

## **YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Spring 2009 Meeting Summary**

### In Attendance

*Advisory Committee Members:* Jim Everett (Chair), Joel Black, Steve Corry, Gary Cox, Greg Eggert, Karen Ferrara, Meredith Griffin, Bob McDowell, Augie Mendoza, Bob Turner, Tom Warrick  
*Adjunct Committee Members:* John Mendell (Short Course Meet Director), Ed Miller (Officials Committee Chair), Glenda Pae (Assistant National Meet Director and Coordinator of Group Representatives), Bettie Williams (Long Course Meet Director), Claudia Multer (Masters Meet Director), Mary Ellen Smolinski (Webmaster), Jim Ryan (Former Chair and YMCA rep on USA Swimming Board), Hank Mittelstaedt (Site Selection)  
*Group Representatives:* Linda Brooks, Shelley Remaly, Hilary Koppenhaver, Cindy Bowe  
*YMCA of the USA Staff:* Noel Brendefur, Jim Weaton, Julie Brown  
*Special Guests:* Dean Ekeren, USA Swimming

### Short Course YMCA Nationals Report

John Mendell reported that the 2009 meet has 227 teams, 1661 swimmers and 22 divers. Several Olympians will be in attendance. The dates for the 2010 Short Course National Championship Meet will be April 7-10, 2010 (Wednesday-Saturday).

### Masters YMCA Nationals Report

Claudia Multer reported that the 2009 meet has 650 swimmers entered – the largest number in many years. A task force will meet to discuss YMCA membership and eligibility requirements.

### Long Course YMCA Nationals Report

Bettie Williams reported that the host hotel will be the University Marriott on the U of MD campus. The 2009 meet is expected to be larger than in 2008. The Advisory Committee approved a proposal from a coach to permit entries for the 2009 Long Course Nationals meet after the posted deadline, so long as they are new entries resulting from meets, such as USA Swimming championships, held between July 15 and 26, 2009.

### Diving Meet Report

Gary Cox reported that the 2009 meet has one new team and 22 divers competing. The meet is now using divemeets.com for diving entries.

### Coaches Association Report

Mike Leonard reported that the Coaches Association Executive Committee (CAEC) will explore ideas for providing educational opportunities for coaches. Speedo will provide an Olympic Coach to speak at the YMCA Coaches Association Meeting at the ASCA World Clinic in September in Ft. Lauderdale. Efforts will be made to increase communication between the CAEC and the National Advisory Committee.  
[John Mendell and Ed Miller attended the Coaches Association Executive Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 8]

### Group Representatives Report

Glenda Pae reported that group representatives collected statistical data from teams through team registration in 2008-09. This information is being compiled and used to better communicate with teams and better understand the scope of the YMCA competitive swimming and diving program across the country.

The group representatives each reported on the data collection, organization and training in their respective regions

### USA Swimming Report

Jim Ryan reported that the culture within USA Swimming is very welcoming, collaborative and member service driven.

There is much discussion right now in regard to suits.

USA Swimming has an increased emphasis on outreach and diversity efforts. USA Swimming and the YMCA continue to work on Make a Splash campaign for water safety instruction for youth. Noel Brendefur reported on the Make a Splash programs underway in Chicago, Houston and Omaha.

### Conrad Carroll and Joseph Rogers Awards

The Advisory Committee approved a new selection procedure for the Carroll Award and approved keeping Rogers Award nominations active for a period of five years.

Jim Ryan reported that Bruce Griffin is the 2009 recipient of the Rogers Award.

### Sponsorship

Noel Brendefur and Greg Eggert reported that the four major sponsors from 2008 agreed to sponsor in 2009 as well. Some sponsors have expressed an interest to be involved at the grass roots level.

### Officials Committee Report

Ed Miller reported that a crossover certification has been approved by the USA Swimming Officials Committee and the YMCA Officials Committee. A shorter re-certification course has also been designed for very experienced Level 2 officials. The Advisory Committee approved both items.

### Coaches Training

Meredith Griffin reported that more trainers are needed.

### Time Standards

The Time Standards Committee, in consideration of issues related to performance suits and possible regulation of such, will determine the 2010 Short Course Nationals Time Standards and publish them no later than the September Advisory Committee meeting.

### Financial Report

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

Other Action

The Advisory Committee approved new criteria for sanctioning a YMCA championship meet. A subcommittee is working on a virtual YMCA meet to be held during the 2009-10 season. With the help of YUSA and USA Swimming resources and personnel, sites for the national championship meets are being researched.