

Competition Committee Report presented to the BoD at the January meeting

The following motion and notes were taken from the 2012 Winter Competition Committee Meeting held on Tuesday January 3. All motions below should be considered as recommendation and await approval from the Board of Directors.

- Order of Events for Friday of October Open – There have been inquires as to the possibility of changing the order of events for the Friday night session of October Open, so that the 13 & O swimmers swimming the 1000 yd freestyle can get out of the meet earlier Friday night, since they have to be back at the pool first thing Saturday morning.
 - **Motion to change the order of the Friday night Distance Session of the October Open to 12 & U 200 Back, 13 & O 200 Back, Open 1000 Free, 12 & U 500 Free, seconded and approved.**
- Club Meets – The following clubs submitted request to place their meets on PVS Schedule.
 - April 1 – August 31, 2012
 - RMSC – Maryland States, KSAC, 6/1-3/12
 - September 1 – December 31, 2012
 - MAKO – Fall Invite, GMU, 10/6-7/12
 - HAAC – Harvest Moon, Herndon CC, 10/6-7/12
 - AAC – Fall Gator Mini Meet, WL, 10/27-28
 - FAST – Odd Ball Challenge, Fairland, 11/17-18/12
 - CUBU – Pilgrim Mini Meet, Claude Moore, 11/18/12
 - MAKO – Holiday Invite, GMU, 12/1-2/12
 - CUBU – Tom Dolan Invite, UMD, 12/6-9/12
 - PM – Winter Classic, GMU, 12/6-9/12
 - **Motion to accept the recommendation of the Competition Committee to accept the above club meets and add them to the PVS schedule for April 1-August 31, 2012 and September 1-December 31, 2012, seconded and approved.**
- Election for Assistant Coaches for Short Course Spring Zone- **Motion to accept Marye Carter-CUBU, Bruce Andersen-HACC, Scott Bryant-PM, Brittany Vocke-MACH, Tony Murray-FAST, Derek Young-AAC as Assistant Coaches for the PVS 2012 Eastern Zone Team, seconded and approved.**
- Election for Head Coach and Assistant Head Coach for LC Summer Zones - **Motion to accept Steve Menard as Head Coach and Scott Bryant as Assistant Head Coach for the PVS 2012 Summer Eastern Zone Team, seconded and approved.**
- Finals at Jr/Sr Champs - BoD defeated the recommendation to change the number of heats at Junior/Senior Champs Finals, 3 heats of Senior Final and 1 heat of Junior Finals.
 - Many in attendance were very disappointed in Board decision to defeat this recommendation and would like to know why the board did not vote the way the Competition Committee.
 - A suggestion was made to start Finals about 20 minutes early and run 3 heats of Finals for Senior Champs and 2 heats for Junior Champs.
 - Several members of the felt that the PVS Coach Reps should have better represented the voice of the Competition Committee, and were disappointed they the wishes of the CCM were not properly voiced at the Board Meeting in October.
 - Some members of the body feels that the proposal for the number of heats at finals (3 for Senior Champs and 1 for Junior Champs) should be revisited during the next Board meeting.

- Other members of the body expressed that they feel that 1 heat for Junior Champs as finals is not enough and if we revisit the issue then we should consider 3 heats for Seniors and 2 for Juniors.
 - **Motion to take the proposal for the number of heats at Junior and Senior Champs; 3 heats of Seniors and 2 of Juniors to the Board of Directors, seconded and approved.**
- 2012 14 & U JO Proposals – There has been a significant amount of discussion regarding the upcoming JO/AG Championships. The following proposals were made in attempts to ease the timeline and to benefit the athletes, coaches and working officials. All members of the Competition Committee were reminded that while these changes are recommended and possibly accepted, if the splash numbers increase from the predicts 4000-4500 to 5000 or higher, then all start times will go back to the times originally proposed.
 - **Motion to move the boys 10 & U 500 to Sunday, second, approved (1 opposed).**
 - **Motion to swim the top 8 seeds of the 10 & U boys and girls 500 out of prelims and add them to the Sunday night Finals session, seconded, approved.**
 - **Motion to move all 13-14 preliminary session warm up back 30 minutes (WU 6:30, 8:00 start), second, approved.**
 - **Motion to move the 10 & U session 25 minutes earlier (WU 1:30, 2:30 start), second, approved.**
 - **Motion to move the start of finals 30 minutes earlier (WU 4:45, 5:45 start), seconded and approved.**
 - **Motion to swim all 800 Free Relays during the prelim session for the 13-14 session on Friday, seconded and approved.**
 - **Motion to rearrange the order of the events during the Thursday Distance session to start with the 1000/1650 yd Freestyle take a warm up break and then do the 11-12 500 yd Freestyle, second, approved.**
- UMD for March 2013 JOs - Carrie Tupper, the UMD Aquatics Director, confirmed that University of Maryland is available. By going with UMD there must be the understanding that the cost of running the 14 & U JOs meet will be increased. Do we pay for this increase by charging a higher entry fee JOs only or do we spread the cost across all meet entries all season?
 - **Proposal – pay for UMD for 2013 AG Champs by increasing the 2013 entry fees for Junior Champs, Senior Champs and JO's by \$2 , seconded**
 - **Friendly amendment: Proposal that we secure UMD for 2013 SC 14 & U JO's, seconded and approved.**
 - **Motion the board considers a \$2 per entry fee for the 2013 Championships meets (Senior, Junior and JO's), seconded and approved.**
- Touchpad usage proposal –
 - **Motion to run all PVS meets (not club meets) without touch pads. PVS meets (Opens and Distance meets) would use buttons and stop watches only. This does not apply to the PVS Championship meets, seconded and defeated.**
 - If pads are no longer rented out by PVS or used at PVS Open/Distance meets, then all clubs will have to work on getting their share of timers.
 - Pads are the most expensive pieces of equipment that PVS maintains. They are heavy and bulky to move from site to site. The wear and tear on touch pads is getting too expensive for PVS to reasonably maintain.
 - Pawlowicz has talked to other teams and was told that many LSC's don't use pads for their club meets and were shocked to hear that we use pads for almost all our meets.

- After the November Open, Jim Thompson looked at some data, how many times adjustments were made due to pad malfunction; for 10 & U 50%, 11-12 25% and 13 & O about 20%. Contrasted with Senior Champs where the pad usage was 99% correct, but this was a GMU with their own equipment. So they also looked at a MAKO meet that runs their meet at GMU with GMU equipment too and the numbers were similar to the November Open.
 - As a coach, it is easier to say to a swimmer, “the pad didn’t go off because you didn’t hit the wall hard enough”. Having pads is easier for coaches to help teach/train our swimmers to swim with pads, which is what is expected “at the next level”.
 - There was a concern regarding backstroke starts, many pools have a slippery sides. Using touch pads helps the swimmer get a better grip at the start.
 - If we move all championship meets to UMD and GMU then there will be less need for pads for Champs meets because at those facilities we use the facility’s equipment.
 - There is a need for splits from the pads in meets. It is important for the swimmers to be able to look at their splits. Often times coaches have multiple swimmers in a heat and cannot get splits on all swimmers as the same time.
 - There are more and more meets where NT are allowed, so getting lead off split are needed and important.
 - There is a large line item in the budget to purchase equipment, so buy it.
 - The concern is that while PVS has the money to buy the equipment, there is not currently enough in the budget to maintain the equipment.
- Distance Event Qualifying Times – The Distance sessions at PVS Open meets and at the January Distance meet are getting longer because more and more swimmers are participating in them.
 - **Motion to lower the Distance qualifying times for 1000yd/800M to 14:00 and 1650yd/1500M to 23:00, seconded, approved.**
 - **Motion to lower the 13 & O entering the 1000yd/800M Free, requiring a 500yd/400M time to 6:30, and a 1000yd/800M time of 13:30 to enter the 1650yd/1500M Freestyle, seconded and approved.**