

Minnesota State High School Swim Coaches Association

True Team Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 27, 2014, 10:00 AM

Cretin-Derham Hall High School, 550 South Albert Street, St. Paul, MN

True Team Executive Council: True Team Chairman: Rick Ringeisen – Lakeville South
Girls Class A Director: Rory Fairbanks – Hutchinson, Girls Class AA Director: Jeff Mace – Edina
Boys Class A Director: James Schreiner – Sauk Centre, Boys Class AA Director: Scott Johnson - Edina

Agenda/Minutes:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions/in attendance:** Art Downey-Edina, Jeff Mace-Edina, Todd Walsh – Kennedy, Chris Aarseth-Minneapolis Edison, Dale Magnuson-Rochester Century, Katie Haycraft-Prior Lake, Justin Haycraft-Prior Lake, Brian Luke-Stillwater, Jen Marshall-Farmington, & Rick Ringeisen-Lakeville

- 2. Confirm True Team Dates:**

Girls Season True Team Dates for 2014 -2015

True Team Section Meets: Saturday, October 11, 2014
True Team Class A State Meet: Wednesday, October 15, 2014
6:00 PM Warm Up / 7:00 PM Meet @ the University of Minnesota
True Team Class AA State Meet: Thursday, October 16, 2014
6:00 PM Warm Up / 7:00 PM Meet @ the University of Minnesota

Boys Season True Team Dates for 2014 –2015

True Team Section Meets: Saturday, January 17, 2015
True Team State Meets: Saturday, January 24, 2015
Class A: 12:00 Noon Warm Up / 1:00 PM Meet @ the University of Minnesota
Class AA: 5:00 PM Warm Up / 6:00 PM Meet @ the University of Minnesota

Scheduling Notes: The University of Minnesota Aquatics Center Staff originally allowed us to schedule the Girl's True Team State Meet for Saturday, October 18, 2014. However, the University of Minnesota Parking Services vetoed our first choice date because there is a University of Minnesota home football game that same day. To determine the best possible alternative date for the Girl's True Team State Meet the Minnesota Swim Coaches Association members were surveyed. The results of the survey are as follows: there were 62 responses, 50% selected the dates listed above, 30% selected the reverse of the above selected dates (Class AA Wednesday, & Class A Thursday), 20% selected pushing the Girl's True Team State Meet back to the following Saturday, October 25, 2014.

- 3. Confirmation of section host schools**

MSHSCA True Team Swimming & Diving 2014-2015 Host Schools:

Girls Class A

Section 1A	Simley, Rebecca Ney
Section 2A	Spring Lake Park, Greg Kugler
Section 3A	Willmar, Carl Shuldes
Section 4A	South St. Paul, Jenna Nace
Section 5A	Proctor, Erica Amborn
Section 6A	Morris, Linda Hoffmann
Section 7A	Mesabi East, Jon Isaacson

Section 8A Detroit Lakes, Carol McCarthy

Girls Class AA

Section 1AA Northfield, Doug Davis
Section 2AA Apple Valley, Scott Pearson
Section 3AA Rosemount, Jake Kemna
Section 4AA Centennial, Chip Fector
Section 5AA Wayzata, Elizabeth Hansen
Section 6AA Edina, Jeff Mace
Section 7AA Coon Rapids, Sarah Valley/Jamie Law
Section 8AA Elk River, Luke Johnson

Boys Class A

Section 1A Austin, Lynn Gulbrandson
Section 2A Richfield, Marc Hamren
Section 3A Sauk Rapids, Tom Swanson
Section 4A Fridley, Mark Sielaff
Section 5A Detroit Lakes, Rian Heimark
Section 6A Hibbing, Mike Veneziano

Boys Class AA

Section 1AA Hastings, Gerry Rupp
Section 2AA Kennedy, Todd Walsh
Section 3AA Lakeville North, Dan Schneider
Section 4AA Stillwater, Brian Luke
Section 5AA Wayzata, David Plummer
Section 6AA Edina, Art Downey
Section 7AA Coon Rapids, Sarah Valley/Jamie Law
Section 8AA St. Cloud Tech, Mackenzie Brophy

4. True Team Finances:

- a. The breakdown for the net gain to the coaches association from the True Team is as follows:
 - i. 2009-2010: \$ 6,320.00
 - ii. 2010-2011: \$7,559.81
 - iii. 2011-2012: \$6,069.48
 - iv. 2012-2013: \$9,720.94
 - v. 2013-2014: \$9,283.25
 - vi. Total: \$38,953.48
- b. The above earned money has been used to subsidize a portion of the price of awards to the section meet host teams, to assist in the funding of the coaches association annual scholarships, and to increase the coaches association's general fund.

5. Section & State Meet Issues: Host Schools should personally contact all the teams in their section and encourage them to attend the True Team Section Meet.

- a. State Meet Scheduling Issues at the University of Minnesota (explained above under #2)
- b. Section Meet Entry Fees will increase from \$95.00 to \$105.00 starting with the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was made by Brian Luke, and seconded by Justin Haycraft. Discussion: the increase in price will increase profit for the section meet host teams and still allow the True team be an affordable invitational meet to attend. The motion carried unanimously.

c. **Section Meet Awards**

- i. The current price for the True Team Awards from Trophies Plus is \$7,861.50 / 34 meets = \$231.22 per meet.
- ii. Last year we invoiced the section meet host \$190.00 for awards.
- iii. The section meet host will be invoiced \$170.00 for awards starting with the 2014-2015 school year. This is a \$20.00 reduction from previous years. The motion was made by Todd Walsh, and seconded by Jeff Mace. Discussion: The True Team has been successful in generating consistent income from sponsors and it is now possible to pass along additional saving to the section meet host team to increase their profit from hosting True Team Section Meets. The motion passed unanimously.
- iv. Should the amount invoiced remain the same, be increased, or decreased?
- v. Should we impose late fee for the late payment of invoices?
- vi. A late fine of \$30.00 is going to be added to schools invoices after 60 days who have not paid their True Teams Section awards invoices and True Team State Meet entry fees. The motion was made by Justin Haycraft, and seconded by Dale Magnuson. Discussion: There needs to be a policy to improve the payment of invoices on time. Motion carried unanimously.

6. True Team Sponsorships:

- a. **Trapper Jim**
- b. **Elsmore Aquatics**
- c. **MSI – Minnesota Swimming Incorporated**

7. MSHSCA True Team Scholarships – Chris Aarseth our scholarship chairman reported that there has been a steady increase in the number of applicants for the scholarships each year. There were 26 applications in 2013-2014, up from 12 the first year of the scholarship program. Chris is going to provide Todd Walsh our web master a list of the student/athletes who have been awarded scholarships to be posted on our association web page. The scholarship application is also going to be amended to request that scholarship award winners write a thank you to be posted on the association web page.

8. New Business-

- a. **True Team Web Site:** The True Team Web site is currently being hosted by the Lakeville North High School Swimming & Diving Boosters and the web master is Wendy Wulff. This relationship will continue for the 2014-2015 school year
- b. **Note:** The Class A Boys Diving proposal to expand the number of divers who advance to the state meet from three to four athletes was passed this spring by the MSHSL.
- c. Rick Ringeisen announced that it is time for him to consider an exit strategy from the True Team Chairman position. Rick has served as the True Team Chairman since the inception of the committee (2001-2002) three years prior to the launch of the True Team (2004-2005) and plans to continue to serve as the True Team Chairman through the 2014-2015 school years. It is now time for another coach with a strong passion for the True Team to step up and serve.
- d. Chris Aarseth thanked Rick for his passion, dedication and services to the coaches association in the creation of the True Team. Chris also noted the profound positive impact True Team has made on the sport of Swimming & Diving. Several other members of the committee echoed Chris's sentiments.

9. Adjourn

- a. Chris Aarseth made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dale Magnuson. The motion was passed unanimously.