

MINUTES
COLLEGIATE COMMITTEE
2004 USAS ANNUAL CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
September 16, 2004

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
 - a. The meeting was called to order by Collegiate Chair, Barbara McNamee at 6 PM.
 - b. Other Committee Members present were Nancy Wightman, Becky Domegan, Linda Witter, Betsy Caza, Lisa Riddell, Heather Olson and Jill Ranucci.
 - c. The new Committee Athlete reps were not identified.
- II. Minutes
 - a. It was moved to accept the minutes.
MSP C. Henderson
- III. Change in Schedule
 - a. A discussion was held on the issue regarding the change in US Nationals occurring prior to US Junior Nationals.
 - i. The Collegiate community is opposed to this change.
 - ii. A brief description from the Competitive Program Meeting was reported by Jennie Harper, Emerging Programs Manager, including the proposed sub committee to research the timing of all US Synchronized Swimming events.
 - iii. A Collegiate Sub Committee will assist the Competitive Program Sub Committee to research the change in the collegiate season.
 - iv. All present members were in favor of the plan to research.
 - v. The Collegiate Sub Committee will consist of the following members:
 - 1. Linda Witter (Chair), Dee Dent, Inga Todd, Betsy Caza, Christy Henderson, and Jennie Harper.
 - 2. A report of their findings will be available for discussion by Collegiate Nationals.
- IV. Rules as submitted and approved at the previous meeting
 - a. It was moved to accept the following wording of Rule V.C.4.
 - i. This committee shall be composed of one representative each from a Division 1 Varsity, Division 2/NAIA Varsity, Division 3 Varsity, Division 1 Club, and one unaffiliated individual knowledgeable of NCAA Rules. One of these individuals shall be the Collegiate Chair and one of these individuals shall be an athlete.
MSP L. Witter
 - b. It was moved to accept the following wording of Rule V.11.g
 - i. Finals: The top 12 routine scores shall qualify for Final Routine Competition. Number 13 shall be the preswimmer. The draw will be held as FINA, with the top six finishing places (1-6) drawing for places 7-12 in the order of draw and the second six finishing places (6-12) drawing for places 1-6 in the order of draw.
MSP L. Witter

- V. Judging at Collegiate Nationals
 - a. Barb McNamee reported that the officials are aware of the problems from the 2004 Collegiate Nationals and are looking into it-especially figures.
- VI. Fee increases for sanctions and membership
 - a. Many collegiate members are opposed to sanction fee increases.
- VII. Schedule for 2004-2005
 - a. This is the first time in the history of the collegiate program that the collegiate schedule has been finalized by convention. However, it is still not soon enough.
 - b. Jennie Harper brought up the discussion on improving regional decision making structure by implementing meetings at the Collegiate Regional meets.
 - c. Kim Wurzel Lo-Porto suggested that team/coach in charge of Collegiate Regionals also be responsible for arranging a date and location during the meet to discuss regional specific information (like issues, schedules, etc.). At these meetings try to set the Collegiate Regionals location for two years in advance with two proposed dates in mind.
 - d. The issue around planning Collegiate Regionals is to work around the zone meets.
 - e. Nancy Wightman reported that the East Zone does a great job about working together to schedule in the Zone Meet, plus the Collegiate Regionals meet and ECACs.
 - f. Everyone is urged to speak to their zone on this matter.
- VIII. Adjournment
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM