

Chapel Hill Summer Swim League

Nov 9, 2011

In attendance:

Dana Campell (HHCC), Tiki Gwynee (HHCC), Rikki Mangrum (FARMY), Julie Jennings (FARMY), Krish Gieb (HRHST), Frances Houck (HRHST), Maripat Metcalf (SVGC), Melinda Abrams (SVGC), Celeste Cantrell (EXSC), Jeanne Taekman (EXSC), Karoline Nelson (CHCCR), Meg McDaniels (TCST)

The meeting came to order at 7:35 with Meg McDaniels presiding.

Agenda Items

Old Business

1. Approval of minutes from Oct 2011
2. Treasures report
3. 2012 Calendar

New Business

1. Relationship between HH and CC - discussion
2. Exhibition swims - discussion/clarification
3. Date for next meeting

Old Business

1. Minutes from Oct 2011

Discussion of the minutes from Oct 2011.

- Under financial report.. change food donations to food purchased.
- The Champs date is listed as tentative in the minutes. This is because we have not gotten the final confirmation from Khory, but according to Meg, Clara indicates the date is 99.9% certain.

Motion to pass the minutes as amended (Frances H). Second from Julie Jennings. Passed with no dissent.

2. Treasurers report.

Meg M reports that Mark Costley did not send invoices to the teams with outstanding dues from 2011, but please move forward on paying the league dues.

3. The 2012 calendar - Option A versus Option B

Discussion: Key Points

- 8 dates to choose from once CHCCS graduation weekend and the weekday of 4th of July were excluded.
- Champs is always the 3rd Sat in July
- There was an interest in reducing the number of meets held before CHCCS are done.
- Three home meets in a row is a concern (two teams are in this position with one of the proposed calendars (Frances).
 - This would be a real problem for recruiting volunteers (Maripat)
 - 1-2 practices in between meets means there is no time to learn
- That's challenge that we face in with our 11 week calendar (Meg)

- Dana loved having three in a row.
- The parents who volunteered on Wed volunteer on Wed and the ones on the weekends volunteer on the weekends.
- Can we have a swim meet on July 11? General consensus was that this is cutting it too close to when Champs entries are due.

CHCCR cannot host on the 16.

Option B is preferred so that there is a meet later in the year when the swimmers are stronger.

MOTION: SVGC that we discuss only **Option B**. Motion was seconded. **Motion Passed** with no dissent.

Switching the meets listed for June 20 and 27

Discussion: SVGC proposes switching June 20 and 27 to spread out the home meets for the two teams that have 3 meets in a row at home in a short time period.

This would conflict with the traditional "bye" schedule - but it was determined that we could agree on a changing the bye schedule for 2011 only since the change does not affect the team hosting Champs. We will return to the traditional pattern of "byes" for 2012.

Individual teams can negotiate a change in their dual meet if needed.

Motion: To amend the Option B calendar by switching the meets for /627 to and 6/30 (SVGC). Motion seconded (HHCC).

All were in favor; **motion passes**.

Calendar B as amended was adopted for the 2012 season.

****Need to attach approved calendar****

New business

1. Discussion: The partnership between HH and CC.

- It was noted that you need to be a member at HH to be on the swim team.
- Historically CC can not host swim meet since no coach or parent rep from CC. For years, there was no parent rep from CC, Dana is trying to find out if there is a parent who would do it.
- There is a commitment to keeping CC in the CHSSL, since we want to offer kids who don't belong to private clubs the chance to swim, so kids can be in CHSSL via the CC and or the Sportsplex.

This was a discussion item; no action was taken.

2. Discussion: Exhibition swims - not clear what they are or when used.

Clarification and discussion requested on the role exhibition events - in section 4a item 2 of the by-laws indicates "no scoring exhibition events may be scheduled at the discretion of the coaches".

Background: Historically used to allow kids to swim an individual event as a "exhibition event" to see if they can swim a new stroke or try something new.

HOWEVER, the text could be read to mean add in a whole new event - like a 500 free for "Fun". Note that later the by-laws indicated that exhibition swims may not be added if there is an increase in the number of heats. That would slow down the meets but is hard to predict. Traditionally, "exhibition swimmers" are deck entries. Note that exhibition events are *at the discretion of the coaches* -coaches from both teams have to agree (refer back to the original section in the by-laws).

Key points:

- Give kids a chance to try thing - can't determine the number of heats very much ahead of time.
- Some confusion last year - not realizing that some swimmers were exhibition swimmers. This is a problem for scorers, data entry folks.
- More swims can create a big challenge with larger teams.
- Card has to say it is an exhibition swim so the data entry and scorekeepers don't get confused.
- Counts for placement in Champs but not in the dual meet
- Don't want it to snow ball into changing the heat sheets and stuff (Julie)
- Exceptions can expand and this is an area that opens up potential for conflict and bad feelings
- We need to keep this in a spirit of fun

Questions to answer Is there a way to discourage this without creating bad feeling? What do other swim leagues do? What is the history of this process
Meg will ask around. Someone will ask Steve Matson and Kim Issacs, too.

Put this on the agenda for next meeting with more information from other leagues and history.
This was a discussion item; no action was taken.

3. Discussion: Next meeting - Wed Feb 1 7:30 at the Tennis Club, HRST is next up to do the minutes.

- Confirm Champs date of 7-21-12
- Get ribbons settled to order during February
- Determine if a change to exhibition events is warranted.

Motion to adjourn from SVGC, HRHST seconded. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Maripat Metcalf, SVGC