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1. On location everyone was thrilled.

2. Meet size was comfortable and allowed for down time between morning and afternoon sessions. And about 2 hours between the 10 & under sessions and Finals.

We ended up with about 5150 splashes (up about 300 from last year), and over 1300 athletes.

3. The order of relays needs to be switched for 13-14 and 11-12. Currently the 11-12's swim their relay first then go immediately into an individual 200 yard event. With three sessions in past years that wasn't an issue since we didn't have the option of flipping events.

4. Some coaches felt the atmosphere at Finals wasn't as electric as past years. Maybe because the facility is more open?

5. Some felt the meet was 'too slow' in terms of qualifying times. Only 2 coaches to be exact.

6. Because of how swimmers entered and left the pool area, we could put this information in the MA so parents know how to get their kids after the meet.

Better yet, on our Driving Directions page we can add notes on each facility that has specific protocols.

7. Hospitality meals were great. There was a feeling that between meals hospitality was a little light. Which goes to show we've spoiled our coaching / officiating body over the years.

8. Some coaches thought warm ups for the 11 - 14 sessions were a little crowded, while others were fine. With 1 hour 20 minutes there was ample time and space if coaches planned a little better. The last 15/20 minutes of warm ups the pools were fairly light on swimmers.

8. Given the timing system had a few hiccups the question was raised as to whether it was checked beforehand. Granted there are no college meets being swum here, there were 2 big PVS meets run back in December.

9. It was suggested we look into order of events that we could rearrange every few years. This thought was raised specifically for the benefit of those kids who swim Sunday events and are always on the last day. Could we enhance our 12 and under flyers if maybe from time to time these events were earlier in the meet. Maybe create two meet formats and flip every three years is one thought.

10. The possibility of moving a 10 and under event to Thursday to alleviate the load a little.

In conclusion, I think the meet ran very well, as it usually does. Being at a different facility than the past several years presented us with some different challenges and possibilities. The

challenges are easily addressed, such as adding some notes regarding where athletes enter and exit the pool for example.

Because of the configuration of the second course, there is not enough room to provide chairs for timers. Most of you have probably seen the email that was sent which cited, among other things, this situation. A thought when running dual course at UMD is to recruit more timers for the deep end course, even though it's challenging enough to secure the minimum number of timers. Extra timers would make it possible to provide some relief for those parents who have difficulty standing for long periods of time.

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