due to all of those officials who turned out to work at the Oregon Swimming 11 and over championships. The meet ended up with so many swimmers that some difficult choices had to be made as to how to conduct the meet and not run into some very late hours. There are many comments on the evaluation forms that I have and these will be compiled and presented to the proper forum when next years meet formats are discussed.

Many complaints were made about the fact that the girls were swimming at the shallow end of the pool for most of the meet but the two extra lanes made the meet manageable.

It was good to see enough officials so that even though there were what amounted to two meets, there was a good rotation for both the boys and the girls.

Over the years we have had discussions about the requirements for stroke and turn training. The primary point of disagreement has revolved around whether or not to implement a requirement that a certain number of training hours must be spent training at either a BC meet or an ABC meet that has a qualifying number of BC level swimmers.

It appears that agreement has been reached that this should become a requirement. In talking to stroke and turn officials, the feeling is, or is very close to, unanimous that this would be a good move. When we decide what it will take to qualify an ABC meet to meet the requirements this change in stroke and turn training will be implemented. I have stated that our policy is for trainees to not wear the blue and white uniform. There is some disagreement about this as at some meets, where there are not enough certified officials, trainees who can demonstrate competency are used. Why should they not be in uniform if they are working? Does it invite more protests?

In my experience, it does not invite more protests. I always inform the coaches of what we are doing and why it is necessary. I also try to have the trainee working near the starter and referee so that there will be good supervision. A little more work for some officials but no complaints have been forthcoming as we are trying to do our best for the swimmers.

Trainees who are already certified officials and are training for a new position, such as starter or referee, should be in uniform.

Each year USA Swimming has an official's clinic. It used to be held at the OTC in Colorado Springs but due to limitations on space it is no longer held there. This year there are two clinics one of which will be held at Salt Lake City on Memorial Day weekend and another will be held later in Atlanta. This year we will be sending two officials to SLC and I hope to see some of their comments in the July newsletter.

Keep up the good work and keep recruiting new officials so there can always be a rotation that gives everyone a chance to rest and thereby give the swimmers our best efforts.

Minutes – Oregon Swimming Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2001, 7:30 PM
Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon

In Attendance: Skip Runkle, Tim Stevenson, Gene Mielke, Stan Benson, Tom Weltchek, Coby van Andel, Marilyn Loitz, Valarie Koss, Sean Hutchison, Jeff Gudman, Amy Emmett, Mark Rienets, Mark Maxwell, Geoff Tiffany, Marni Hickerson, Gary Leach, Beth Winkowski

General Chair Report – Jeff Gudman. Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Loitz. Marilyn distributed a report on the planned 2001 Travel Reimbursement/Funding that enumerated the planned expenditures for the year.

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Administrative Report – Tom Weltchek.

Age Group: Amy Emmett. Amy reported that the 10&Under Championship went well with over 300 participants. The Willamalane Swim Team did a great job hosting the meet. The 11&Over Championship ended up being a good meet given the resource limitations and the number of swimmers.

There were some problems with late entries at the 10&Under Championships. The swimmers were allowed to swim but the club was fined \$200 per swimmer for the late entries. There was some discussion about the numbers problem that occurred at the 11&Over Championship. Tom passed along a suggestion from Mark Bernett for the ordering of the season ending meets:

High School Districts

High School State
 10&Under Championships – Senior Championships
 (same weekend at two different sites)
 11-14 Championships
 Sectional Senior
 Sectional Age Group
 Nationals

Amy Emmett and Skip Runkle had also worked on the problem but from a different perspective, trying to make sense of the schedule by working back from when Nationals are scheduled. Sectionals should be three weeks before Nationals (this year should not be considered the norm) and the Senior Championships should be at least two weeks before Sectionals.

Senior Report – Dan Cole. No report.

Coach's Report – Beth Winkowski. Beth reported that she had a good meeting with Rob Harvey about the upcoming symposium. Now that High School season is over, Beth is hoping to get some workouts from OSI coaches. Beth is also working on a Coaches Ethics letter dealing with the recruiting of coaches from other clubs.

Championship Coordination – Gary Leach. No report.

Site Selection – Sean Hutchison. Sean said that he has been asked by a number of teams about the financials associated with hosting a Championship meet. He was told that OSI picks up the expenses for pool rental, awards, and photocopying of heat sheets for officials and coaches. The host club gets all of the time trial fees.

Athlete Representatives – Tyler Storie and Haley Koss. No report.

Scheduling – Skip Runkle. Skip said that we must wait until after Sectionals before we will know when next year's meet will be held. Next year's meet date decision will be made at this year's meet. This will affect the scheduling of next year's OSI Senior Championships. Skip reiterated that the April scheduling meeting will focus on the schedule and not format.

Technical Planning – Mark Bernett. No report.

Safety Chair – Jeanine Serrano. No report.

Camp Coordinator – Gary Leach. Gary reported that the camp planned for April 7 at the Multnomah Athletic Club is ready to go. Registration is full with 36 athletes signed up for the camp.

Officials Committee – Stan Benson. Stan is planning to require future Stroke & Turn trainees to work some

percentage of their training time at the BC level. This would increase the trainee's exposure to a greater variety of swimmer capabilities than working at just at A or AB meets. Working ABC meets would also qualify as a BC level meet. Stan reported that OSI will be sending two OSI officials to the USA Swimming Officials Clinic in Salt Lake City. Stan also reported that our training materials for officials are under review and may be updated in the near future.

Adaptive – Gene Mielke. Gene reported that USA Swimming will be holding a convention in Chicago and 49 of the 59 LSCs have Adaptive Chairs. USA Swimming will be holding a clinic for Adaptive Chairs every other year similar to the clinics held for LSC Officials Chairs. Adaptive Nationals will be held in Phoenix on June 22-24, 2001. Nationals will be held in Federal Way in 2002.

Registration – Coby van Anandel. Coby reported that a new team from Vancouver has submitted a request to join OSI.

Motion: To accept the Columbia River Swim Team (CRST) of Vancouver, Washington.

Passed unanimously.

Sanctions Chair – Mark Rienets. Mark asked that meet directors be reminded that ALL meet sanction requests need to include the name of the Meet Referee.

Awards – Lise Thom. No report.

Awards Ceremony – Christi McCauley. No report.

OVC Chair – Christi McCauley. No report.

Records – Marni Henrickson. Marni asked that meet directors be reminded that meet results MUST be sent to her as well as to OSI. Several National records were set at the 11&Over meet. She will be getting the short course Top 16 information out very soon.

All Star Team (Zone Team) - Bert Gottschalk. No report.

Office Manager – Coby van Anandel. Coby reported that OSI is still looking for a part-time office assistant. Inquiries should be directed to Coby at the OSI office.

Old Business

Water Polo/Swim meet – This situation became a mute point since no OSI clubs signed up for the meet.

Olympic Training Center Camp – Geoff Tiffany asked the board for recommendations as to when to hold the Olympic Training Center Camp. It was pointed out that the training center would probably control when we could send any

swimmers. Skip made a motion.

Motion: To empower Geoff Tiffany to implement the Olympic Training Center Camp that includes the selection of the planned dates for the camp.

Passed unanimously.

New Business

None

Adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The executive board met in closed session. The members in attendance were: Jeff Gudman, Tom Weltchek, Marilyn Loitz, Amy Emmett, Beth Winkowski, and Tim Stevenson.

Next meeting:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, April 4, 2001, 7:30 PM
via conference call

Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 2, 2001, 7:00 PM at the
Eugene Hilton

Officials Meeting – Wednesday, May 2, 2001, 6:00 PM
place TBD

TPC – TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Stevenson, Secretary

Adaptive Swimming Gene Mielke

World Ranked Times: As I previously reported in this column, the number of swimmers each nation is allowed to send to the Paralympic Games was dependent upon the number of swimmers who appear near the top of the world rankings for their classifications. The failure of swimmers (especially men) to compete regularly in the years preceding the Sydney Paralympics, and the subsequent limited number of USA swimmers in the world rankings, meant that the USA could only take 19 women and 10 men to Sydney. Some deserving athletes with a chance to medal stayed home because we didn't have enough slots. The same procedure will be used to determine the number of swimmers who will be allowed to compete in the 2002 IPC World Swimming Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina (the first week of December). Even if you do not plan to go, it is important to have your times listed as it can increase the number of slots that we have.

How do you submit your time for consideration? (It is not necessary to send the the 2000 Paralympic or the 2001 National Disability Championship results, as those are automatically taken care of.) Currently, only long course meters times count in the world rankings (times swum in a

50-meter pool); however, there is a possibility that short course meters times may also count (times swum in a 25-meter pool). This means that in addition to competing in as many long course meters meets, you should compete in as many short course meters meets as possible. These include meets sanctioned by USA Swimming, USA Masters Swimming, high schools, colleges, or any other well-officiated meet. To submit time, simply obtain a printed copy of the meet results, and have those results signed by the meet referee, and send the results to:

Pam Redding

RIC Center for Health and Fitness

710 North Lake Shore Drive - 3rd floor

Chicago, IL 60611

There is no need to send results from the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney or the 2001 USA Swimming Disability Championships in Phoenix because Pam has/will have those results. But do send the results from every other meet in which you compete. Pam will compile the results and will send them to the International Paralympic Committee.

National Disability Championships: The 2001 National Disability Championships will be held in Phoenix, June 22 – 24. The meet entry information package should be out within a week or two. It will be an outdoor meet, with the organizers promising to have plenty of shade. Hotel rooms in the area should be much more reasonable than previous championship meets. To get a copy of the meet information, contact Wendy Ethridge at USA Swimming (wethridge@usa-swimming.org). Do to a shortage on internationally qualified classifiers, there will be no reclassifications at the Phoenix meet. There will be classification for swimmers who have not been classified before; however, all the classifications will be provisional, and will be need to be reassessed at a meet where international classifiers are available, prior to international competition. The 2002 National Disability Championships will be at Federal Way, Washington, which will make the meet a great deal less expensive for Oregon's swimmers with disabilities. A number of people are working to bring the 2004 meet to Oregon.

Swimmers with Intellectual Disabilities: The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on January 27 suspended the International Sports Organization for Athletes with an Intellectual Disability (INAS-FID) from IPC membership. The president of INAS-FID, Mr. Fernando Martin Vicente, was also suspended from the IPC Executive Committee. Both suspensions are effective immediately. Further decisions will be dependent upon the outcome of the IPC's investigations.

Because serious problems regarding the determination of

eligibility of athletes with an intellectual disability became evident during the last months, the IPC excludes all athletes with an intellectual disability from all IPC activities. The results of the IPC's investigations will determine further decisions.

The Spanish Paralympic Committee discovered last December that 10 of the 12 members of the Spanish Paralympic Basketball team for athletes with an intellectual disability were not intellectually disabled and were thus not eligible to participate in the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games. The IPC appreciates the Spanish Paralympic Committee's internal investigations and recognizes its strong commitment to a correct eligibility process for the Paralympic Games.

All Paralympic medals recovered as a result of the Spanish Paralympic Committee's findings will be returned to the IPC.

Anne Green, Chairman of IPC Swimming, said, "IPC Swimming maintains the S14 records for INAS. These records belong to INAS and there has been no announcement to say these world records would cease or no longer be accepted. ... IPC Swimming is still accepting results for rankings. ... There is a meeting in March to decide whether the sanction [against INAS] is lifted or whatever."

The exclusion on Swimmers with Intellectual disabilities (S-14 classification) does not apply to the USA Swimming

National Disability Championships.

Inclusion in Meet Brochures: The five brochures on the inclusion of swimmer with disabilities have hit a minor snag. The funds requested for their publication was not included in the annual USA Swimming budget. The Adapted Committee has asked for a budget variance to get the brochures published this year. In addition to a hard copy form, when published, the information will be made available in a downloadable form on USA Swimming web site.

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OREGON SWIMMING, INC. - MEET DATE APPLICATION FOR:

2002

Select one of each item below that describes the type of meet:

Meet Type:Open_____ (Any OSI Swimmer or Club may attend, subject to first come, first served entry limits.

Invitational_____ (Only invited clubs and swimmers)

Level: Senior_____ Age Group_____ Combination (SR/AG)_____

Time Standards: ABC_____ AB_____ BC_____ Other (specify)_____

Facility:Pool Length_____ Yards Meters Number of Lanes_____

Depth at Starting End_____ Depth at Turn End_____

Date Requested:1st Choice_____ 2nd Choice (required)_____

Name of Meet:_____

Name of Facility:_____ Facility Phone: _____

Facility Address:_____

Host Club:_____

Contact Person:Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

(This should be the person you want listed in the Swim Guide, usually the meet director)

Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Please indicate if you wish to bid for the Oregon Swimming Championships listed below:

_____ February 23-24 OSI 10-Under TBA

_____ March 1-3 OSI 11- Over TBA

_____ July 13-14 OSI 10&U Champs TBA

_____ July 19-21 OSI 11&O Champs TBA

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