

## **EVENT MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Chaired by Denise Shively

**September 10, 2003**

Meeting was called to order by welcoming all and taking roll of committee members.

On the agenda we had four (4) items that were presented and discussed by all in attendance.

Each are listed below with suggestions to execute.

### **Item #1: Updates on committee members activities**

- Joan McCord reported on the Meet Managers Guide was available to purchase. Needed to get back to body as to cost and if it will be available on disc and/or hard copy.
- Jackie McDaniels reported that the Scoring Manual is in the process of being revised.

### **Item #2: Review of the past year's events.**

A large thank you to all those involved with our events from last year for a great job.

### **Item #3: Topics for discussion for 2004 Championships**

#### **A. Meet Schedules**

- Compression of Age Group and Open meets was met with negativity by many, but the technical vice president and meet managers will be revisiting scheduling to find solutions.
- Better attendance from judges at the Age Groups with more housing available to them and some sort of compensation was discussed. We designated a subcommittee comprised of Denise (events), Pam Edwards (officials), Mary Ellen Wiegand (sites), Jackie McDaniels (scoring) and Karen Rosolowski (treasurer) to review and brain storm ideas to accommodate these issues

#### **B. Size of Meets**

- Recommended to have each team comply with 2003 rules that our foreign competitors have. Consensus was that we would not agree with this recommendation as a committee and that perhaps scheduling could resolve some issues related to size of events. Committee members want to continue to promote the championship as "open."

#### **C. Sponsorships (USSS and LOCs) – not discussed**

#### **D. Scoring issues related to event management**

- Recommended number of computers needed to be added to Meet Management Guide

### **Item #4: Other issues/topics for discussion**

- Mailboxes for officials be available and used
- Scheduling of our US Opens with International Calendar in consideration.
- Important to be aware of FINA/international/Olympic interests such as addition of new events to enhance appeal of synchronized swimming long-term (e.g. combination free routines, trios). Discussed the possibility of making the trio event at U.S. Open a free routine event combining juniors and seniors as a possibility.
- Positive feedback on the change of the figures to the first day event at Junior competitions. Will continue with this schedule.

**\* Report accepted by the Board of Governors on September 14, 2003 \***