

Niagara Swimming Age Group Development Group
Conference Call - Wednesday, July 24 @ 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, Jim Stromski (Guest)

- Minutes from the June meeting were approved with no corrections.
- Sports Science Summit
 - Mike Lawrence – has agreed to meet (virtually) with our group
 - Would like to start off by setting some topics for Mike
 - Comparison to the ADM
 - Development of 11-14
 - Keeping and retaining this age group
 - Possibly have a call that has a specific topic for him discuss and then go a few weeks (4-8) and then have either a follow up or move on to a new topic if we're at that point.
- Age Group Committee Mission Statement (first pass)
 - To provide a place for all young swimmers to develop a foundation that allows them to accomplish their dreams and goals in and out of the pool.
 - Core-Values
 - Fun environment
 - Inviting
 - Enjoyable
 - Competitive
- Age group job description
 - Mike, Marci, and Eric have a draft going.
 - Major item is to pull the Zone Team responsibility away from the AGC
 - Separate position but this person will work with the AGC regarding the Age Group Chair
 - Marci, Mike and Eric will have a formalized draft for the committee to review/approve at the next meeting. It will then need to go to the BOD from there.
- 10 and Under Facilities Review
 - Looking for venues that offer “fun” stuff for kids in conjunction with a competition pool.
 - RIT (lazy river), SKAN, WEBS (Jungle Joe), and METS (Swim Jitsu) are all good examples.
 - Need to look into cataloging ideas and facilities that have unique offerings or established fun ideas!
 - Would be good to create a survey for athletes to tell us what fun things they would like to do in conjunction with swimming/meets.
- Midwestern “exploratory” meet formats
 - Kim recently sent out a message to a handful of LSC's. We are waiting to see if we get any feedback/responses.
 - Mike Cutler may also have some additional contacts