

## **YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Meeting Summary September 14-15, 2009**

### In Attendance

Committee Members in Attendance – Joel Black, Steve Corrie, Gary Cox, Greg Eggert, Jim Everett, Karen Ferrara, Meredith Griffin, Mike Leonard, Jeff Moryan, Bob Turner

Committee Members Absent – Bob McDowell, Augie Mendoza, Judith Sharkey

Adjunct Members in Attendance – John Mendell, Ed Miller, Claudia Multer, Glenda Pae, Jim Ryan, Mary Ellen Smolinski, Tom Warrick

Guests in Attendance – Pat Lunsford, Matt Farrell

YMCA of the USA Staff in Attendance – Noel Brendefur, Julie Brown, Mike Espino, Jim Weaton, Julie Brown

### Long Course YMCA Nationals Site Analysis

Noel Brendefur and Julie Brown shared that Georgia Tech and University of Maryland both made proposals to host the meet after 2010.

Parents and spectators at the 2009 Long Course National Championships were randomly surveyed and expressed that they liked Maryland but were concerned about deck space, cost, safety/security, food & hotel options; they would be willing to travel further if the meet moved. Coaches were also randomly surveyed and expressed a stronger desire to go to a different venue for the same reasons.

Atlanta offers more housing (including Georgia Tech housing) and transportation options as well as family attractions and better hotel rates.

Attracting enough officials is a concern because of fewer nearby YMCA swimming programs in the Atlanta area.

### Short Course YMCA Nationals Report

John Mendell reported that the 2010 meet will include a college swimming seminar for swimmers, coaches and parents.

Athletes will no longer be charged for losing their deck credential.

Athletes and parents who purchase meet tickets will receive a voucher to visit the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Coaches and volunteers who do not make it to Hospitality before lunch is gone will receive a voucher to get food in the Community Village.

Time trial qualifying times for 400 IM and 500 Free will be 15 seconds over the meet qualifying time and for the 1000 and 1650 Free the standard will be 30 seconds over the meet qualifying time.

### Long Course YMCA Nationals Report

Glenda Pae reported that following the 2009 meet, the meet committee addressed the communication and protocol issues that were experienced at the meet.

The meet committee will decide on a Coaches Association proposal to move the Men's 800 Freestyle to the final day of competition and move the Women's and Men's 50 Backstroke to the second full day of competition.

### Masters YMCA Nationals Report

Claudia Multer reported that the 2009 meet was one of the largest ever. The Masters subcommittee developed an eligibility statement that will be included in the Masters YMCA Nationals Meet Information.

Masters swimmers who are not full privilege members of the YMCA they are representing in the meet will have minimum program membership standards and will not be eligible to break YMCA National Records.

#### Virtual Meet

Tom Warrick reported that the meet will support results in meters and yards. It will also accept results from YMCA teams in other countries (Australia has expressed interest).

#### YMCA / USA Swimming Initiative to Teach Every Child to Swim

Jim Weaton explained the collaborative effort to teach every child to swim in America. The alliance to educate, inspire and teach will create a national platform, resources and marketing that will launch around Memorial Day 2010. YMCAs and USA Swimming clubs will continue to offer their own learn-to-swim programs but will coordinate their efforts and resources under the banner of teaching every child to swim.

#### Coaches Association Report

Mike Leonard reported that the altitude Camp this year featured written and video logs from swimmers and coaches. The 2010 camp will be August 15-21 onsite at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Coaches at Long Course Nationals again discussed eliminating the qualifying standards in the 50 Fly, Back and Breast events and requiring swimmers to make the qualifying time in the corresponding 100 or 200 in order to enter and swim the 50. After much discussion at that meeting, the majority of coaches in attendance endorsed the proposal.

Coaches Association By-laws were accepted by the Coaches Association Executive Committee and by the Advisory Committee.

#### Officials Report

Ed Miller reported that there will be a series of conference calls with YMCA Swim Officials trainers this fall.

A new YMCA Swim Officials Trainer program format has been created by YUSA. Each geographic group is working to identify an Officials Coordinator.

#### Financial Report

Ed Miller reported that the three national championship meets are financially sound.

#### Sponsorship Report

Greg Eggert and Noel Brendefur shared that Dolphin has signed a sponsorship agreement and negotiations are ongoing with Speedo, Nike, TYR and Keifer.

Because of the state of the economy, the focus is on more value-in-kind commitments

#### Time Standards

Jim Ryan shared the process and guiding principles that the time standards subcommittee followed in the preparation of the 2010 Short Course and Long Course YMCA National Championship standards.

The goals for participant numbers are 1400 for Short Course and 1100 for Long Course. The committee also worked toward a ratio of males to females that mirrors the overall participation ratio.

The 2010 standards would achieve both of those goals.

The proposed time standards were approved by the Advisory Committee.

#### USA Swimming Report

Jim Ryan shared that USA Swimming fundraising, marketing and membership are all strong.

The collaboration between YMCA and USA Swimming is moving forward with efforts to promote the benefits of USA Swimming membership for YMCA swimmers, teams and coaches.

#### Group Representative Report

Glenda Pae reported that group representatives help organize and distribute information to over 1200 YMCA teams and regions around the country.

Team registration procedures and information by region or group is available at

[www.competitiveswim.org](http://www.competitiveswim.org).

#### Diving Report

Gary Cox reported that information and interest in the YMCA national meet has increased now that the USA Diving and divemeets.com websites are including it.

USA Diving has a new High Performance Director and USA Diving performances continue to improve internationally.

#### New Business

The Committee approved that a late entry to YMCA Nationals would be accepted but would be accompanied by a fine, not to exceed \$100, and a letter from the YMCA's CEO or executive director requesting such a waiver.

Mike Espino reported that there have so far been no drownings in YMCA pools in 2009.

An Aquatics Advisory Group has been formed to concentrate on aquatic safety. And an Aquatics Safety Task Group is being formed with participation from YMCA aquatics professionals around the country.