

Senior Chair Report

2009 NCS Fall House of Delegates

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- I. 2008 Long Course Season Recap
 - a. Olympic Trials
 - i. # of NCS Athletes – 44 Total (90 swims), 13 18 and under
 - ii. # of NCS Clubs Represented – 8
 - iii. Total Travel Fund Reimbursements – \$38,817
 - iv. Thanks to NCS for coach reimbursements – makes it easier for coaches to attend and justify cost and time away to their home clubs
 - b. US Open
 - i. # of NCS Athletes – 11
 - ii. # of NCS Clubs Represented – 5
 - iii. Total Travel Fund Reimbursements – \$4650
 - c. US Junior Nationals
 - i. # of NCS Athletes – 31
 - ii. # of NCS Clubs Represented – 10
 - iii. Total Travel Fund Reimbursements – \$10,385
 - d. Olympic Games
 - i. # of NCS Athletes – 2
 - ii. # of Medals – 1 (C. Jones, Gold – 4 x 100 Free Relay)

- II. 2008-09 National Junior Team
 - a. # of NCS Athletes – 8
 - b. # of NCS Clubs Represented – 4

- III. 2008-09 National Meet Schedule
 - a. Short Course Nationals – December 4-6, Atlanta
 - i. NCS Travel Fund Reimbursement – TBD
 - b. Short Course Junior Nationals – December 11-13, Austin
 - i. NCS Travel Fund Reimbursement – TBD
 - c. US Nationals / World Championship Trials – July 7, Indianapolis
 - d. US Open – August 4, Federal Way
 - e. US Junior Nationals – August 10, Federal Way

- IV. USA Swimming Convention Updates
 - a. 2009 Southern Zone Senior Championships
 - i. USA Swimming has granted each zone \$10,000 to run a zone Senior Championship (club level, not LSC) in the summer of 2009
 - ii. Southern Zone voted to hold the 2009 Zone Senior Championships August 5-8 at Woodlands, TX
 - 1. Purpose – Provide 15 and over athletes a championship meet between Sectionals and Juniors at the end of the summer
 - 2. Time standards TBD

3. Open to 15 and older athletes only
 4. 15-18 age group will be included at currently existing 2009 Zone Champs and evaluated at the next USA-S convention
- b. LSC/Club Development Committee Updates
- i. LSC Development – Concerns over athlete retention especially for novice swimmers ages 11-18
 1. We need to be forward-thinking in how we are serving our Senior Development athletes
 - a. Better meet scheduling
 - b. More opportunities for perceived success – Getting back to a more structured meet schedule
 - ii. Club Development
 1. 2008 membership trends
 - a. Male – 41.8% of total membership (up from 41.6%)
 - b. Female – 58.2% of total membership (down from 58.4%)
 2. 2008 athlete retention rates
 - a. Overall – 70.8%
 - b. 12 & Under – 58.1%
 - c. 13 & Over – 86.5%
 - d. Male – 70.8%
 - e. Female – 70.8%
 3. IMX Program
 - a. There is currently a lack of participation and education on the program
 - b. Clubs need to encourage athletes to earn and know their IMX score
 - c. Clubs are encouraged to develop more IMX-centered competitions and increase opportunities for athletes to compete in IMX events
- V. 2009 NCS Short Course Senior Champs
- a. Note earlier dates this year to provide better progression to Sectionals and work better with HS championship meet scheduling
 - b. Dates – January 29-February 2 @ TAC
- VI. 2009 NCS Long Course Senior Champs
- a. 2008 meet was entirely too large with timelines extending past 2:00 p.m. in the afternoons
 - b. Proposals for smaller, more competitive meet
 - i. Time standard adjustment – based on % drop-off from Sectional standards
 - ii. Redefinition of the meet’s purpose – Is this truly and LSC Senior Championship
 1. Who are we trying to serve?
 2. Are there top- or bottom-end qualifying standards that better define the above group?