East Zone Awards Committee Report 2020 March Meeting New Canaan, CT

Please continue to encourage coaches, swimmers, officials, parents, and friends to be active in the East Zone Award nomination process. <u>Anyone</u> may send a nomination. There are so many wonderful people who work for this sport. Please help us recognize them. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year, to anyone on the committee (names listed below).

This year (2020) we have 90? Scholar athletes out of ???swimmers. Due to delays in manufacturing and shipping (coronavirus – seriously), we do not have pins this year but paper certificates designed by Phila. Freedom Valley coach Heather Johnson. Thanks Heather!

(2019) we had 97 Scholar athletes out of about 121, 2018 we had 102 Scholar athletes out of about 150 compared to 116 in 2017 and 160 in 2016. Over half the athletes are receiving pins..

In May, we placed a 2 year medal order. Since we need almost double the amount of gold to silver and bronze, we were able to get a substantial amount that should take us through 2021 season.

Lanyards are custom and have a minimum order of 100. Currently we have enough to get us through 2021 for the 13-15 Champs, Jr/Sr Zones. Depending on pre-meets we may need to order more for the June Champs. Invitationals need to be ordered each year due to the large quanity we use. There is no discount in purchasing more lanyards as there is in with the medals.

We are continuing our cap fund raiser Athlete Reps Emily Ma and Audrey Millar. We purchased 200, 2 color caps and began taking orders for the caps at the February Meet. The caps will travel with the medals to all East Zone meets and clinics. There is a tally sheet to track sales and the unsold caps are returned with the medals to me. Proceeds from the sales will help with our annual donations to the National teams. We are having slow sales and could really use the coaches help in promoting it.

I continue to track shipment of awards(now caps) for each meet in a spreadsheet, sending the spreadsheet to the host club and the Zone Treasurer. If unused new awards are returned in a timely manner, they are credited against the original cost. The host club is then responsible for sending a check to the Zone Treasurer for the balance due.

Respectfully submitted,
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Vice-Chair
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