

Registration Meeting Notes

Minutes Approved

SWIMS Updates and National Age Group Records

- Eric presented an overview of upcoming changes to SWIMS 3.0 and the payment system, set to release on May 7th.
 - Reporting updates are also underway.
 - He also indicated a pause in development due to the Olympic trials and a significant push to implement new features for testing before the freeze.
- Lastly, he discussed updates to the rule book and requested assistance in reviewing national age group records and updating certificate templates.

Adding Coordinator Role for Teams

- Hilary presented a proposal to add a coordinator role to the head coach position for small, privately owned teams.
 - Concerns were raised about potential misuse of the role, with suggestions made to restrict it to certain team sizes and possibly cap the number of athletes a team could have without a second coach.
- Also discussed the idea of assigning a second person to smaller teams to assist in leadership roles, with concerns raised about potential issues such as parental involvement and difficulties in finding a second coach.
 - Considered the idea of working with sister clubs or LSC's to address the issue and the potential for LSC to take on the role of managing and supporting new clubs.
- Finally, Hilary proposed incorporating a new route into the organization's bylaws, which could allow clubs to become recognized without individual recognition, potentially encouraging more clubs to seek recognition.

Team Decision making Process and Club Registration Fee Structure

- Hilary proposed a process to finalize decisions related to team-related issues and Eric emphasized the need for the committee to familiarize themselves with USA Swimming rules and policies.
 - Discussed proposals for a new club registration fee structure, with Susan suggesting a 'single fee' for all clubs and Eric considering non-overlapping fees for different clubs.
 - Open to exploring various options to ensure the new system supports the board's initiative and is fair for all clubs.

Streamlining Club Registration and Administration

- Eric, Angela, Tracy, and Susan discussed the challenges of registering clubs and ways to streamline the process.
 - Angela noted that many LSC's feel overwhelmed at year-end due to last-minute registrations, while Tracy pointed out that some coaches are not good administrators and need constant reminders.

- Eric proposed a solution of proactive communication with clubs and a change to the system to introduce a single, unified fee for all non-athlete roles.
 - Susan and Tracy agreed with this proposal, suggesting that each LSC should be able to determine its own fee, as long as it's the same for non-athletes. This would simplify financial transactions, make the system easier to understand and manage, and remove the fee difference when roles are changed.

Product Meeting and Proposal Discussion

- Moriah sought clarification on the proposal she was drafting, leading to a discussion on the proposal's format and an unspecified deadline.
 - Angela agreed to inquire about existing proposal templates with Eric.
 - Hilary proposed a suggestion regarding the 'sport coordinator by law' and requested feedback on possible issues with the proposal.
 - Susan questioned the interpretation of 'term relation' in the proposal, resulting in further discussion on the term's meaning.
 - Tracy emphasized that their intention was not to restrict team ownership, clarifying the policy of not having two related coaches for larger teams.
 - Hilary suggested that for smaller clubs, it might be acceptable for related coaches but stressed the need for a second, unrelated coach as clubs grew.

Clarifying Domestic Partnership and Cohabitation Terminology

- Susan, Hilary, Angela, and Tracy discussed the concept of 'relation' in the context of domestic partnerships and cohabitation.
 - They debated the terminology and potential confusion around terms such as 'relation', 'domestic partnership', and 'cohabiting', agreeing that these terms could be used interchangeably.
 - Hilary proposed modifying the bylaw to clarify these terms and their application within the organization.
 - Susan and Tracy agreed with this approach, suggesting that educational materials could be provided to help individuals understand these terms.
 - Hilary then decided to email the proposed changes to the group for further feedback.

Event Recon and Follow Up Assignments

- Hilary committed to providing feedback by Friday.
 - Vanessa was assigned the open water event recon,
 - Angela the trials with Susan's help, and
 - Tracy the speedos championships.
 - Loren took the Austin and Huntsville events, while
 - Susan managed Richmond.
 - No one was assigned Sacramento.
- Angela explained that recon files are available one to two weeks prior, and she receives athlete and coach needs to follow up on.

- Loren shared his approach of contacting registrars, coaches, and athletes in order, which Angela endorsed while emphasizing follow-ups on scratches.

DEI Team Updates and Travel

- Angela announced the next meeting was scheduled for May, with a possible interim meeting on May 8th.
 - Hilary's transition to the DEI team, effective from Monday, was also shared, with a plan for her to continue participating in the calls until September.