First Prototype Demonstration

Title: First Prototype Demo  
Meeting Time: 19:00hrs 25th October 2007

Purpose: Demonstration of our first prototype  
Location: D150

Date of Notes: 25th October, 2007  
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Prototype Demonstration Minutes:

The suggestions of our mentors for the first prototype are as follows:

- Dr. Yue and Mr. De Silva suggested that Home page should try to attract people. So it should have good RSS news feeds, good articles, information and attractive content like videos upfront.
- Mr. De Silva suggested that the Event Calendar and practice schedule has to be available to the public also. And it should also have appropriate heading like “Current Events for SCAT” instead of just the caption “Calendar”.
- Mr. De Silva advised us to understand the goal of each and every page, every window, and every button.
- Dr. Yue suggested us that the home page does not contain information that a public user will be interested in. Dr. Yue asked us to think in terms of public users. Our home page contains menu items like, FAQs, Search, which a public user might not be interested in. He suggested that the home page can have menu items like, about us, photos, location, what events, and general information about SCAT.
- Mr. De Silva suggested that FAQs are more of user type of stuff and will not be required menu items for home page. He suggested that the home page can have menu items like why swim, our philosophy, announcement, photos and contents that would attract user.
- Dr. Yue and Mr. De Silva asked us to have an animated picture on top. They advised that the main aim of home page should be for marketing and attracting more people.
- Mr. De Silva said that the registration form would be discussed in detail later.
- Mr. De Silva gave us a lot of comments on the registration from, like for example he said that there is no USA Swimming ID validation.
Dr. Yue suggested that one of the fields in our registration form namely “Other (Name 2) kid’s name” should not be a required field because there is a possibility that they would have only one child.

The mentors asked us to work on one of the features namely “Subscription to Blogs”.

Dr. Yue asked us to work on the concept of “One Blog per Swimmer”.

The mentors suggested that there is no RSS news in the Blogs, which is a very common feature and asked us to look further in to it.

The mentors asked to check and configure the “search” feature on our website as it is not working properly.

Mr. De Silva suggested that there should a capability to insert latest announcements in the front page informing users. And also an email should be sent to everybody requesting them to look in to the website for latest announcements.

Mr. De Silva suggested us to insert contents in to the website and also focus on making it community content.

Mr. De Silva asked us to work more on the “Rating” feature since it is of utmost importance and also the user should have the capability to rate all contents on the website namely videos, pictures, Blogs and articles.

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