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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR **JEFF GUDMAN**

The short course championship season has come to a close. Congratulations to all the swimmers and coaches for their efforts and accomplishments. Thanks also to all the parents who help make our sport possible. It is a great sport we are a part of. Time and time again at recent championship meets I saw competitors who a few moments earlier were doing their best to beat the person next to them whereupon finishing the race were leaning over the lane lines to congratulate each other. It did not matter who won or lost and most of the time the swimmers would meet each other at the same moment to offer congratulations. What a great sport we have the good fortune to be a part of where the athletes are both competitors and friends.

There was a recent unfortunate incident at the 11 – 14 Championship meet. During the course of the meet an unknown individual was seen videotaping various swimmers getting in, warming up and down and getting out of the pool. Nothing unusual so far. However, a parent noticed the person videotaping appeared to be videotaping a number of swimmers from a variety of teams. That seemed different. The parent approached the host team who responded by sending a representative from the host team board to talk with the person videotaping. As it turned out the person videotaping could not identify any swimmer in the water by name or

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club. The individual in question left but not before their license plate was noted. The information was turned over to the local police department.

I emphasize the importance of encouraging meet directors, parents, coaches and all of us in the swimming community to be aware of unusual things at the pool. If there is a question ask some one from the host team or the meet director or the coach from your own team. Most times there is a reasonable explanation but all of us are better off being alert. Further, it makes sense for all clubs ensure that any videotaping and photography approvals are made through the meet director.

It is unfortunate we have to be alert to situations like this but thanks to the parent who identified the situation and to the club for immediately addressing the question.

The election process for the Officials Chair is going forward. Gene Mielke in his column is providing additional information about the election process. If you are interested or know someone who is interested please turn in their name to the Area Officials Chair, Officials Chair or the Oregon Swimming office. To be eligible for the Officials Chair election you must be a meet referee.

Oregon Swimming is blessed with the number of officials we have. I recently received the membership statistics for USA Swimming for 2001. If you compare the number of swimmers (year round plus seasonal) divided by the number of officials in each LSC Oregon Swimming ranks very well (10th out of 59). Oregon Swimming has approximately 17 swimmers per official. When it comes to LSC's of comparable size there is one LSC than Oregon (congratulations to Georgia Swimming) that has a better ratio. We can always use more officials but thanks to all the people who have volunteered to become an official. You make it possible for us to provide a great competitive environment for the swimmers.

Last is a new opportunity from USA Swimming for clubs to earn revenue. USA swimming has partnered with a group called Tournament Gold, Inc. (TGI). The opportunity TGI provides clubs hosting meets is revenue earning for meet host relationships with hotels and minimizing hassles.

Check the Oregon Swimming or USA Swimming website or contact:

Amanda Sanchez
Marketing Director
USA Swimming
719-866-4578 – phone
719-866-4761 – fax

Don't forget the April 13 scheduling meeting. All the meets for 2003, including championship meets, will be established at this meeting. As decided at the October House of Delegates meeting the sole purpose of the meeting will be to work out 2003 so coaches and parents can plan accordingly. If you have not submitted your meet requests for 2003 please do so as soon as possible.

See you at the next meet.

APRIL NOTICES

The Oregon Swimming office will be closed from March 28th – April 23rd.

New Oregon Swimming records.

15-16 Women: Genna Patterson, THSC, 100 yd breaststroke 1:02.41; 200 yd breaststroke 2:16.92

13-14 Women: Kara Nelson, THSC, 200 yd butterfly 2:04.78

Open Men: Josh Jordan, ECSC, 100 yd. butterfly, 48.84

11-12 boys 400 yd. freestyle relay, THSC (Matt Blasa, Gary Roberson, Andy Viglione, Jason Lou) 3:47.96

Open women: 200 yd Medley relay, MHST (Liya Liu, Felicia Casteneda, Christina Kinney, Caitlyn Shortt) 1:46.39

Open women: 800 yd freestyle relay, MHST (L. Liu, C. Kinney, Danielle Kinney, C. Shortt) 7:33.33

Congratulations athletes and coaches!

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.

OSI Results Database ***Robbert van Andel***

This is more an addendum to last months article than a full article. I have had several people e-mail me over the months asking me to download results from an out of state competition to import into the database. Team Manager allows a club to export results from a meet into a CommLink file. This file can then be imported into our database.

To create the export file, open Team Manager. Select File, then Export and finally Meet Results. Select the meet for which you want to create the export file. You'll be asked to save the file. Save the file and then e-mail it to swim@oregonswim.org or robbertv@oregonswim.org.

This is particularly handy if you have results for your athletes but the host team did not send complete results to Oregon Swimming.

Minutes – Oregon Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2002, 7:30 PM

Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, Oregon

In Attendance: Jeff Gudman, Sean Hutchison, Tim Stevenson, Tom Weltchek, Coby van Andel, Geoff Tiffany, Jacki Allender, Craig Martin, Gene Mielke, Howard Jones, Eric Camus, Gary Leach, Gladis Benson, Stan Benson, Robbert van Andel, Penny Dam, Marilyn Loitz, Jim Liggett, Skip Runkle

General Chair Report – Jeff Gudman. Jeff called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Loitz. Marilyn presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved as submitted.

Administrative Report – Sean Hutchison.

Age Group: Gary Leach. Gary asked for the financial reports from the last few years' championship meets so that he can do some analysis of typical expenses incurred for the meets.

Senior Report – Andy Carlisle. In Andy's absence, Tom Weltchek discussed the recent Sectional meet. The Long Course Sectional meet will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, July 23 through July 27, 2002.

Coach's Report – Beth Winkowski. No report.

Championship Coordination – Tom Weltchek. No report.

Site Selection – Tom Weltchek. No report.

Athlete Representatives – Mason Amick and Haley Koss. No report.

Scheduling – Skip Runkle. The next scheduling meeting will be held April 13 beginning at 1:00 PM at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

Time Standards – Andy Carlisle. No report.

Technical Planning – Eric Camus. Eric discussed a number of issues that have been brought to the TPC's attention. A change in the event order for the short course 11-14 meet has been proposed. The changes affect the event order of the 11-13 200 and longer events. The proposal will be presented at the scheduling meeting in April. Another proposal to combine the 11-13 and the 14 age groups for the 1650 was also discussed. This proposal will also be presented at the April scheduling meeting. Proposals pertaining to the scoring of finals, high point awards, and the scoring of 10 & unders will be presented to the next House of Delegates in October.

Web Site – Robbert van Andel. Robbert reported that he is in the process of adding the capability of a web page that allows you to search for a swimmer's top times. He is also going to provide a means for clubs to post Comm Link files for meet setups. Robbert asked about records for the new 11 and 12-year-old distance events and proposed a motion.

Motion: Recognize the 11 and 12-year-old distance events in Top 5 following the same rules that govern the current Top 5 events. The new events are not retroactive and begin with the 2001/2002 short course season.

Passed unanimously.

Safety Chair – Jeanine Serrano. No report.

Camp Coordinator – Geoff Tiffany. Geoff reported that the camps are scheduled for April 27-28 at OSU and Linfield.

Officials Committee – Gene Mielke. Gene reported that Jess Hickerson's Training Materials Subcommittee is doing very well and should have new materials available very soon. Gene is also in the process of updating the Trainers list and will have it ready for publication in the next newsletter. Gene hopes to have the Referees and Administrative Referees for the long course championships assigned by the end of March.

Adaptive – Gene Mielke. Gene reported that the National Disability Championships would be held at Federal Way June 13–16. He is working with an organization in Salem that will help recruit new adaptive swimmers.

Registration – Coby van Anandel. Coby reported that the seasonal registration forms would be coming out soon. She also reported that a new fall seasonal membership will be made available this year starting September 1. This new seasonal membership period is mainly for high school swimmers who wish to swim with clubs during the high school swimming season.

Sanctions Chair – Mark Rieniets. Mark was not present but sent a written report.

Awards – Lise Thom. No report.

Awards Ceremony – Marianne Gunderson. No report.

OVC Chair – Jacki Allender. No report.

Records – Marni Henrickson. Marni was not present but sent a written report. Marni asked whether high school swims should be recorded as OSI records.

Motion: Henceforth, all Top 5 and OSI records must be set in a meet sanctioned by a FINA member organization.

Passed unanimously.

All Star Team (Zone Team) - Lissa Parker/Suha Tokman. A written report was submitted to the Board.

Office Manager – Coby van Anandel. Newsletter material must be in by March 15.

Old Business

T-Hills Pool – Jim Liggett. Jim reported that the T-Hills team is working with the Park and Recreation District to try and reconcile the situation with the pool. They are very hopeful that the district board will allocate funds to correct the problem with the 50-meter pool.

New Business

OSAA letter – Jeff Gudman reported that he has sent a proposal to the director of OSAA to move swimming from a winter high school sport to a fall high school sport.

State Games – Gene reported that the Mt. Hood Swim Team would be hosting the State Games swim meet this year

Adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Next meeting:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 7:30 PM via conference call

Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2002, 7:30 PM at the Hilton, Eugene, Oregon

Officials' Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 2002, 6:00 PM at The Hilton, Eugene, Oregon

Next TPC Meeting – TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Stevenson, Secretary

OFFICIALS CORNER

Gene Mielke

Championship Meets: The Referee for the long course 10 & Under championships has been selected. It will be Linda Postma. Normally we have not named an Administrative Referee for the meet, as we do not have the problems associated with deck seeding and prelims and finals; however, based on recommendations from the last 10& Under Championship, we have decided to name one to assist with the many problems arising with timing. The Administrative Referee will be Jacki Allender. The Referee for the long course 11 & Over meet will be Dale Lewis. An Administrative Referee will be appointed at a later time. The Head Starter for the meet will be Kevin Nagle.

Oregon Swimming Officials: As we have always known, OSI officials rate high among their counterparts in other LSCs. Jeff Gudman's column shows how well we are actually doing. I would like to add my congratulations to all of you as well. Thank you Jeff for the kind words. We know it is all due to the hard work and dedication of all the officials within the LSC. We are doing a good job, but with all the meets that are offered, we need a large group of officials if we are going to adequately staff the meets and meet our goal of providing for fair and equitable competition, where no swimmer gains an unfair advantage. As of February 22, 2002 we had 289 currently certified officials within the LSC. This number will increase as the officials that are associated with the seasonal clubs and swimmers renew their memberships. To keep our numbers growing we continue to need new officials. This means clubs and officials need to be recruiting new individuals, and we need to be holding training clinics. Of the 289 officials in the LSC, 21 of them are Stroke and Turn trainees.

Thank you for your interest, and a big thank you to all of you that have offered a clinic and/or are planning one. Any official who is a Stroke and Turn trainer may offer a Stroke and Turn clinic. If you are interested in offering a clinic contact the OSI Office to obtain the necessary materials. If you are interested in becoming an official and are looking for a clinic, contact your Area Officials Chair, the OSI Office, or myself, and we will get you lined up with a clinic.

National Officials Clinic: USA Swimming offers a National Officials Clinic every year. This year it will be in Colorado Springs, May 10-12, 2002. The two officials selected to go this year are Craig Martin and Bob McMillan. Good luck to you. They will provide materials for the newsletter when they return. The two officials that OSI sent last year were Dick Crim and Bruce Ludwig aka Brucina. Go to the OSI web page, click on "officials" and then click on "Oregon Splash Magazine Cover (Special Edition)" for an explanation.

Oregon Swimming Official Trainers: The list of OSI Official Trainers is presented elsewhere in the newsletter. This list is updated each year based on information from the Area Officials Chairs. The current list has 112 trainers listed. Thank you for your willingness to help with the training of our upcoming officials. If it were not for you, we wouldn't have as many excellent officials as we do. If you have a question regarding the list, contact your Area Officials Chair.

Oregon Swimming Officials Chairman:

General Information: As you know new procedure was adopted at the last House of Delegates meeting for the selection of the OSI Officials Chair. The procedure was developed by a committee appointed by Jeff Gudman, and involves an advisory ballot, with appointment by the General Chairman. In the plan, the Officials Committee is to come up with a maximum list of three candidates to present to all certified officials in the Oregon LSC. The list, together with biographical information on each candidate and a ballot, will be mailed the end of May. This time frame will roughly parallel the election of the Athlete Representative. The officials will return their ballots to the OSI Office by the end of July. After reviewing the ballots, the General Chair will make the announcement at the House of Delegates' meeting. As you know Jeff Gudman appointed me, with the recommendation of the committee that drafted the legislation, to serve in the capacity of Officials Chair until the new procedure could be implemented. The procedure is now in place and it is time to solicit nominations for the position. **Nominations will be due**

by the end of April. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please deliver them to any of the Area Officials Chairs, the OSI Office, or myself. If any members of the Officials Committee are nominated, and want to be considered, they will excuse themselves from the selection process. Listed below are the requirements for the position and a description of the duties involved.

Requirements for Officials Chairman: The Officials Chairman must be an experienced Referee. The individual should have officiating experience at the Regional, Sectional, and National level.

Officials Chairman Duties and Responsibilities: The duties and responsibilities of the Oregon Swimming Officials Chairman are to:

- a. Chairs the Officials Committee and Appoints Area Officials Chairs as necessary. Chairs an officials meeting, open to everyone, prior to each regular OSI Board meeting.
- b. Receives meet evaluations, summarizes the information, and disseminates the information to the appropriate parties.
- c. Receives referees meet reports. Passes any applicable information to Area Officials Chairs and/or the Sanctions Chair. Reviews information, counsels and disciplines officials, and prepares and processes decertification paperwork when required.
- d. Maintains and updates the Trainers list for with the assistance of the Area Officials Chairmen. Prepares, directs the preparation, and/or approves all training materials. Oversees the conduction of training clinics. Appoints the OSI officials to attend the National Officials Clinic.
- e. Provides the final interpretation on both USA Swimming and High School rules within Oregon within the guidelines established by both organizations. Maintains a liaison with the USA Swimming National Rules and Regulations and USA Swimming Officials Committees, and the National Federated High School Rules and Regulations Committee. Consults with the appropriate organization to obtain interpretation or clarification where guidelines do not exist.
- f. Applies for National Certification status for championship meets sanctioned by OSI, appoints the referee, administrative referee, and head starter for the meet, and assures that National Championship certification procedures are observed.
- g. Reviews the training log for referee trainees and grades tests. Reviews recertification logs for referees and recommends recertification.

- h. Serve as the Area Officials Chairman for all "unattached officials" in OSI not working through an Area Officials Chair (reviews training logs, grades tests, and counsels officials when necessary).
- i. Assists meet directors and referees in securing meet officials when requested.
- j. Serves as the meet referee or delegates that responsibility for the Oregon High School championships.
- k. Writes a monthly column for the OSI Newsletter.

ADAPTIVE SWIMMING

Gene Mielke

USA Swimming Disability Championships: Just a short update on the USA Swimming Championships Disability Championships to be held in Federal Way, Washington, June 13-15, 2002 (Thursday through Saturday). The meet information for the 2002 USA Swimming Disability Championships in Federal Way, WA, is now available on the USA Swimming web site at <http://www.usa-swimming.org>. Click on "national events" then "2002 Disability Championships". Paper copies of the meet information booklet will be available soon. If you have questions about the meet information, please contact Dean Ekeren at USA Swimming headquarters (dekeren@usa-swimming.org).

Further information about classification and qualifying for the USA team that will compete at the 2002 IPC World Swimming Championships should also be available soon. During the past several months, representatives from USA Swimming and U.S. Paralympics have been negotiating the relationship between the two organizations. At this writing, it seems likely that U.S. Paralympics will be responsible for classification matters and world championship team selection.

AGE GROUP REPORT

Gary Leach

Great meets at the 10 & Unders and the 11-14 championships. The host venues were outstanding. Both host teams did a superb job of running their respective meet formats.

The week after these championship meets I traveled to Indiana for the 'BIG 10's' Men's Swimming and

Diving Championships. It's always outstanding swimming in the fastest conference in the country. One thing I noticed from all the meets- 1 simple word-streamline. Swimmers need to start early and often, it carries big dividends at all levels of meets. Coaches harp on it and swimmers need to do it early in their career off each wall, every start, every turn, every time. It is interesting how the 'best' swimmers do all the little things and they do them right. Rather you are an 8 & under or a college athlete, little things do make a big difference.

Back to Oregon Swimming- a bit of a problem came up with seating which created a problem for those standing too. There is no venue larger than the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Aquatic Center in our L.S.C. TOO many people?

Not a comfortable place to watch? Too many swimmers because of slow time standards? TOO big of a geographical area to draw swimmers from? All difficult questions with no correct answers. The only thing that comes to mind is common courtesy for those around you. Don't stand up in front of others, watch your athlete then move away to allow the next parents to watch, if you don't have a place to sit. After watching the college conference championships, as a coach, I hated just sitting there doing nothing for three days. One thing I noticed that being involved sure makes the meet move along, you become more involved and focused on all the swimmers not only yours. Get involved by being a timer, go a step farther and become a deck official in some capacity-stroke and turn, electronic timing, there are many other positions that need to be filled at each and every meet. We as an L.S.C. may have to make some difficult decisions regarding championship meets, host and the number of athletes who attend. Please help us out parents-swimmers-coaches.

Other ideas that have been brought up: No high point for the 11-14 championships. No team scoring for the 10 and Unders.

Have a great season ending meet, enjoy your break and see you for the next season. Best of swimming

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