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Administrative Division

I don't have any items requiring formal action at the Board meeting tonight.

Under Administrative Division Report the only item is we are at 7423 registered athletes to date; it was 7302 at this time last year but the difference could be work in progress on renewals so no conclusions can be reached until December.

Under Old Business the item on Policies and Procedures only needs discussion on "next steps." I have completed a markup of the current document with additions proposed for items since the last full revision. Also under old business the issue of club recognition for resident records is subject to progress (if made) by the assigned Committee. The issue is whether an abundance of caution is needed for college swimmers as to their NCAA eligibility. I have previously recommended that unless PVS Policies are changed we should return to the practice of recognizing clubs (and we could add a footnote to address the college issue); and also fix the heading, to the resident records chart, which is not consistent with our stated Policy. I would have done so already but don't have direct access to the website.

On new business it was noted after the previous Board meeting that the 18&U distance award could go to a swimmer who was never developed in the LSC and swims for a college USA Swimming club at particular USA Swimming competition. If this is not what was intended then this award's requirements should be reviewed. Also since then a club requested PVS step in to sanction athletes for not paying club dues and fees. The club was advised that only a final decision of the Board of Review could result in this and that their desired outcome was not automatic with a Board of Review hearing. I recommended separately they treat this as a club- to- family issue and deal with it in the local legal system if they felt the necessity to take formal action. Our bylaws (and the USA Swimming template) provide for either mechanism to take rights away from athletes. Clubs should be made aware that PVS (Board or Divisions) cannot be their backstop for internal collections problems.

On a meet related issue both (male and female) top seeds in the 50 back yesterday afternoon at Cub Run were disqualified for going past the 15 meet mark on the starts. They were well past the 15 m mark. Also a second male swimmer did the same. Possibly they were testing the officials since no one was standing on the sides-a real difficulty at Cub Run. I explained to them that officials never miss anything. But the most important point is why all these 50's are being swum in standard competition. They do not come across as serious events to some.

Respectfully submitted,

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