



Oregon Swimming News

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COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR ***TIM STEVENSON***

Recently I was involved in a situation where a team accepted an invitation for two different meets, was entered in both meets, and then waited until a day or so before the meet to inform one of the meet directors that they would not be attending the meet. This behavior was not only inconsiderate but also counter to the purposes of the invitational system in Oregon Swimming.

OSI has promoted the invitational system to help OSI teams control and predict the size of their meets and also to provide a means for teams to schedule their season without being overly concerned about being shut out of Open meets.

For this system to work, it requires hosting teams to do some up front homework. The hosting team needs to collect information from the teams they are planning to invite to determine probable numbers that will attend the meet. The numbers from different age groups attending the meet should also be considered for session planning. The host team needs to be realistic about how many swimmers their meet can handle before inviting too many teams. With an invitation comes the expectation that the invited team will not be shut

out of the meet or their numbers reduced because the host did not properly plan.

On the other side, the invited team needs to be considerate of the host and provide realistic numbers and a commitment to attend once they accept the invitation. If they have requested multiple invitations on the same weekend from different teams, upon accepting an invitation from a team they need to IMMEDIATELY inform the meet management for the meet(s) they do not intend to attend so that another team might be added in their place. Remember, pool time and space are a scarce resource and they need to be used as effectively as possible.

Check Your Results ***Robbert van Andel***

Over the past couple of months, I have received many emails from coaches, parents and swimmers concerning incorrect times on the OSI website. Many of these errors can be avoided by checking the results at swim meets. Most meets will post a hard copy of a completed event. With the use of scoreboards at many meets these days, the posted results get ignored because parents, coaches and athletes can get times from the scoreboards. But remember that it is the official results that get entered into the OSI database, it's the official results that are used to determine Top5, and it's the official

results that get entered into the USA Swimming times database.

Please check the official results when they get posted for errors. Check if incorrect placing, incorrect times and probably the biggest error of all, check for incorrect relay swimmer order. If you find an error, speak to the coach. He or she can bring it to the attention of the referee.

APRIL NOTICES

New Oregon Swimming records were set at the Short Course Championships. Congratulations to swimmers and coaches.

At 10&Under Championships in Springfield:

8&Under girls

CRST (Julia Sanders, Cassidy Bailie, Erin Tauscher, Darien Hiller) 100 free relay, 1:02.99

9-10 Girls

Megan McCarroll, THSC, 50 breast, 34.44, 100 breast, 1:13.96

At 11-14 Championships in Corvallis:

11-12 Boys

Connor McCarroll, THSC, 200 Back, 2:03.60, 200 Fly, 2:10.74, 400 IM, 4:41.37

13-14 Boys

Logan Storie, CAT, 200 Back, 1:54.80

13-14 Girls

THSC (Michelle Needham, Kath Liggett, Jordan King, Natalie Walker) 800 Free Relay, 7:45.81

At Senior Championships in Albany

17-18 Women

Genna Patterson, THSC, 100 breast, 1:03.21

Open Women

Inge deBruijn, THSC, 100 Free, 48.15

Open Men

Igor Martchenko, THSC, 100 Fly, 48.15

At US Open:

Birte Stevens, 100 breast, 1:09.71, 200 breast 2:27.71

Graduating Seniors. As in the past we want to congratulate our graduating seniors. Please send name, club, High School they graduate from and the name of college before April 15th for publication the May newsletter to the OSI office, or e mail to swim@oregonswim.org.

Club Green Meadows has changed their name to: The Tornadoes. Mailing address is Tornadoes,

Kamie Christiansen, 22512 NE 224th Ct., Battle Ground, WA 98604.

May Oregon Swimming Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday May 5th in the Eugene Hilton. The officials meeting start at 6PM and the regular meeting at 7PM.

The Club Leadership and Business Management School will be Saturday April 10, 2004 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

Meet date application for 2005 meets. If your club is planning on hosting a meet or bidding for one of the Oregon Swimming Championships in 2005, completed form(s) should have been mailed the office by March 19, 2004.

The scheduling meeting will be held Saturday April 10 at 3:00PM following the Club Leadership seminar at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

Clubs intending to host meets in 2005 are required to be represented at this meeting. The purpose of the April 10 scheduling meeting will be to establish as much as possible the 2005 schedule. The championship meet dates and locations will be decided.

Meet Evaluation forms/verification of membership

All clubs should send a backup (SD3 file) of their meet as soon as you have your entries done for membership verification. There are too often athletes in the meet that are not registered. The meet is not insured when this happens!! All teams should use their Hy tek software when sending entries to a meet. All athletes should be entered with their legal names (preferred names added in the appropriate spot) and registration number as it appears on their membership card. This way we don't have problems with membership verification and the times database.

Please make sure when you make copies of the meet evaluation form you have the latest version and they should be mailed to Bruce Ludwig.

They are included in the sanction packet.

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.

Safety Marshals. Safety marshals should be highly visible on the pool deck. USA Swimming rule 102.18. USA Swimming donated 5 vests and they can be used at your meet. Contact the office for pick up if you wish to borrow them.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Canby Swim Club is looking for an advanced Age Group Coach to join our year-round competitive swim program and share the responsibility of training approximately 80 swimmers. Job responsibilities include conducting workouts

1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hours a day, Monday through Friday, and participating in 1-2 swim meets each month. Certifications (First Aid, CPR and Safety training for Swim Coaches) are required. Salary is based on experience and qualifications.

Please e-mail your resume to Head Coach, Eric Laitinen at eric@canby.com or our Club President, Nancy O'Brien at nancyob@centurytel.net. You may also send your resume to P.O. Box 21, Canby, OR 97013.

Pendleton Swim Association (PSA) is accepting applications for an assistant coach for our summer program. Employment will be June 14th to August 20th. Position will work Monday thru Friday and several weekends for meets.

Applicants must have comprehensive knowledge of current stroke techniques and have the ability to instruct swimmers of various skill levels. The assistant coach will be working with both the competitive and learn-to-swim programs which total over 80 swimmers. Prior coaching experience is preferred.

Send resume and letter of interest to:
PSA, P.O. Box 431, Pendleton, OR 97801

Greetings from the Web ***ROBERT VAN ANDEL***

It's been a while since I've written anything about the OSI website. First I'd like to thank everyone for their patience as I made my move from Oregon to Missouri this past January. During the move my computer suffered some hardware problems and I was unable to keep the database updated in a timely manner, especially in preparation for the impending championship season upon us.

As I'm writing this, I am busy preparing the new OSI times database. I've made a link on the old top times site as a preview prior to it's official launch at the end of March. This new site should be ready by the time that you receive your copy of the Newsletter. I want to take this time to outline the new and improved features of the site.

Top Times

The old database allowed users to only view the fastest time for each swimmer. With the new version, all times are posted on the site. When you select the event you wish to see, you'll have the option to view the fastest time for each swimmer or see all times for every swimmer. Keep in mind that if you choose this option, you're optionally downloading hundreds of times and dialup connections may not be able to display this data in a timely fashion.

When you click on the swimmer's name, you'll get a listing of that swimmer's top times for every event and every available season. The database dates back to January 2001. This listing is based on a swimmer's USA Swimming number.

If the number is missing, you won't be able to retrieve the swimmer's listing. If you do run across a swimmer with a missing USA Swimming number send me an email at webmaster@oregonswim.org and I will make the correction. Also, if a swimmer is entered in the database with different USA Swimming numbers, he or she will have two listings. It's vital for our database and USA Swimming's database that swimmers are entered with their official names and birthdates. The use of Hy-Tek's team manager should lessen the likelihood of a mismatch, but there are still a large number of

swimmers in the database with multiple ID numbers because they are not entered in swim meets properly.

Qualifiers

This feature will be largely unchanged and as of this writing I have not begun the coding for the new look. But you will still be able to jump from a listing of an event's qualifier's to a single swimmer's list of qualifying times.

Meets

I've included a listing of all available meets in the database. Clicking the link will display a listing of all swimmers participating at the meet grouped by the team they swam for. Each swimmer's name will link back to the swimmer's top times.

I hope that everyone enjoys the new features. Please feel free to report errors and make suggestions (and as many compliments as you like) to me at anytime.

AGE GROUP REPORT ***AMY EMMETT***

Congratulations to all the swimmers and coaches who participated in the Oregon Swimming Age Group Championships in February. From the feedback that I have received the changes in the meet event orders that was implemented this season were helpful at both meets. The changes resulted in the 10 and Under Championship meet being two, three hour competition days, but at the 11-14 OSI Championship meet Saturday's preliminary session was still a little too long. This was partially a result of more swimmers swimming the 11-13, 200 yard events, and Andy Carlisle, Time Standards Chairman, has been asked to look into possible changes.

There were several suggestions for shortening the Saturday Preliminary time line, ranging from leaving it as it is to moving one of the relays back to Friday. Reasons for moving a relay came from both officials, who found it "rough" to start the meet with the medley relays, and from coaches who wanted a relay for "relay only" swimmers on Friday, who would otherwise not have an event that day. The easiest way to accommodate these issues would be to move the 400 medley relays back to Friday at the end of prelims. Event order and numbers would not be changed, Friday's

preliminaries would be about an hour longer, ending at about 2:15 P.M., and Saturday's would end an hour earlier at about 1:45, instead of 2:45 P.M.

It was agreed that the Thursday session needs to start an hour earlier. It should also be noted that "relay only" swimmers are entered in the meet, and are allowed to time trial at the 11-14 Championships meet provided that they actually participate in a relay race, and that time allows for time trials to take place.

OREGON SWIMMING, INC.

Regular Meeting

January 14, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Oregon Swimming Inc., was called to order by General Chair, Tim Stevenson, at the Multnomah Athlete Club at 7:05 p.m.

The following individuals were present: Tim Stevenson, Valarie Koss, Gene Mielke, Jim Bowe, Stan Benson, Coby vanAndel, Robbert vanAndel, Craig Martin, Alex Nikitin, Marilyn Loitz, Gary Leach, Jeff Gudman, Haley Koss, Haley Zehner, Judy L'Roy, Larry Liebowitz, Tom Weltchek

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from last meeting approved as presented.

B. Treasurer's Report: Marilyn provided the Board with Financials through November and advised that she would be reviewing the Budget and Financials with incoming Treasurer, Jacki Allender. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented

C. Reports:

Administrative Chair Rick Guenther: No report

Age Group Report-Amy Emmett: No report

Senior Report-Gary Leach: Gary inquired as to responsibilities for the all star team trip to the Olympic Training Center. Coby advised that in the past the Coach has scheduled the time, reserved the facility and selected the team with Coby providing administrative assistance as needed. Gary will provide the new qualifying information for publication in the newsletter and on the website. Gary also brought forward College swimmer eligibility for summer travel funds. Gary was advised that travel funds will be determined on a case by case basis in the event the swimmers do not return to their club team until the end of June as a result of continuing to practice with their College

team in preparation for Trial and National swimmers. Travel funds will be provided for both National and Trial swimmers.

Coaches Report- Chris Richmond: No report.

Athletes Representatives-Mason & Hailey:

Athlete representatives from other clubs are still being sought. Clubs should forward their athlete representatives name to Mason or Hailey.

Scheduling/Championship Site Selection-Skip Runkle: No report

Time Standards-Andy Carlisle: No report

Technical Planning-Alex Nikitin: Deferred discussion on CBSL to New Business.

Web site-Robbert van Andel: Robbert is moving to St. Louis but has agreed to continue to maintain the website from St. Louis. The Board wished him well.

Safety Chair-Jeanine Serrano: No report

Camp Coordinator-Jeanine Serrano: No report

Officials Committee-Bruce Ludwig: No report

Adapted-Gene Mielke: Gene will be working with the City of Vancouver to develop a disability program for their area. He will be attending a meeting and will provide more information to OSI after the meeting.

Office Manager/Registration-Coby van Andel:

Coby reported that registration is now caught up; the newsletter will be published next week; and meet information for Championship Meets is available on the website and has been mailed to clubs with entries being submitted to the office for processing.

Sanctions Chair Mark Rieniets: There is some concern regarding meet sanctions since CBSL's have been dissolved. There are some clubs that were not aware that approval from House of Delegates is required for Championship Meets and since CBSL's have been dissolved the meets can not be sanctioned as a Championship Meet. Some other smaller leagues are stepping in to fill the void. Further consideration of how to handle this issue will be referred to TPC.

Awards-Lise Thom: Awards have been ordered.

Awards Ceremony-: Coby advised that a chairman is needed for the Award's Ceremony. Jeff Gudman reported that Jim Liggett may have someone in mind for this chairman. Coby will contact Jim Liggett.

Star Chair-Jacki Allender: No report

Records-Cindy King: No report

All-Star Team-Jim Bowe: The first All Star meet will be held in Olympia next week. Enough girls applied to fill the team out, but not enough guys applied to fill the team out. Jim and Jeannine are working on Zones. Jeannine has prepared a budget for the Edmonton and Zone Meets. Travel will be Thursday through Sunday for the Edmonton Meet. Jim would like to look at another meet for that time frame due to costs and qualifying times. The January meet is a faster meet, however the April meet is more enticing given that it is in Edmonton, Canada. They are looking at going to an Invitation format in lieu of an application format for the All Star meets.

D. Old Business:

1. **CBSL:** CBSL's has been disbanded. The funds will be transferred to OSI as the parent fund. Dick Moody has recommended that Elfie Stevenin be provided with a severance payment for her contribution to the program with the remaining balance being dedicated to training or developmental camp funds.

MOTION: *The Board took action to give Elfie a one year severance payment for her contribution to CBSL with the balance of the funds being set aside for developmental camps and training for athletes.*

Stan Benson agreed to work with Elfie to retrieve the historical CBSL records and return them to the OSI office for filing.

TPC ISSUE: *TPC has been asked to discuss options for developmental swimmers and championship meets for them and provide the Board with a recommendation.*

2. **Ballots from House of Delegates Meeting:** Coby asked for permission to destroy ballots from the House of Delegates Meeting.

MOTION: *The Board took action to authorize Coby to destroy the ballots from the House of Delegates Meeting in October 2003.*

3. A request was made to note that the swimmer who was extended an invitation to attend the Eugene City Meet at the November 2003 meeting did not attend that meet and choose to attend the Forest Grove Meet instead.

E. New Business

Scheduling Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2004 at the MAC with lunch being provided for the attendees at a nominal fee.

TPC Issue Records: Alex Nikitin indicated a new issue has been raised with regard to OSI Records. *Issue: How are OSI Records decided?* Alex reported that there are several interpretations that need to be discussed with a standard being decided on to follow for OSI Records. Some of the questions are: *When an OSI member swims for an OSI club, but competes abroad without their team and breaks a record – will this qualify as an OSI Record? When an OSI member is unattached, but breaks an OSI Record, does this qualify as an OSI Record? When an OSI member breaks a record while swimming for a High School, College Team or Olympic Team, does this qualify as an OSI Record? Who makes the final decision on rule interpretation?*

The Board was reminded that this issue came up a couple of years ago and voted on the change at a Board Meeting. Valarie agreed to review the past minutes to see what action was taken. The issue will be referred to TPC for rule interpretation and standing rules amendment if necessary.

F. TPC Meeting: Alex will schedule a TPC meeting.

Future Meetings: February 4th 7:30PM
Telephone Conference Call
March 3, 2004, 7 PM Board Meeting, MAC Club.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Oregon Swimming, Inc.

By Valarie Koss, Secretary

Regular Meeting March 3, 2004

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Oregon Swimming Inc. was called to order by General Chair, Tim Stevenson, at the Multnomah Athlete Club at 7:05 p.m.

The following individuals were present: Tim Stevenson, Rick Guenther, Valarie Koss, Zach Niles, Gene Mielke, Stan Benson, Coby VanAndel, Marilynn Loitz, Jeff Gudman, Gary Leach, Judy

L’Roy, Hailey Zehner, Alex Nikitin, Larry Liebowitz, Mark Rienets, Bruce Ludwig, Amy Emmett, Craig Martin, Jacki Allender

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from last meeting approved as presented.

B. Treasurer’s Report: The transition is going well. The treasurer’s report was not available.

D. Reports:

Administrative Chair Rick Guenther: No report

Age Group Report-Amy Emmett: 10-U went very well. 11-14 went well and there were some suggestions regarding changes to the meet format.

A. Emmett will write an article for the Newsletter regarding the suggestions and see what kind of additional input the coaches have. There is some confusion regarding positive check-ins and scratches and a recommendation will be made to clarify the information. Discussion occurred regarding proof time for championship meets. A recommendation will be brought forward for language changes to the By-Laws if necessary. There continues to be a problem getting parents to Time at the Championship Meets. The meet had to be stopped until one of the over 200 parents in the stands agreed to time.

Senior Report-Gary Leach: Discussion occurred regarding authorization of travel funds for Juniors and Y Swimmers. T. Stevenson advised that a vote had been taken and OSI will support USA Swimming Sponsored Championship Meets. Forms for the All Star Distance Training Camp will be published in the next Newsletter as the camp will consider Long Course Qualifying times.

Coaches Report- Chris Richmond: No report

Athletes Representatives-Mason & Hailey: They continue to look for athlete representation from clubs. Coby requested they provide information or articles for the Newsletters to communicate with athlete reps.

Scheduling/Championship Site Selection-Skip Runkle: Applications are coming in for the Leadership Training. A. Nikitin will work with Coby to arrange lunch for the meetings.

Time Standards-Andy Carlisle: No report

Technical Planning-Alex Nikitin: Discussion occurred on allowing relay only swimmers being allowed to swim time-trials at Championship Meets. The meet information will be changed to reflect the

House of Delegates change that was made three years ago. Discussion occurred regarding positive check in for relays, relay changes and responsibility for changes. References will be drafted for the Meet Information that refer to the Swim Guide. Swim Guide will prevail in the event of conflict.

Web site-Robbert van Andel: No report

Safety Chair-Jeanine Serrano: No report

Camp Coordinator-Jeanine Serrano: No report

Officials Committee-Bruce Ludwig: B. Ludwig discussed a training workshop for officials to brainstorm ideas for making the training officials receive more effective. The workshop will be held in April in Central Oregon. MOTION: The Board took action to authorize \$600 for the workshop.

Adapted-Gene Mielke: Disability Championships will be in April 23, 24, 25. They will meet the qualifying standards set in order to be reimbursed.

Office Manager/Registration-Coby van Andel: No report

Sanctions Chair Mark Rieniets: Discussion occurred regarding sanctions for former CBSL Meets that have requested "Championship" Meet status. M. Rieniets advised that this will be requested at the April Scheduling Meeting. Discussion occurred regarding the former CBSL meets and the structure they were operated under. S. Benson suggested that work should be done to formalize a conditional and provisional authorization for these meets to preserve tradition. Discussion occurred regarding how to handle "end of season" meets. A suggestion was made to designate Leagues, post the information on the website, allow teams to join the league and allow them to host a B-C "end of season" meet in March. M. Rieniets will work with S. Benson and G. Mielke to create standards for approval at the OSI House of Delegates Meeting. Coby will look into USA Swimming requirements for Leagues.

MOTION: *The Board took action to direct the Scheduling Committee to defer action on the scheduling of former CBSL-end of season meets as Championship Meets until after the OSI House of Delegates Meeting where standards will be*

presented for approval. The Board took further action to direct that the meets be included on the calendar for planning purposes without the Championship designation.

Awards-Lise Thom: No report

Awards Ceremony-: Maryanne is looking for a venue in the Portland area.

Star Chair-Jacki Allender: J. Allender reported that High School District Meets and State Meet information is compiled and hand-entered into 2004 Oregon High School Times Verification Meet to verify information based on what referees submit to her. At this point, all State and District information has not been provided to J. Allender. Coaches may request qualifying time verification directly from her in the event it is needed to prove a time prior to the information being compiled.

Records-Cindy King: Four records at 10-U and four records at 11-14.

All-Star Team-Jim Bowe: Applications for Canada All Star Meet are available in the Newsletter and on the website.

D. Old Business:

4. **CBSL:** S. Benson has arranged to pick up information from Elfie Stevens and will keep historical records at OSI Office.
2. **Scheduling Meeting: Club Development/Leadership will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Scheduling meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on April 10th.**
3. **TPC Meeting: Alex is looking at website options for TPC discussion – perhaps a bulletin board. He will talk with the webmaster to see what is possible.**

Future Meetings: April 7th Conference Call at 7:30 p.m.

April 10th Club Development/Leadership 9 a.m.

April 10th Scheduling Meeting 3:00 p.m.

May 7th Regular Meeting in Eugene

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Oregon Swimming, Inc.

By Valarie Koss, Secretary

Summer 2004 Application for Assignment

Use this application if you are interested in being assigned for OSI Summer Long Course Championships as Meet Referee, Admin Referee, Starter, or Chief Judge.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Work Phone: _____

CURRENT CERTIFICATIONS (*circle and complete the following*):

OSI Certification: Highest Position: _____ Since (year) _____ Current Exp. Date: _____

National Certification: Highest Position: _____ Current Exp. Date: _____

National Championship: Highest Position: _____ Current Exp. Date: _____

Have you been *assigned* a position for past OSI Championship meets? YES/NO

If so, what meet: 10&U-SC 11-14-SC Sr-SC 10&U-LC 11-O-LC YEAR _____

What Position(s)? _____

(*answers to the above question neither qualifies you nor disqualifies you, but is helpful in making assignments*)

I would appreciate a receipt by e-mail. My e-mail address is: _____

(*Please print clearly*)

Please indicate below any or all meets and positions for which you would be willing to be assigned:

State Games??? July 10-11 in Gresham (Mt Hood CC)

What: OSI 10&U Championships; **When:** July 17-18; **Where:** Albany

Positions: Meet Referee Admin/Assistant Referee Deck Referee Starter Chief Judge

Please indicate which days and/or sessions you will be available to work _____

What: OSI 11&Over Championships; **When:** July 29-August 1; **Where:** Gresham

Positions: Meet Referee Admin Referee Deck Referee Starter Chief Judge

Referee in Training (needing prelims and finals training)

Please indicate which days and/or sessions you will be available to work _____

(*Please note: To be assigned as Meet Referee or Admin Referee you must be available for all sessions.*)

Deadlines: For assignment as Meet Referee, the application deadline is April 30, 2004

For other assignments, the application deadline is July 4, 2004.

Please fax, e-mail, or snail-mail to the OSI Office at 1750 SW Skyline Blvd #103, Portland, OR 97221-2545;
swim@oregonswim.org; Fax: (503)297-8498

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