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Coaches' Meeting Notes - 4/24/2005

Attendance: George Massey (BAC), JJ Bean (Gators), Scott Baldwin (SWAT), Steve Bialorucki (ODAC), Kevin Maloy (TSU), Peter Maloney (TSU), Bill Shaw (QDD), Carl Warner (SEVA), Dave Henderson (SEVA), Ted Sallade (PSDN), Brent St. Pierre (CCA), Boris Rybatsky (VACS), Stu Faux (QS), Shelley Remaly (CYAC), Don Remaly (CYAC), Bob Herlinger (RAYS), Mike Clesner (RAYS), Steve Griffin (CGBD), Brian Kupferer (CGBD), Steve Hennessy (CGBD), Alicia Johnson (PWSC), Scott Bowser (HA), Corey Coon-Cassily (VACS), Craig Clift (TIDE).

1. Introduction of New Coaches Representative

Alicia Johnson from PWSC will be taking over as the Virginia Swimming Coaches Representative come this fall.

2. Coaching Representative Voting Process

Unanimously agreed to the following proposal:

- a. Beginning in the calendar year when voting is to take place, candidates may submit their name to the Virginia Swimming office for placement on the formal ballot for Coaches Representative.
- b. These formal candidates will be introduced at the Coaches Meeting at the Spring Senior and Age Group Championships.
- c. No restriction on write-in candidates or when a coach decides to enter the race.
- d. Voting will take place immediately following the conclusion of either Senior Champs or Age Group Champs, whichever is last on the Spring swim schedule.
- e. Electronic voting via the VA Swimming website should be made available for those coaches who want to vote prior to the Coaches Meeting.
- f. Formal written ballot voting should take place at the Spring Coaches meeting that precedes the Spring House of Delegates meeting.
- g. The results of the Coaches Representative race will be announced at the House of Delegates meeting.

2. Junior Coaches Representative

George Massey brought up the idea of creating a position of a Junior Coaches Representative, and create a situation like you have for the athletes. The idea was roundly panned for the primary reason that it was already difficult enough just to get one coach to run for the current position.

3. Senior Champs

2005 Summer Senior Champs will be held at University of Virginia on July 9-11. All coaches agree that this is not the ideal scenario but it is what we must deal with for this summer, learn from this experience, and move forward and be more proactive about the scheduling of this event in the future.

2005 Spring Senior Champs was an outstanding event. Exactly the type of Senior Champs we want to have every spring and every summer.

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Discussion on scheduling of Senior Champs. Coaches support moving Senior Champs to as late in the schedule as possible that would still allow swimmers to enter and participate in Senior and Junior Nationals. This is more a reflection of the summer schedule than the spring schedule. The coaches unanimously recommend that when the Technical Planning committee is scheduling meets, the Speedo Championship Series (SCS/Sectionals) should not be a consideration when scheduling our Senior Champs. This means if Senior Champs must run concurrently or even after SCS, then this would be appropriate. The current SCS model has not been an effective stepping stone for our senior swimmers in Virginia Swimming. It is not being supported strongly by any of the LSC's involved in the Eastern Zone Southern SCS.

Agreed in principle that the preferable scheduling of Championship meets would be B/C Champs, A/BB Champs, Age Group Champs, Senior Champs in the springtime and Summer Awards, Age Group Champs, Senior Champs in the summer. It is also understood that there may be dates available to Age Group Champs later in the schedule that are not appropriate for Senior Champs such as if Age Group Champs is run the weekend prior to Nationals or even concurrently.

Specifically identified July 21-23, 2006 as the preferred dates for 2006 Senior Champs.

Lifted from the Senior Committee meeting: Unanimously voted down a joint Senior Champs with Potomac Valley. Directed the Senior Chair to work on a VA-PVS dual meet for the first weekend of August 2006.

Lifted from the Senior Committee meeting: Maintain Senior Champs cuts at the 15-16 AA standard. Even though some of the Age Group Championship time standards are faster than the Senior Championship time standards this is a reflection of how the different time standards are actually set. Age Group Champs time standards are set to maintain a certain quantity of swimmers in each event to keep the meet timeline under control. This is not a problem with Senior Champs and we have a second option to go: dual courses.

4. VA Swimming Awards Banquet

With the exception of one coach, all preferred the Virginia Swimming Awards Banquet to be returned to the spring. By moving the banquet to the fall, the graduating seniors can no longer be appropriately recognized. The coaches understand the two inherent difficulties of having the Awards Banquet in the spring: finding an available weekend that a meet is not scheduled, and determining the award winners and having all of the awards ready by the banquet. Suggestion was made to designate the last full weekend in April at the Banquet weekend. For example: in 2005 this would have been April 24th, 2004: April 25th, 2003 April 27th. Looking forward: 2006 April 30th, 2007 April 29th

5. Fall Coaches Swimposium

Not discussed.

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6. Swimmer of the Year criteria update

Coaches received a print out of the scoring breakdown using the IPS calculator on SWIMNews.com. The coaches felt the point system provided a fair and accurate picture of the swimming accomplishments of the swimmer. Three coaches offered to assist the Coaches representative in doing the work up on the points for each age group. One slight change was made to the system: the top six times for 14&U and the top four times for the 15&O achieved as a whole during the award period will be used. Under the previously announced system the top times from the short course season and then the top times from the long course season would be computed separately. It was agreed not to do this and just go with the top six times overall. Thus there could be 3 short times and 3 long course times used. There must still be six separate events represented.

7. Graduation Seniors

Passed around a sheet of the graduating seniors and asked the coaches to add any additional swimmers they have and include their college information. This information will be posted on the website in the near future.