

**Florida Swimming
Technical Planning Meeting
4/21/2013
Orlando, Florida**

Those in Attendance: Sherwood Watts, Jeff Smith, Helen Kelly, Doug Schuster, Dale Porter, Matt Wilson, Erin Crabtree

Meeting was called to order by Doug Schuster at 12:17 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda:

Dale—FLAGS recommendations

Structure of the Season

Set 2014 Summer BID Champ dates

Input on All Star, FLAGS dates

Discussed the \$2000 for the senior meet: It was a last minute meet like the Grand Prix meet. Discussion has been ongoing regarding a 3 or 4 day meet vs. a one day meet. The money was approved. There was a motion to table the discussion. Charlie was not present to discuss and he was in charge of the meet.

Area 3 Meet: 1200 plus kids at the area 3/5 meet. Ran two 10 lane pools. It was prelim/final

Area ¼ meet: Two 8 lane courses. 700 plus swimmers and ran times finals.

Dale Porter: Championship Meet review: 900 swimmers at FLAGS. SYS ran a great meet. The admin refs were looking at the meet letter. Matt Wilson will look at the meet letter. Jeff asked if the meet ref could be assigned earlier. Discussed a provision for change to the meet letter to adapt to situations/ conditions. The changes would be announced at coaches meetings.

Late entry provisions: There were several late entries (3 teams). They were happy to pay to get in.

Dale Porter asked where that money went? Helen will follow up to be sure it went to the appropriate account.

Senior Champs had 700 plus swimmers. Matt Wilson stated that there were warm up issues.

2014 BIDS and Schedule: There was a request to take the order of events off of the BID process. Matt Wilson stated that in 2013 B champs and Gator meet were on the same

weekend. Can we move East B and not West B? Doug Schuster stated that East was on Dec. 14th.

Doug stated that Spring 2014 champ dates are set. FLAGS are July 17-20, Senior Champs are 7/24 – 27, Age Group Zones are 7/29 – Aug. 2nd. Jeff would like southern zone sectionals to be at Florida Gold Coast.

Motion to accept dates, seconded, **Approved**

Additions:

Ira has asked that we return Age Group champs to proceed senior champs 12 and under single age, and that 13-14 move to senior champs. He suggested that we eliminate collegiate athletes/ 1 open, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 age groups at senior champs. 40 swimmers to come back at night.

Doug stated that he supports single age groups.

Sherwood suggested that we test it out at age group meets.

Jeff asked Ira to research more info. bring info to October technical planning meeting.

Matt suggested that we take out 14s and see how it affects timeline

800 relay was discussed.....it had good reviews . Was suggested that it stays in format.

The order of events was discussed...as well as the option to swim distance events in a.m. Sherwood Watts brought up the idea of FLAGS before senior champs. The all star meet is too late, progression of athletes in the long course season. The summer season goes FLAGS then Senior champs. Doug stated that he would do some more research on the order of events and return to the group.

It was suggested that we add a team to the All Star meet.

The selection would then be top 4 as opposed to top 6.

Doug will schedule an online meeting to discuss spring 2015 dates. Sherwood suggested that it go into writing that if you are an area rep and can't make the meetings that you sent an alternate.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cashel Mack, FL Secretary