

Senior Committee Minutes

8/29/22

Call to Order

Zachary Hojnacki, Senior Committee Chair, called the August 29th, 2022 Senior Committee Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

In Attendance

Zac Hojnacki (Chair), John Alaimo (Committee Member), Keith Green (Committee Member), Mary Graze Guzzino (Athlete Member), Mary Fleckenstein, Annette Mackrel, Jeff Chu

Minutes

Senior METS Financial Report

Zac Hojnacki presented a general overview of meet finances. '21 LC and '22 SCY meets showed profits, but '22 LCM will come in at a significant loss. Mary Fleckenstein noted the '21-'22 P&L used was not up to date and will provide a more recent copy. Discussion surrounding the reasons for that included noting that fees have decreased since Policies and Procedures were no longer frozen for the '22 LC meet, and that officials' travel fees were significantly higher than in previous years. Additionally, pool rental fees have risen. Consensus that action is needed to ensure that there is ample flexibility to adjust meet fees as needed to combat rising costs to keep the meet at a break-even point.

Motion: To propose at H.O.D a new fee structure that allows up to but not in excess of a \$12/event fee and \$20/athlete surcharge. Motion Carries.

Senior METS Format

Discussion regarding the Sunday timeline exceeding contract hours and generally running late into the evening. A variety of possible solutions were discussed. Proposals regarding limiting the relays to A finals at night or removing the 400 F.R. had opposition and so did not move forward. The following recommendations were made:

Motion 1: To propose at H.O.D. a revision to the P&P surrounding Sunday start times, with a 4:00 p.m. WU – 5:00 p.m. Start on Sunday evening following the conclusion of the distance session. Motion Carries.

Motion 2: Recommendation for technical planning committee to review the distance event lineup, specifically with respects to the W1000 and M1650 on Thursday, and W1650 and M1000 on Sunday. Motion Carries.

Discussion regarding the addition of the 200 Free Relay to the meet occurred. Consensus was that the change would bring additional excitement to the meet and engage additional athletes. A motion was made as follows:

Motion 1: Recommendation for technical planning committee to review the addition of the 200 Freestyle Relay to the end of the Friday evening finals session. Motion Carries.

Discussion occurred regarding time trials being exempt from the 6 individual event limit for the meet. Consensus was that this change would be a net positive and would be feasible in the context of our existing structure and timelines. A motion was made as follows:

Motion 1: Recommendation for technical planning committee to permit athletes to swim in up to 1 time trial per day, 3 time trials total for the meet, with those events not counting towards the 6 individual event limit. Motion Carries.

General discussion occurred regarding the requirement that teams have ATP certified meet marshals and how that impacts the Senior METS meet. It was decided that a multi-pronged approach will be utilized, including reviewing the formula weighing the value of job assignments, a preliminary sign-up allowing teams to identify their eligible meet marshals in advance, and communication at H.O.D and other mechanisms so teams are prepared for the change.

Committee chair Zac Hojnacki noted that college commitments will be collected from teams and posted on the website moving forward.

Adjourn

Zac Hojnacki adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Hojnacki
Senior Committee Chair