

## Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:18pm

## Roll Call

	Position	Incumbent	Present	Absent
1	Technical Planning Committee Chairman	Christine Phelps		X
2	General Chairman	Jim Bowen	X	
3	Administrative Vice-Chairman	Adam Zaczkowski	X	
4	Senior Vice-Chairman	Ryan Callan	X	
5	Co-Age Group Vice-Chairman	Joanne Butters	X	
	Co-Age Group Vice-Chairman	Christine Regelsberger	X	
6	Senior Coach Representative	William Chidsey	X	
7	Junior Coach Representative	Becky Sapio	X	
8	Senior Athlete Representative	Nick Olson	X	
9	Junior Athlete Representative	Nick Burdo		X

## New business

- **Discuss and approve new 13&O 2015 Niagara SCY Championship Standards**

*See Time Standards Proposal* attached.

The committee rejected the proposed time standards and agreed that a combination of those previously proposed by Christine, Joanne and Will would be acceptable. Will offered to prepare the new times standards chart and present it at the next meeting for final approval.

- **Discuss and approve changes to the Championship meet format**

*See Meet Format Proposals* attached.

The committee approved the following items:

- ◆ There will be no bonus events allowed for any events 400 yards or longer.
- ◆ Separate events for 10 & under relays will be eliminated.
- ◆ Qualifying times for bonus events must be checked and verified by the meet host.
- ◆ Only A and B relays will be allowed to score.

## Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 pm
- Plan to meet again on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to approve finalize new standards.

Having spent a large amount of time going through all the materials, I believe we need to restrict the time standard changes to the 15 & Over age group in those events that significantly contributed to the time line issues at last year's meet. These are listed below, with the number of 15 & Over entries highlighted in **RED**.

Session: 1 Thursday Evening Timed Finals

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Time
Finals	5 Women 13 & Over 1650 Freestyle	21/ <b>17</b>	4	1 hour 22 minutes
Finals	6 Men 13 & Over 1650 Freestyle	12/ <b>36</b>	5	1 hour 35 minutes

Session: 2 Friday 13 & O Prelims

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Time
Prelims	11 Women 13 & Over 500 Freestyle	65/ <b>82</b>	15	1 hour 28 minutes
Prelims	12 Men 13 & Over 500 Freestyle	44/ <b>61</b>	10	57 minutes
Prelims	13 Women 13 & Over 200 IM	55/ <b>86</b>	15	40 minutes
Prelims	14 Men 13 & Over 200 IM	32/ <b>48</b>	8	20 minutes

Session: 5 Saturday 13&O Prelim

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Time
Prelims	21 Women 13 & Over 400 IM	34/ <b>61</b>	10	54 minutes
Prelims	22 Men 13 & Over 400 IM	21/ <b>39</b>	6	31 minutes
Prelims	25 Women 13 & Over 200 Freestyle	49/ <b>67</b>	12	29 minutes
Prelims	26 Men 13 & Over 200 Freestyle	35/ <b>48</b>	9	20 minutes

Session: 8 Sunday 13&O Prelims

Round	Event	Entries	Heats	Time
Finals-S	43 Women 13 & Over 1000 Freestyle	38/ <b>47</b>	8	1 hour 37 minutes
Finals-S	44 Men 13 & Over 1000 Freestyle	26/ <b>46</b>	7	1 hour 22 minutes

I recommending we use the times in the 'Jim' column shown below [the number of qualifiers is based on all times from the 2013-2014 season].

Women						Men						
Jim	Qual	Current SCY	Qual	Will	Qual	Event Description	Qual	Will	Qual	Current SCY	Qual	Jim
2:01.79	77	2:03.89	96	2:02.58	85	15 & Over 200 Freestyle	91	1:53.49	93	1:53.59	68	1:50.49
5:25.19	59	5:43.99	128	5:31.63	77	15 & Over 500 Freestyle	78	5:12.07	111	5:21.19	53	5:02.39
11:21.19	27	12:04.49	67	11:33.93	41	15 & Over 1000 Freestyle	45	10:59.72	62	11:24.49	33	10:44.19
19:13.39	32	20:12.59	43	20:12.59	43	15 & Over 1650 Freestyle	51	19:15.43	56	19:46.69	35	18:11.09
2:16.79	57	2:24.79	141	2:19.90	87	15 & Over 200 Individual Medley	101	2:10.36	115	2:12.29	61	2:05.29
4:56.99	47	5:13.29	98	5:09.08	87	15 & Over 400 Individual Medley	68	4:49.09	68	4:49.09	37	4:32.09

## Proposals

1. Remove 10 & Under relays and only have 12 & Under same format as we do for 13 & Over. If this is not favorable do 11-12& 10 & unders as separate relays.

-Streamlines meet

-Can't think of a reason why they should be separate especially when most 10 and under swim 12 and under and there are no 10 and under relays for boys and only a hand full for the girls.

2. Have qualifying times for Relays all ages. If not favorable have it for 12 and unders only.

-Creates another criteria that is reachable for swimmers to strive for as a TEAM. Which is hard in this sport. I feel relays are an extremely important part of the sport and creating qualifying times for Champs helps bring your upper level swimmers coming together as a team to make a cut time prior to championships.

-Helps to ensure that the "relay" belongs in the meet. It's arguable that if 4 10 & under boys make the 50 breaststroke cut, they then can swim all relays and score. I wouldn't argue that those kids without a doubt belong at championships but that doesn't mean they should swim all relays or any. It devalues the relays. It devalues it because we are currently using relays as a bonus for our kids at championships and they should be something that is strived for and earned just as every individual event is.

-Cut times can be created by taking the individual cuts for the select parts of the relay and add them up and multiple by a factor (say 3%).

-OME would be the easiest used to handle relays entries. OME has been used already for the NI Champs, so teams do have experience doing it. OME also check times directly to the SWIMS database, Coaches credentials, athlete registration, etc. If a host team does not want to use OME, that's there choice.

3. Enforce "Bonus" cut qualifying times. And have them posted as such as part of meet announcement.

4. A and B relays Only

-helps with timeline issues

\*if not favorable then we need to make sure the only A and B relays are scored as per the meet announcement.

5. Award swimmers that qualify for the NI Championships at the Qualifier meet. Currently I believe we don't allow swimmers swims in finals (practice for that swimmer even if they make the cut also they paid for a prelim/final meet yet remove that right once a cut is achieved) We currently give awards only to swimmers that don't qualify for champs.
5. Age issue with NI champs qualifier and NI Champs. As these meets are a few weeks apart. There is a good amount of swimmers that age up between that time period. They may be to fast for NI Qualifier (which is a great meet to make cuts at but they are to fast) and once they age up they are to slow to swim in there new age group. These swimmers merely fall through the cracks. We should address this.

-Allow swimmers to swim at NI champ qualifier based on there age at NI Champs as it is a qualifier meet and this would ensure that all Niagara swimmers can use it as such.