

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2006
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bradley, Karen Dionne, Jean Drzewiecki, Carol Graham, Peter Healy, Dave Joyce, Patty Kramer, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Nancy Roos, Drew Walden, Dave Westfahl, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: No report

Camps: John Bradley reported that he will be running three camps at the end of the summer and during the fall. The elite altitude camp will take place in late August or early September. High School swimmers with US Open cuts can attend if they pay their own airfare – then there shouldn't be WIAA eligibility issues. Athletes still need to clear attending the Camp with their Athletic Director. The camp formerly known as the "Catch the Spirit Camp" will occur in late September. This camp is for the top thirty 10 and Under and 11/12 boys and girls at the Winter and Summer State meets. The third camp will be held in late November, and it is for swimmers who have never had the opportunity to attend another camp. John hopes to have camp information on the website by May 1st.

Age Group Chair Report: Neal Wright reported that Fred Russell of EBSC has received e-mail correspondence from the WIAA clearing the way for WI LSC swimmers to participate in Zones and Junior Nationals without ramifications.

The dates for the winter championship meets are: Regionals – February 16-18; 12 & Under State – February 23 – 25; 13 & Over State – March 1 – 4; and Speedos -- March 8 – 11.

Some felt that the event order was confusing at the 12 and under State meet; there was discussion regarding the format -- particularly for the 10 and unders, with some swimming in the morning session and the top 8 at night. Some people like prelim/finals, others don't. In general people liked the format of the 13 and over Winter Championship meet – many felt it lead to faster swims in the preliminary sessions. It was complicated and very time-consuming to run finals with the Hy-tek software, however, the age groups had to be cut and pasted to produce Finals heat sheets.

It was agreed that next year's meet formats should be determined before clubs bid on having the meets.

It looks like the 12 and Under Summer State Meet will be a reasonable size, while the 13 and Over Meet will be very large and long. For now, the event order for the 13 and over Summer State meet has been modified (Thursday will be the 200 Medley relay and 800 Free; Friday will be the Senior 200 Free Relay to start the Prelim session; Saturday will be the 13/14 200 Free Relay to start the Prelim session) to make the timeline more reasonable for spectators and swimmers. It is likely that in the future the time standards will be tightened for the 13 and Over State Championships.

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The team assignments for the Silver meet have been finalized – if any team wants to switch sites they should speak to the Age Group Chair. The time standards for the meet were approved at the Age Group Meeting – the range is BB to .01 slower than the WI LSC State qualifying times for 10 and Under, 11-12, and Senior. There was discussion about adding 13-14 time standards to the Silver Meet since this group of swimmers has different qualifying standards for the State Meet. It was suggested that Senior and 13-14 could swim together, but be separated for awards.

Dave Clark, the new Zone Team Manager, and Pat Lewno will run the zone entry table at the State meets.

Finance Committee: Peter Healy will complete the audit for last year's books this month. He has had a lot of discussions with people regarding the philosophy of the Travel Fund and has put together an amendment. Part of the amendment deals with actually setting up an official Travel Fund with a separate bank account. He is trying to put more detail around the process of how money moves in and out of the Travel Fund. He proposes that everyone look over the amendment so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Officials Chair Report: Susan Zblewski asked if she would need to get the officials for the Silver Meets – it was decided to handle these similarly to the Regional meets, where the host club is responsible for getting the officials.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol reported that she needs a new laser printer. She will be out of town July 21-23 and 26-30.

The Volunteer of the Year gets voted on at the June meeting – please think about deserving nominees. Materials for the next distribution should be to her on or before June 1.

Safety Planning: Cathie Marty stated that the review Committee did not meet due to conflicts and bad weather. She also said that the Committee needs to be made up of 20% athletes – please give her the names of swimmers who might want to be on the Committee.

NEXT MEETING: June 27, 2006

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary