

APRIL BOARD MEETING

Only a few brief points from me...

1. I did some straw polling at JO's regarding the format. There were pros and cons on both sides. For the most part coaches figured they were at the meet for both sessions so it didn't make much difference to them. They did feel that while there was a 5 minute break between events, it was still a fairly quick turnaround for some kids. The obvious answer from most is to tighten cuts. Funny thing is many cuts were tightened from a year ago. While there are many reasons for the larger meet, one thought I had was with finances a little tighter these days, many families may be cutting out activities and kids are putting more time and effort into those activities they are doing. They probably have more energy too.
2. Though Junior Champs was a bit larger this year, it could still use a boost in terms of entries. I've chatted with Riley, Greg, and Bill Marlin a bit on this. Some ideas that came out were to shift over the older kids from 18 and Under Champs via adjusting the cuts.
3. I went to Zones and enjoyed the time up there. While I didn't get to any 10 and Under sessions, the meet ran smooth from what I saw. The coaches seemed to have a very good working relationship with each other and interacted fairly well with the swimmers. One of the coaches thought there could have been a little more time between events. It seemed kids were getting up on the blocks fairly quickly. Maybe running an 8 lane prelim might be an option. I understand this is a topic for the Eastern Zone but thought I would mention it. 10 kids at Finals seemed to be a plus. PVS, fortunately, is not the only LSC struggling to field 15 – 18 year old athletes.
4. Nice job to Bill Marlin for releasing Age Group cuts before the LC meets begin. It seems this is the earliest they've been released.

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