

Minutes of the Age Group Committee, October 4, 2014

Members present: Scott Baldwin, Maureen Tollivar, Scott Thacker, Drew Hirth, Kevin McHaney, Mike Julian, Jessica Simons, Steven Phillips (late)

Guests present: Norm Wright, Mike Clesner, Ted Sallade, Bob Herlinger, John Eife, Dave Henderson, Steve Hennessey, MC Thomas, Steven Evans, Art Anthony, Sonny Grissom, TJ Liston, Lisa Liston

The meeting opened with discussion about Summer Awards. A motion was made by Scott Thacker to do away with relays at the meet to help timelines. Kevin McHaney seconded the motion. Discussion ensued that included using in water starts for 200 relays at midtown, or allowing venues that had the ability to run 200 distance relays, but all thought it best to keep the format the same for all. The motion passed.

Jessica made a motion to align the Summer Awards awards with the District/Region awards by removing the awards by BB and B/C divisions and awarding Top 16. Scott Thacker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Scott Baldwin stated he felt the event ordered needed to be fixed to mirror AG Champs and said he would work with the Tech Planning chair to get this done.

A few qualifying times for the AG Champ meet for 13/14 girl events need to be tightened up. Steve Hennessey is working to produce those times within the next week.

Scott said that Zone application process went very well. Jessica made a motion that a swimmer with NO Zone Qualifying Times at the application deadline who goes on to pick up four or more cuts at their championship meet is allowed to attend the Zone meet at the full meet entry expense. Mike Julian seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried. After the meeting it was discovered there may be some issues with this change and so the committee will continue to refine this process with more reflection and have a set procedure by the April meetings.

Jessica also reminded everyone that their Outreach Athletes should be encouraged to apply for Zones.

There was discussion about the Swimmer of the Year selection process. The committee would like to come up with a process that is not so laborious and that is transparent and fair. There was discussion about awarding single age groups. A subcommittee that included Maureen Tollivar, Mike Julian, and Scott Thacker was formed to look at this issue in more detail and present the committee with a proposal in the next few months.

With extra time left, Lisa presented the banquet information to those present.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Lisa Liston