

CCSL Minutes, February 3, 2015

Attendees: Jennifer Smiley (CCR), Nick Bannon (TSD), Rodney Johnson (GHWO), Joe Garvey (TC), Nina Wasserburger (CCR), Mike Cain (SH), Dave Brown (HSC)

Next meeting: March 3d, Manchaca Library branch.

Board Positions did not change from 2014; bylaws define the rotation, and 2016 positions will be shown in the revision to the bylaws.

Bylaws changes proposed: 1) removal of WAAC, and LTF; addition of TSD as a voting member; 2) CCSL team workouts must not be started before May 1st. Additional changes will be required when the championship meet format is finalized.

The meet schedule, decided at the last champs meeting, will begin on May 23, for the 6 consecutive Saturdays, ending with the championship meet day of June 27.

The use of the Northside ISD pool on TX1604 is still in question, pending their commitment to the June 27 date. A discussion of alternate championship meet formats ensued.

As decided last meet, the championship meet will be conducted in multiple dual-meets in 25-yard pools on June 27. Whether these dual-meets would result in league champions or meet records was brought into question. It was proposed that all timing at the dual meets be via watches. The discussion of whether it would be appropriate to award individual champions based on times in the dual meets produced a proposal of making the dual meets qualifying meets for a championship finals meet, to be held the same weekend. Possible venues for the finals meet are TSD, and perhaps the new pool on Southwest Parkway. TSD appears to have ample parking and team space, as well as easy access to the pool for spectators, although there are no grandstands, so spectators will have to migrate from the team areas to the pool to watch their swimmers, and return.

The formats of the finals meet were discussed, as how many qualifiers to allow, a specified number of qualifiers from each dual meet, versus the top swims achieved at the combination of all dual meets. The finals meet could be held on the evening of June 27, and should be limited to 4 hours; an alternative would be to hold the finals meet on Sunday.. Several timelines of various selection criteria will be prepared to assist in the decision, based on data from 2014 champs. Another element of the selection process is whether it would be based on top times of single-ages or multiple ages grouped as they might be seeded. E.g., top 6 would result in 2 heats with 6 9-year-olds, and 6 10-year-olds for girls and similarly for boys. (An alternative would be top 12 of 9-10's combined.) In order to expedite using HyTek Meet Manager, the qualifying dual meets should be set up the same way. One difficulty which can be anticipated: if the times are combined centrally for determining qualification, parents will be leaving the dual meets not knowing if their swimmer qualified for finals; this will require good communication to pull it off. Likewise, if there are swimmers who plan not to participate in the finals meet, (especially an issue if finals are on Sunday, that must be know within a short period after the end of dual meets. This almost requires a league-wide real-time system, if it's to be accomplished between a Saturday prelims and a Saturday finals.

I've attached a sample timeline, psych sheet, and team-list for a finals meet in a 6-lane pool,

consisting of top 6 swimmers in each single-age. The relays need to be done differently, should probably consist of the A relays from each team (or A/B).

A few other considerations occurred to me as I was doing this: do we need a ready-bench? I presume we keep the finish end the same, and start the 25's off the end opposite timers, probably no blocks.

Comments and corrections are welcome.

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Dave Brown
CCSL Secretary