

NYS Y Swimming
May 2018 Commissioner's Meeting Minutes (Amended 06/12/18)

Date: May 8, 2018

In attendance: Rich Bleichfeld, Richie Finkelstein, Sandra Gantt, Bill Niblock, Kate Tiedemann, Frank Ranhofer

Absent: Brian Bradstreet, Kevin Capobianco, Annie Fosteris

1. Review of Minutes from the March annual commissioner's meeting. Accepted as written.
2. 2019 Meet Update. Meet planning is well underway and the meet announcement is just waiting on the updated qualification times and order of events. The meet directors will be Richie, Dan Kelly, Huntington and Kelly Donlevy, Cross Island.

Discussed the order of events, to avoid the annual debate about the conflict between the 200IM and 200FL in Session 1. Options include adding an 8th session for early Friday afternoon that would permit either of the conflicted events to be moved to the new session and, perhaps, add events, such as 1,000FR. Another option is to move the events 1-2 (200FL) to the end of Session 1, along with Event 39 (200Mixed Medley Relay) from the end of session 2. At the same time, add a 400 Medley Relay to the end of Session 2 after events 37-38 (200BR), with a planned 10-minute break following event 38.

3. 2020 Meet Update. Pam updated the availability of pools for Cortland to use as hosts. Currently Ithaca is not an option. Cortland College, however, should be considered, despite having a 6-lane pool, as well as little to no handicap access to the pool arena. Alternatively, Rich reports that he has received support for the 2020 or 2021 meet from Y corporate. Currently waiting on quotes from UB and ECC. Rich noted that the pool rates from UB are close to astronomical. Frank noted that while Cortland is a 6-lane pool, the meet has been successfully run at the pool in the past and should still be considered as an option. We have tabled the 2020 meet until June when we will have additional information to make a more informed decision.
4. 2018 State Meet Recap. There was generally complimentary feedback on the 2018 state meet. The facility, officiating and program were notable. There were a few complaints about folks that prepurchased tickets that had to wait longer than folks that walked-up. Richie feels that the QT's might be revisited for the younger swimmers citing the Class E 100 IM. Bill suggested there may be other factors at play, including declining numbers of 8&U swimmers. Still QT's are a means of controlling the number of entries...in both directions and the declining 8&U roles, location of the meet, and whether the host teams permit all swimmers to participate should be considered. Bill will prepare additional data for the June meeting

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5. League Reports. Kate reports White Plains Y is selling their building so they won't be having a team as of now. Kate will be working with Yonkers and Tarrytown with their TM skills. She would like to see more officials from our area. We would be in support of a long course meet but don't know how many kids we could get since we don't swim year-round!! Saundra reports that the Central NY teams will be meeting to plan for the new season. Richie reports that he is losing another coach to pregnancy...perhaps a future Flushing Flyer. Kevin had reported earlier in the month with some suggestions on clarifying the league commissioner's roles.
6. Scholarship/Awards. We have received the required documentation for the scholarships and will wait until we receive payment from the 2018 meet or June 1st, whichever sooner.
7. Long Course Meet Proposal. Bill proposed tabling discussion due to the length of the meeting.
8. Any other Business. Rich mentioned that Dennie Swan-Scott was nominated for National Coach of the Year...very nice. Subsequently, it was learned that Dan Carter, Southern Saratoga and Linda Fetter, Maplewood, were also nominated. Congrats to all!
9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Niblock, Commissioner

06/12/18 - Accepted as amended.