

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: January 25, 2005
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bradley, Karen Dionne, Carol Graham, Dave Joyce, Chris Lewsi, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Matt Miller, Jim Mohr, Dale Nickels, Joel Rollings, Nancy Roos, Dave Westfahl, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

CALL TO ORDER: Dale Nickels, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June and October, 2004 meetings were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Dale Nickels reported on the General Chairs and Board of Directors meeting that he attended in Colorado Springs last weekend (January 22-23). It was valuable to gain some insight into what other LSC's are doing in their meetings. The Dues Increase Task Force discussed high school issues, particularly a case in Missouri. He would like Wisconsin to become active in this area. A new privacy policy was passed by the Board of Directors of USA Swimming that will go into effect on May 1, 2005. Birthdates and USA registration numbers can no longer be associated with names in published information. This will be a challenge for meet result publication. Dale will put together some notes and information on the meeting and post them on the website.

Matt Miller will attend the Age Group Chairs meeting in late April. Carol Graham may attend the Registration Training meeting in mid-April.

Karen Dionne has been appointed to the National Disability Committee and will attend their conference in Chicago in early February.

The first \$5000 payment of the Waukesha pool donation was made in early December. The Scholastic All-American forms are out.

During the new business portion of the meeting, Dale will bring up the need to form a nominating committee – we need to find a new Age Group Chair and a new General Chair as both Dale and Matt Miller have reached the end of their term limits.

Age Group Chairman's Report: A new summer meet format was passed at the last Age Group meeting. It will be presented at the delegate meeting tonight for approval. It includes tighter time standards, with the goal of 3 to 4 heats of each event.

The Age Group Committee tabled a discussion of Junior National funding, feeling that it has to go to the Rules Committee first. The Committee is proposing equal-funding for disabled swim meets and also proposing funding for Open Water meets.

Bids have been received from three equipment companies for zones for evaluation.

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The Committee approved a proposal to immediately include disabled athletes in the State Meets using criteria established by Joel Rollings (Senior Chair). Passed on to the Safety Chair the need to prohibit open hot drinks on deck during swim meets.

The Age Group Committee voted unanimously to refer to Rules changing the rules regarding setting LSC records in approved or observed situations if the swimmer is representing their USA club. USA Swimming currently accepts both of these as times into the database for Top 16 and national record consideration.

Records Chair Report: Dave Joyce has an update of new LSC records for people to check at the Delegates meeting.

Adaptive Swimming: Karen Dionne reported that the qualifications have been set for disabled athletes to swim at the State Meets. Coaches should check with her if they have questions regarding classification issues for disabled athletes. As Dale mentioned, she will be on the National Disabled Swimmers Committee.

There are two new National meets for higher level/elite disabled swimmers. The goal is to have them sanctioned by US Paralympics and the International Paralympic Committee so that elite athletes are enticed to attend.

Camps: John Bradley reported a change in dates for the Spring camps – they will now be April 30 and May 1, and will be held at the Waukesha South pool. The camps will include disabled athletes.

Technical Planning Chair Report: Dave Westfahl reported that the next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be on February 8 at 10 am. They plan to compile data on the numbers of swimmers in our LSC and look at whether we are successful as an LSC.

Finance Committee: At the Finance Committee camp billing was discussed. There will need to be a separate billing to each club for the \$40 camp charge for the 2 people who attend the Ultimate Technique camp. Every club will be charged whether they send two people or not.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham reported that a new club has joined the LSC – Oconomowac. She has several housekeeping items for the Delegates Meeting.

Officials Chair Report: Sue Zblewski reported that the officials are concerned that the State Meet Information needs to be more complete from year to year. For example, the 14 and Under meet information does not include the scratch rule information. She suggests that there be a template for all meet information. Chris Lewis and others suggested that the Officials put together a list of what should be in the meet information for a meet to be sanctioned.

Sue reminded everyone that Meet Marshalls need to police unauthorized parents from being on deck.

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Administrative Chair: Chris Lewis will present the Meet Schedule for approval at the Delegates Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2005

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary