



Tom Dolan Invitational

Post Meet Report for PVS Board Meeting 12-12-07

General:

- Entries

2006 – Total Swims = 5587, Total Athletes = 1317, Total Relays = 553

2007 – Total Swims = 5316, Total Athletes = 1377, Total Relays = 521

Senior attendance was up, 12 & under attendance was down, all afternoon sessions were no longer than 1 hour 40 minutes. Part of this is due to the fact that NOVA of VA did not bring their 12 & Under team, opting to send them to a meet closer to home.

- Injuries – 2007 (That I heard about)

2 cut fingers, 1 stubbed toe, 1 bad case of leg cramps

- Facility

The staff at GMU was very cooperative and helpful. There did not seem to be any abrasions or issues regarding the overall condition of the facility before and after the meet. Both Erica and Rebecca, (GMU Aquatic Coordinators), were visible and accessible for any issues that arose.

Many coaches commented positively on the refurbishment of the center, although most of the improvements are not directly connected to the pool. All coaches that stopped by the operations table where I was sitting said they will be sending in entries as early as possible next year to get a spot in the meet.

Technical:

- Championship Starting System

There has been a lot of correspondence regarding this item. Essentially, there were at least 5-8 heats where the swimmers closest to the starter on the finals course, were left standing on the block. What has been deduced is that the acoustics of the championship system are different than the Infinity type, and several solutions are being discussed – i.e. PVS owned speakers under each block.

- Windows Vista and Meet Manager

There is a disconnect between the Vista operating system and Meet Manager. There has been correspondence between Don Smith & Hy-Tek, although I am not sure where that stands right now. We were not able to network the computers, and subsequently could not have an admin computer to coordinate results. The alternative, which is to merge results after each session, resulted in the loss of data on 2 events, boys 12 & under 200 fly and boys 10 & under 200 IM. I had to enter results in manually from the printed file copy in order to complete the meet file for posting.

- Concessions / Hospitality

Great reviews again here – the variety and quantity of items offered in both areas was positively commented on by all those attending.

- Officials – N2/N3 Certs, etc. – Art Davis

- Overall – A successful meet. I have some suggestions for next year and will be reviewing them with the club before presenting them to the board.