

Niagara Swimming Age Group Development Group
Conference Call - Wednesday, June 26 @ 8PM



Roll Call (Bold = present)

Molly Brennan / Athlete Rep, Phil Baretela / Coach Rep, **Marci Callan / Chair**, **Kim Corby / Senior Chair**, Mike Cutler / Coach BAAC, **Carly Jones / Coach JETS**, Julia Lamb / Coach METS, **Mark Miles / Coach KRKN**, **Dani Richards / Coach GRAT**, McLeana Schwab / Coach FAST, **Suzanne Sokolowski / Athlete WEBS**, Eric Stimson / Staff

Agenda/Minutes:

- Discuss our purpose/scope:
 - We need to make sure we agree on the scope. Athlete Development is a big area
 - Defining "Age Group" - Lots of different groups that we can capture and serve. We need to make sure that we try to capture everyone.
 - We want to establish a mission statement to keep us on target.
 - Looking at athlete development/sport science as a topic to start. Kids develop differently and at different times. Are we prepared/preparing our coaches for handling those differences?
 - Are we looking at success, looking at development, looking at the "fun" group, or all possibly all?
- Evaluate current NI programming, move in a new direction with education from outside resources
 - Age Group meet models (Kim/Dani), measuring success, identify facilities that can host 10 & u events with a splash component (RIT, SKAN, METS, WEBS), physical fitness/multisport model
 - Athlete Development/ USA Swimming sports science summit, Eric will distribute publication
 - Guest Speakers: Mike Lawrence Illinois, NJ Swimming (Tristan/Stephanie)
 - Resources: Todd Capen Illinois, Alec Haley IN (more to be added) Tony Young IN
- Establish AG swimming population: age groups/8 & u/10 & u/11-14 (11,12,13,14), 15-16, 15-18
 - Level of decline, Eric will provide analytics, how does flex play in
 - Look at 8 and under, 10 and under, and single age groups through 14 (for now).
 - Separate genders so they can be viewed independently

Upcoming calls: 7/24, 8/21 (information will be distributed to group)

- Establish Mission Statement - shape around LSC, tells a story, a couple of sentences
- Ultimate goals –develop and design a quad plan of AG events, select an AG chair