

Convention Report
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Registration

Registration Business Meeting – led by Pam Lowenthal, Jim Patterson, Claude Rhen, Pam Cook, and Karen Byers

Regarding athlete cards a bag tag idea, with USA Swimming directly mailing the cards to each member: the idea was put forth by Claude for future consideration. Promotion of the athlete membership cards was discussed. For example, giving its athlete membership information on the chosen athlete of the year, Tracey Caulkins, was encouraged.

Regarding SWIMS, custom fields for tracking and particular enhancements were reviewed. The Club Search enhancement would aid in the “find a club” feature. More input from individual clubs would be needed, but the idea would be that the tool would become useful not only for swimmers new to a geographical area to find a swim club but for club’s advertisement use as well.

Registration Round Table Discussions –

Attendees had the chance to rotate through tables at 20-minute intervals to discuss athlete cards (promotion, printers, problems), usefulness of eLessons, Safety Training for Swim Coaches (changes, OLST), new club search features, and an open forum.

Safety Education committee Business Meeting –

Update on Safety Training for Swim Coaches (need for OLST, online safety test)
Discussion of Feet First Entry Decision by Safety Education Committee (viewed from Safety aspect as well as coach’s viewpoint)
Update from Risk Management Services – significance of not giving certification to those who do not have updated certifications; discussion on insurance implications