



AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES

Date: May 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 12:01pm

ATTENDANCE

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair
Olga Espinosa Coach
Tristan Formon Coach
Kevin Milak Coach
John Nelson Coach
David Orr Coach
Mona Nyheim-Canales Coach
Cammile Adams Athlete (not present)
Topher Bishop Athlete (not present)
Caleb Swanson Athlete
McKayla Kendall Athlete
Alexis Mendenhall Coach
Dana Skelton **Staff**
Beth Winkowski **Staff**
Nate Chessey **Staff**
Erik Collins (PVS AG Chair) - Guest

ICE BREAKER – What was your favorite part of the Denver USA Swimming Workshop? Face to face engagement, hearing the athletes

USA SWIMMING WORKSHOP – APRIL MINUTES - MSA

OPEN DISCUSSION ON TAKE-AWAY FROM USA SWIMMING WORKSHOP COMMITTEE MEETING / TRENDS FROM ROUNDTABLE

Mona outlined thoughts revolving around developing a tool kit for teams/coaches. My situation is ABC, these are some options that others have tried and / or you may want to try. Potentially AGDC will get some webspace on the USA Swimming site for AG engagement – regional toolboxes. Concept of developing bite sized chunks: size of club, zone, regional geographically based, facility accessibility, postal swims. Seek to develop a drop-down menu-based system with differing options.

There was significant discussion around 4-meet limits / 10-week limit. Is the DCC a program if so, we need to develop a framework? Or is this a tool / guideline for options.

Do we want to tie FLEX Membership to the DCC? Came from VSI comments at the workshop. If both FLEX and DCC are designed to grow the sport, these could move forward hand in hand. Can SWIMS 3.0 handle it? Action item: reach out to Patrick Murphy. DCC would not be limited to just Flex athletes. How do we handle athletes turning 13 in the season? Converting to full / premium membership prior to competing as 13-year-old. LSCs vary so much across the country that a flexibility best practices format would work best for adoption, usage

Goal to draft suggestions for the Board's consideration. A small sub-group (David, Mona and Alexis) will work on this task in the coming days.

WHAT INFORMATION DO WE WANT TO SEE ON THE AGDC WEBPAGE?

The DCC legislation

Best Practices (sortable tool)

Some links connected with our responsibilities connected back to the zones and vice versa, a two-way street

New information that can be used for teams, coaches to share with entry level families

Success stories

Hurdles encountered with potential solutions

FAQ

Why DCC? What's in it for me?

Virtual (postal) DCC Meet pool of teams

Accessible "DCC Swag" for coaches / clubs to pass out for the "instant gratification society"

Coaches Corner

Who would maintain / manage this content?

Make the ADM accessible

Promoting those athletes, numbers from teams that transition DCC to Full Membership

HOW DO WE FOLLOW UP AND CONTINUE TO EDUCATE?

Send to the general chairs – asking that this be shared with AG chairs with LSCs to gain additional feedback prior to June 10th. AG Chairs annual meeting with AGDC, ultimately the AGDC can be a conduit for discussion/idea sharing.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:02pm ET

- Meeting Schedule – Liz
 - June 14 at 8 pm ET
 - July 12 at 12 pm ET
 - August - no meeting

Mission Statement

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

Responsibilities

1. To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.
2. To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.
3. To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.
4. To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.
5. To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.
6. To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
7. To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.
8. To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets