

## SWIMMING AND DIVING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rollie Ackerman with the following members present: Mike Ahrens, Chris Mann, Dennis Peters and Scott Weinheimer. Absent: Zane Hugo. Attending from the State Office was Jason Eslinger, Craig Ihnen and Jean Berger.

**Motion by Mann, second by Weinheimer to approve the December 6, 2017 Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee minutes as filed. Motion unanimously approved.**

Eslinger informed Committee it was a great year administratively with no major concerns.

Time standards were discussed. Eslinger was pleased with the number of participants that reached the standards. Time standards for the 2019 season were reviewed. Ackerman feels the sport of swimming is improving because of the timed standards. Ahrens concurs, stating his conference is in favor of the new timed standards. Peters suggested to set the 16<sup>th</sup> fastest time at state as the standard. Weinheimer feels the standard should always be set as an improvement from the prior year.

**Motion by Weinheimer to utilize the new timed standard for 2019, per use of chart presented and discussed at meeting, Mann second and passed unanimously.**

Regional swimming meets were discussed. Feedback was asked regarding the implementation of having a five-minute break after each event. The committee prefers the 5-minute break after each event during regional competition.

The coaches association discussed allowing "B" relay teams to compete at the regional meet. Eslinger stated that management does not support having exhibition swims at a state qualifying meet.

Eslinger stated there were a few issues with some regional sites (no wedge blocks), but stated the importance of utilizing 8-lane pools along with utilizing all of the pools that have eight lane facilities and moving sites around. Mann feels it is beneficial to give some schools a break from hosting a regional.

Briefly discussed the importance of following national rules due to qualifying for American status.

**Several divers were entered into regional meets with having an 11-dive meet.** Eslinger believes that this has a potential to become a safety issue. Ahrens believes that girls must do at least one 11-dive meet prior to regionals. **Motion by Mann, Ahrens second all divers must have a valid 11-dive score before their regional meet. Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee discussed having to make cuts diving cuts at the regional diving cuts. Eslinger is following the rule regarding diving protocol in the NFHS rule book. Committee is in complete support of following national rules.

Judging diving was discussed, along with proposals submitted. One proposal discussed was having a qualifying standard based on a degree of difficulty. **Committee believes that this could become a safety issue with competitors attempted an 11 dives** when they aren't ready to take part in 11 dives. Another proposal centered around having a revolving judging pattern. However, there would be instances where not enough judges from schools would be available at all regional meets.

The State Meet was reviewed. The committee was pleased with the new format at this year's State Meet.

The time schedule was discussed. Eslinger informed Committee having diving on Saturday morning presented problems for the equipment changeover and time constraints. The YMCA/YWCA prefers to change the board only once during the state meet.

Committee discussed the importance of rest time for athletes, and felt strongly preliminaries should commence on Friday night with finals on Saturday.

Committee discussed possible new schedule:

Friday

Diving warm-ups	9:00 am
Diving competition	11:00 am

Swim warm-ups	3:00 pm
Swim competition	5:00 pm

Saturday

Swim warm-ups	10:00 am
Swim competition	noon

Discussed spectator seating. Berger stated there were no seating problems, everyone had a seat with room for more spectators.

Committee expressed concern about spectators lined up outside prior to doors opening. Eslinger informed Committee tents will no longer be allowed outside the venue and informed Committee other restrictions will be in place.

Eslinger and Berger discussed the Ad-Hoc committee and the attempt to tweak schedules in an effort to give schools and students a "dead week" in July. One of the proposals in the schedule change would be to move the start of swimming and also move the regional and state meet up one week. The main conflict of this proposal is that the boys and girls season will overlap by one week. The committee does not like the idea of starting the boys season the same week of the girls state meet week as many of the coaches coach both sports.

Berger asked for Committee's help with enhancing the sport of swimming and diving. The IGHSAU feel the sport is a great product, but there is always room for improvement. Committee suggested more "ticket punched" placards for those who qualify with a timed standard.

Briefly discussed concerns regarding the lack of hotel accommodations in Marshalltown. Eslinger stated the July tornado that hit Marshalltown has left the town still cleaning up and that there are residents and construction crews utilizing hotels. There should be more rooms once clean-up has completed.

Peters informed Committee he believes the officiating is strong in Iowa, but there is always a need for more officials. Eslinger informed Committee there is an official shortage in every sport and it is important for experienced officials to recruit new officials.

The committee extended its appreciation to Scott Weinheimer for his years of service to the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee.

The date for the 2019 Swimming and Diving Advisory meeting will be December 4, 2019.

There being no further business, **motion to adjourn by Weinheimer, Peters second and unanimously approved.**

Heidi Reed  
Recorder