

13 July 2020 Swimposium Committee Meeting Notes

Concerns:

1. Face to Face not prudent: not good to bring athletes together for Swimposium. Coaches concerned that athletes attending could spread the virus and cause teams to be out of practice for several weeks. Parents concerned about having child attend a face-to-face event. Not good to put people at risk when we can do the event next year.
2. Hybrid: spreads out the resources--better to do only remote. Difficult to get someone at home to have similar experience.
3. Athletes suggested not having a Swimposium but a pre-recorded awards video that gets sent to the members of the LSC
4. Swimposium as a remote event: will not be popular since many are having "remote overload."
5. Swimposium as a remote event: Athletes feel that Swimposium as a remote only event could not be worthwhile.
6. Athletes concerned that large group remote events do not work well. 50+ people online classes have problems because people are not used to them; it is awkward to speak up in them. Easy to talk over people.
7. Athletes concerned that large group remote events might not work well with younger kids.
8. Swimposium as a remote Saturday event: Athletes concerned that school may be remote, and youth would not be interested in another remote activity.
9. Swimposium as a remote event: risk not having people participate. Put effort and people not interested.
10. More athletes participate
11. Concerned that we will not get the participation from coaches to determine the 2020 awards, such as coach of the year.

Factors to Consider for Planning Swimposium:

1. Length: not too many sessions/group
2. Cost of attending: People are not going to come if the costs too much. Cost to attend needs to be minimal or free. If it costs anything probably not going participate.
3. Video option gives athletes the choice to participate rather than feel like they have to participate. Athletes can watch according to what suits their needs.
4. If athletes are excited about the video, then parents and coaches should get behind this.
5. Kids are Zoomed-out that needs to be factored.
6. Officials training is better with other officials: this is possible to do through Zoom
7. Swimposium: keep the Swimposium name off this year's event to preserve it as the full event.
8. Athletes Leadership Summit: virtual
9. The overall objective of Swimposium to be social does not sufficient to risk having people gather face to face.
10. Swimposium done for athletes: if they are not excited about a remote Swimposium, then need to consider other activities.
11. Preserve the integrity of Swimposium is, and anything else is not worth our efforts.
12. Good to include all athletes: recognizing only those who have won awards and not offering anything to anyone else.

13. Help the LSC know that we are all in this together. We are all one LSC even though we are only seeing our teams. Swimposium brought different people together. We are Utah Swimming, and we will still be competitors together.

Ideas Presented by Swimposium Committee Members for Swimposium

1. Swimposium as a prerecorded one hour video:
 - Awards
 - Keynote Speaker that motivational: speak about things that make kids excited about swimming and getting back in the water.
 - Video: needs to be edited so that it is interesting and professionally done (music, cool transitions)
 - Awardees tape their speech
2. Coaches and officials can have their own sessions
3. Remote can be promoted by coaches to their clubs.
4. Could consult Cecil on how to make videos engaging, but ideas have to work for younger kids.
5. Awards: Those that receive rewards need to be recognized.
6. Cost: free might attract younger kids and their parents that would drive to Provo.
7. Remote: more people participating and let people know what the LSC is about. Can show that the LSC is active.
8. Athlete rep, coach rep, senior swimming rep, and age group rep to make it real and reach to the 4 best coaches in the country. Talk to the coaches thanks for your hour.
9. Activity that hits on the majority of the LSC.
10. Clubs determine how to have their team participate.

Vote: Committee members voted in favor of recommending to the board a remote-only Swimposium for 2020.