

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: April 27, 2004
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Greg Earhart, Carol Graham, Dave Joyce, Pat Lewno, Jim Mohr, Cathie Marty, Dale Nickels, Nancy Roos, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

CALL TO ORDER: Dale Nickels, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 27, 2004, Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

General Chair Report: Dale Nickels has received a copy of an Indiana Swimming proposal regarding the ASCA World Clinic that will be held in Indiana in October. The proposal offers 50 stipends of \$100 each to clubs to help offset the cost of one club coach to attend the ASCA Clinic. The clinic cost is \$300 and includes tickets to each night of finals of the FINA World Championships. In return, coaches receiving the stipend must agree to satisfy several requirements, such as presenting information learned to other coaches and being on a Quad, Zone or Camp staff. Should Wisconsin consider a similar stipend? A motion was passed to refer the idea to the Finance Committee with the goal of bringing a proposal back to the June meeting.

USA Swimming has sent out a request for at-large delegates for the September Convention in Orlando, Florida from September 13 – 19, 2004.

Dale will stand in for Patty Kramer tonight – Patty is working at an Officials Clinic this evening.

Dale will follow up on the Waukesha Pool project to determine the current status. A recent article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel indicated that the project is expected to be over-budget. Wisconsin Swimming's donation will only be given if the pool is as we expect -- 10 lanes and 2000 seats.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Lewno, Treasurer, reported that Swim Camp income of \$900 has been reported so far, with expenses of \$1600.

Overall, we are at the time of year when expenses outpace income, but this situation will even out as the year progresses.

The previously-approved \$30,000 donation was sent to the Schroeder YMCA from a cashed-in CD.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham reported that the non-athlete family membership fee will be \$81.50, not \$80 as previously reported.

Information for the next mailing must be in to Carol by May 21, 2004.

Finance Committee Chair Report: Jim Mohr reported that there was no Finance Committee meeting since the last Board meeting. The next meeting will be on May 12 to review 2003 finances and any other issues. At the meeting tonight he will discuss how sales taxes impact swim clubs.

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Officials Chair Report: Susan Zblewski reported that her committee has completed an Officials Handbook.

They have had a great turnout for the Spring Officials Clinics, but we still need more new officials. A new member of the Committee is willing to go directly to individual clubs and put on Officials Clinics for groups of 4 or five (or more!).

We need more officials at the meets that lead up to State so that swimmers aren't surprised when they are DQ'd at State for something that they have been doing all season, such as bad turns.

Coaches' Representative: The ballots are in for coaches and swimmers of the year – the swimmers will be announced at tonight's meeting. We need to think about ways to change this process to encourage more participation in future years.

Technical Planning: Greg Earhart has received requests to look at re-aligning the sectional meets and providing time conversion standards from short course yards to long course meters.

Safety Planning: Cathie Marty reported that there is a Safety Chairs clinic coming up, but she will be unable to attend due to family commitments.

Senior Chairman: Dave Anderson reported that the time standards for the Summer State meets will remain the same. There will be some changes made to try and get the swimmers out of the morning sessions earlier in the day.

Zone information is on the website.

We are planning to change the format of the Spring State meets to accommodate the available facilities and make the dates work better for Senior athletes. The Senior/Open meet will be held February 25 – 27, 2005 (potentially at Carthage College), and the 14 and Under meet will be March 4 – 6, 2005 (potentially at Schroeder). The exact formats of these meets are still to be determined, but will include some combination of prelims/finals at both meets for most age groups.

Proposals were made at the Age Group meeting to increase the Olympic Trials stipend from \$600 to \$1000 due to the costly destination of this year's trials.

The order of events at next year's sectionals will be slightly changed – including making 11-12 events 12 and under events.

At the Age Group meeting a proposal was made and passed that the initial entry deadline for LSC Championships may be NO EARLIER than 10 days prior to the first day of the meet. Also passed at the Committee level: for all LSC Championship meets, the hy-tek file shall be made available with cut times included, by the host club and presented via the WI Swimming website no less than 30 days before the initial entry deadline.

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NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2004

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary