

Northern Area Aquatics Committee Minutes – March 13, 2017
Wescott Pool 6:30

6:34 Attendance and Introductions - Kristi Boatman, Scott Murrah, Tim Bristor, Zac Kassel, Greg Conley, Wendy Williamson, Lea Hood, Josh Gregory

February 2017 Minutes - will be sent electronically to vote via email for approval

Team Reports

- MSST - Tim gave the report - About 105 swimmers, it was a great meet, training going well.
- NPAC - Zac - 56 swimmers at the last meet. 79 swimmers on the roster. Looking forward to Northern Area, and more swimmers are trying for JO qualifying times with 21 currently qualified.
- SST - Josh - Two less swimmers. Swimmers had a good time at Age Groups. The swim deck did not feel too crowded during the meet. Leaving for Senior Sectionals on Wednesday.
- NOME - None
- UAF - Cassidy representing UAF at Nationals. Lady nanooks will volunteer for Northern Area. Down to 8 hour of practice per week.

President's Report - Kristi - Bill Krumm, the Western Zone Sports Development Consultant for USA Swimming died. His death is a huge loss for Alaska Swimming. Hannah is ill and could not attend the meeting or prepare anything to send in her stead. Kristi read a new letter from Carl Benson relating what he learned from USA Swimming about regulating swimsuits. USA Swimming reports many similar calls, and will not officially address the issue, however LSCs may address. Northern Area can work with their own wording to address the issue. Kristi asked for insight from the NA Board.

Treasure's Report -

Gaming Report - None given - Janet is out of town

Officials Report - Cheryl is not present

Old Business

- Age Group Recap - Splitting the ages into the two sessions work well.
 - NW Design would like feedback about the meet. NA gets 20 % totalling \$4,409.60
 - Need Championship Meet coaches evaluations
 - Action needed - Kristi will ask Greg Evershed for a copy
- Northern Area Champs - Same team assignments as for Age Group
 - Sanction sent in
 - No Timeline yet
 - Posting for No photos in locker room for the meet
- Hawaii Training Trip - Gary is out so no progress report

New Business

- Letter to NA From Parent -

Hannah wishes to write a letter about the issue coming from a swimmer's perspective. Cheryl said says the officials have been talking about the issue at length. Josh reported mixed feelings from parents about the new SST policy; actually one parent was not supportive. SST now requires SST swimmers to wear short on deck when not swimming. Gary pointed out we can not enforce modesty and there is no way to enforce suit policies once the swimmers are on the blocks. There was a discussion about Northern Area team affiliated teams are age group events with all swimmers under the age of 18, and that the concern is for the safety of the swimmers. There is also the issue of keeping the meets age and gender friendly by eliminating the uncomfortable scenario of what is being viewed and talked about in the stands during the meets. Volunteers are embarrassed and hesitant to time because of how uncomfortable they are.
- April 22nd - House of Delegates
 - Needing nominations for Diversity & Inclusion, and AK Swimming Treasure
 - 90% agree to be heard
 - 90% of delegates needed to pass

Next Meeting - April 10, 2017 Hosted by SST – Location to be determined