

Allegheny Mountain Swimming
Meeting Minutes

Age Group Committee
November 11, 2013 7:00 PM
Panera Bread, Oakland

Committee
Attendees:

Charles Lersch – AGC Chair	Donna Beyerl
Pete Barry	Carter Crosby
Todd Clark	Bob Mermelstein
Bill Kennedy	Dawn Musiol
Rebecca Juneau	Laura Hartman (AMS Office)
Jamy Pfister	Mike Kristufek-Attendee
Anne Countouris- Guest Attendee - WHAT	Luke Modrak – Attendee

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.
- II. Approval of the Revised September Meeting Minutes: Dawn (M), Pete (S) – Minutes Approved.
- III. Approval of October Committee Meeting Minutes: Donna (M), Rebecca (S) – Minutes Passed
- IV. Reports

Meet Management – Charles – Meets as they have been conducted have gone very well. Charles has heard that there were comments throughout the LSC, but no comments were made directly to him

Mike reported about the warm-up procedures because of the number of swimmers during warm-ups. There may need to be three warm-ups for some meets for the safety of the swimmers. Donna commented that she has concerns that during warm-ups she sees the older and bigger swimmers jumping in over top of younger swimmers that are hanging on the wall. There are concerns that if one of the swimmers pushes off the wall when someone is jumping out into the lane, they could land on them, causing and injury.

A question was asked about who has jurisdiction over the pool during warm-ups. Jamy stated that on a national pool deck there is a referee and starter that invigilate over the meet marshals and the pool. This would be very difficult as we typically have only one starter and referee at our LSC meets.

Mike is going to take back to Coach’s Committee for discussion on concerns over warm-ups and provide suggestions.

Jamy requested a modification to the meet announcement wording of “meet management committee”, Luke said that wording has already been removed.

Bob commented that the announcement needs to specify specific warm-ups before distance events as a regular meet and warm-ups through events at a distance meet. 10 minute break before swimming the 500FR/400IM and 20 minute breaks provided strategically within distance meets. This change will be done in new meet announcements.

V. Unfinished Business

A. AMS Long Course Schedule

- 1. Qualifying Times. Championship Meets - Discussion on the set up of the schedule to present for bid was done – See attached schedule.
- 2. Summer Celebration – Once schedule is posted, there may some teams based upon pool availability may bid on their meets on open weekends.

C. AGC Roles & Responsibilities – Charles provided some detail into the responsibilities of the three committees and these will be ongoing:

Age Group Committee – providing opportunities for the development of Age Group Swimming, work with Diversity/Inclusion Committee, overseeing the Zone Team, meet planning, bidding procedures and awarding of meets.

Technical Planning Committee will be in the role of following the meets, accept meet announcements/entry files and will be responsible for correcting them and getting them posted in a timely manner.

Senior Committee – Meets for Senior Athletes

D. 2013/2014 AGC Annual Goals – Tabled

E. 2013-2014 AGC Quadrennial Goals – Tabled

F. Meets without Hosts – After several Postings for these meets having no hosts...

1. Mini Distance, December 21-22 – a bid was submitted by PRA for a modified meet – one day Saturday and 25's and 50 events only, plus relays.
2. Mini/B, February 8-9 – a bid was submitted for the Mini sessions only from PRA – this meet will be a two meet with all events being swum. – Motion was made to recommend the verbal proposal to host the December 21-22 meets as stated and also the February 8-9 meet as hosted – Todd(M), Bill (S) – Motion Passed
3. There are also two other clubs that may be able to host the BB meet on February 8-9 and the Distance portion of the February 15-16 meet. They will apprise AGC with their decisions.

VI. New Business

A. Diversity & Inclusion – AGC is to work on including more of the “middle swimmers” with regards to clinics. Charles to discuss opportunities with Dana and Hosea Holder – these will include swimmers that are not yet registered and “Y” swimmers.

B. AGC Annual Schedule – Review

1. Open Bids for LC Meets
2. Announce Zone Coaches for SCY & LCM meets
 - a. There was discussion about having the 11-12 year old swimmers stay without their parents. This will enable more team bonding at that age along with keeping the cost of the trip down. The 10 Under swimmers will still stay with parents. There is a Zone Coaches meeting on November 13th, they will discuss this possibility and then get back to the AGC who will then present to committee and then to BOD. The decision deadline is November 22 so hotel and bus plans may be finalized. The coaching staff is also in process of formulating policy manuals.

VII. Next Meeting – December 9, 2013

VIII. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned Jamy (M), Pete (S) - 9:00pm