

Southern Maine Swim League Coach Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 2013 4pm Deering HS Room 126

In attendance: Jack Hardy- NYA AD, Mel Craig- Deering AD, Angie Marcotte- Deering, Mike Bartley –Cape Elizabeth, Lee Crocker-Portland, Rob Card – SoPo, Ryan Green – SoPo, John Stevens – Waynflete, Laura Branch – Gorham, Katy Gannon-Janelle – Falmouth, Sue Donaher – Kennebunk, Sue Albert Kennebunk, Dave Cox – Falmouth, Ben Raymond – Cape, Heidi Randall – Kennebunk, Peter Small – Windham, Kathy Leahy – TA, Rob Hale – Greely, Jon Jacques – Sanford,

Agenda:

Sportsmanship Voting:

- Concerns about MPA Sportsmanship voting. May want to vote for teams they do not see regular season. Is it possible not to be limited to a Class (A vs. B)
- Clarification of process, what is intent vs. what is happening. Intent of teams discussing amongst themselves “what does sportsmanship mean”? Each school considers their own standards along with the MPA Sportsmanship statement. Moving forward: Having AD’s educate their coaches early in the season so they can talk with student-athletes. Coaches comfortable with process with some “kinks worked out”
- How does the MPA decide a statewide winner with such a variance of conferences?
- Recommendations to Swim Committee to have the Swim bulletin match current MPA practice.

Diving:

- Coach Green spoke to diving. Gave a summary handout identifying why diving is important, what is wrong, how to fix it and an alternate format for Regional and State Championships.
- Coach Bartley supported the proposal but has concerns about availability of board time.
- Is going out of NFHS rules and regulations an option? Swim Committee
- Committee conversation will the ratio between the “haves and the have not” schools – coaches generally agreed with this statement by AD Hardy. Limited options, again with facility and coach availability. Schools with divers have a strong advantage.
- Is there a feasible option to have a separate Diving Individual State Championship – points not counting towards swim teams?
- AD Hardy made a request to have someone run the numbers with the last several years of State Championships “with” and “without” diving scores. Coaches Leahy and Branch assumed this responsibility.
- Coach Bartley would like to see the diving coaches offer clinics to generate interest in the event.

Post Season Meets:

South-southwesterns

Request for Kathy and Rob to share these concerns with Jerry

- Meets did not start on time – volunteers not called early enough to get set up – warm up time ran over – late with the results (end of the next day) – programs had no records or state cut times – post results closer to where the coaches are not in the hall – no relay cards

North-southwesterns

- No issues

Rob clarified that he had asked the officials if they could run both meets on the same weekend. They do not believe they have enough officials to do both.

Concern with the limited numbers of Hyde swimmers in dual meets. It created many more tri and quad meets. Request from the coaches to remove Hyde from our schedule.

Coach Stevens from Waynflete supports being separated from Hyde and scheduled individually. He will discuss this with Ross Burdick (Waynflete AD) for Ross to bring back to the WMC.

Reg season schedule input:

- Concern expressed with balancing the “McAuley factor” - need to work to create more opportunities for boys. Tri meets happen at the AD level – Rob only schedules duals.

All Conference Team:

- Coach Hale reviewed the times and produced a list. All coaches reviewed the list and agreed to the All Conference Team. Rob will sent electronically by 11am March 15, 2013. Coaches have until then to send changes/corrections.
- Can Jack and Mel ask the SMAA and WMC ADs to support the creation of a SMSL Certificate and not the WMC/SMAA. This would list all of the schools in the SMSL.

Next Steps:

*Mel will send minutes to Jack to bring to Swim Committee

*Rob and Kathy will discuss SW with Jerry

*Rob Card announced his retirement from SoPo after 27 years.

*Mel & Jack will request permission from their respective leagues to purchase all-conference certificates.