

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2007
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin**

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER: Drew Walden, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 24, 2007, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Drew Walden noted all the parents at tonight's meeting. The parents were in attendance to discuss the upcoming Zone Meet.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Lewno handed out the financial reports. She expressed concern about the Travel Fund Balance – we have spent it down.

The Budget will be presented for review at the October meeting. If you are a committee chair with a budget, please contact her before September to discuss your budget for next year.

Administrative Chair's Report: Jeanne Drzewiecki presented the proposed Short Course Meet Schedule for approval. All meets requiring reservations must be submitted for sanction by August 1st. September 11, 2007, is the earliest date that meet reservations with a check can be postmarked.

Two bids have been received for the Regional 2 Meet. The teams in this region will vote for the site between FRST/WBSC and Fox Valley WAVE.

Two teams bid on the 12 & Under State Championship: Badger Aquatics to be held at the Natatorium in Madison and WEST to be held at their pool at Waukesha South. Four teams bid on the 13 & Over Championship: LAKE, SEAY and SWAT (all to be held at the Schroeder pool) and WEST to be held at the Waukesha South pool.

Presentations were made by representatives of all the bidding teams. During the presentations, it was requested that the Schroeder YMCA send the LSC their athlete and spectator limits for meets.

A paper ballot was held for the 12 & Under Meet, BAC was awarded the meet in Madison by a vote of 21-15.

A second paper ballot was held for the 13 & Over Meet. LAKE Country was awarded the meet to be held at the Schroeder YMCA. (LAKE -13; WEST – 12; SEAY – 9; SWAT – 3)

A new team (Clintonville), that is not yet USA registered, has asked to host a meet on January 9 – there are already 9 meets on this day. Their meet cannot be added until they are a registered team; and it will probably not be added on this day because the date is already so crowded and getting officials will be difficult.

The 2007-2008 Meet Schedule was approved with the above changes and minor corrections. It will be posted on the website.

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Sue Zblewski requested that clubs identify the Meet Referee in Meet Information when requesting sanction. This is in LSC policies.

Age Group Chair Report: Neil Wright reported meet information for the Long Course 12 & Under Championship has been posted on the website.

Senior Age Group Chair Report: Dave Anderson said that he had no report given that there was so much to discuss regarding the upcoming Zone Meet.

Zones: Dave Clark explained the rationale for mandatory Zone Team Travel and how the decision was made. A long discussion ensued among the LSC members and many parents regarding this decision. Several coaches chimed in on the importance of team travel to performance and team spirit. Emily Schweitz, the Athletes' Rep, said that at the October LSC meeting she had supported Team Travel as a way of increasing 13 and over swimmer participation. She still believes this to be the case.

Someone asked what other states do. Drew said that Illinois athletes travel on their own, while Minnesota has a bus. Ginger Goral reminded everyone about how she tried to get a group to travel by bus to the North Dakota Zone Meet two years ago – she was only able to get 7 people to sign up.

Christine Devine thanked Emily for her point of view and said that this was the first time that parents had heard that the athletes' reps were in favor of team travel. Even so, parents remain uncomfortable with the mandatory nature. Also, why is there such a huge cost difference between those that choose team travel and those that don't? Why is there such a penalty for traveling on your own?

Matt Miller presented a history of why we went away from Team Travel – he was the Age Group Chair when this decision was made. He believes that it is very hard to attract elite 13 and over swimmers no matter what – there are too many other competing meets.

Wagner da Silva and Dave Joyce both stated that they believe older swimmers want team travel. Colleen Szerlong agreed. Ted Johnson wondered why we can't have a Team Wisconsin Hotel. Mary Kuriga said that she has only received three emails from parents in favor of Team Travel – all with swimmers 15 and older. She has received many, many e-mails from parents of 14 and under swimmers who will not send their children if there is team travel.

A motion was made to reject Team Travel to the 2007 Zone Meet. The motion to reject Team Travel passed 18 – 17.

Christine Devine volunteered to contact the hotel that Dave Clark will be releasing rooms from and try to get a new block of Team Wisconsin rooms.

Cathie Marty urged all the parents in attendance to volunteer for an LSC committee.

The 2008 Zone meet will be a mega-zone meet in Indianapolis from August 6-11. Open water events will be on the Wednesday, and long relays will be that afternoon. Awards will go to 24th place and

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chase starts will be used. We will need at least one more coach for the 12 and unders and one more for the 13 and overs. Each LSC needs to name one athlete who performed well at zones and then went on to distinguish his or herself for a special ceremony.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham reminded everyone to register new Meet Directors. Also, don't forget to update her on your club's voting member's name. You can bring as many people as you want to the LSC meeting, but each club gets one vote. Registration information will be mailed on about August 1. Please look into registering online.

Safety Chair: Cathie Marty said that new coaches have to coach members of USA swimming. Teaching depth of pools is deeper than regular depth for practice.

Technical Planning Chair Report: Dave Westfahl presented the change in the Travel Fund ("the Travel Fund Share System") to the delegates for vote. The change will go into effect for the next fiscal year. As proposed, the Travel Fund will be spent down to zero each year; there will be flexibility to add and take away meets as the needs of the LSC dictate.

The rule was passed unanimously.

Athletes' Representative: Voting for the new athlete rep will occur at the 13 and Over State Meet. Send nominations to Emily Schweitz.

Coaches' Representative: No report.

Camps: Joe Schweitz said that there will be a flyer in the coaches' packets at the State Meets regarding the Camps that will be held October 7 at UWM. Each team may send one energetic athlete aged 11-14 – ability is not an issue.

Finance: Peter Healy reminded Committee heads to submit their budget requests by the end of July. The budget meeting will be in August or September.

Officials: Sue Zblewski said that we will be needing more officials this coming season. There are many meets on some weekends.

The State Meet officials have been chosen:

12 & Under: George Geanon and Cindy Thompson
13 & Over: Paul Friedmann and Steve Brandly

George Geanon reported from the Officials meeting he recently attended:
Breaststroke: There will be a proposal to eliminate the word "downward" in the rule to just say "one butterfly stroke".

Entry times: Considering changing best submitted time rule to "time submitted".
For FINA meets, may use underwater cameras for judging.

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Records: Dave Joyce said that the updated records are on the website; the plaques have been ordered.

Unfinished Business: Sue Zblewski thanked everyone for all their support over the years – this is her last meeting as the Officials Chair. Our thanks to Sue for all of her hard work over the years – her efforts and attitude have been much appreciated.

Elections will be held tonight The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for election to two year terms:

General Chair:	Drew Walden (incumbent)
Finance Chair:	Peter Healy (incumbent)
Safety Chair:	Cathie Marty (incumbent)
Age Group Chair:	John Bradley
Secretary:	John Borja
Officials Chair:	George Geanon

Drew asked is there were any nominations from the floor. Steve Keller was nominated for Age Group Chair. Steve Keller and John Bradley spoke on their qualifications. The following people were elected to Board positions effective in September:

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We received two worthy nominations for Volunteer of the Year: Dave Clark and Tony Engstrom, a parent, of WBSC. The Volunteer of the Year nominations, which are attached to these minutes, were read. Dave Clark was chosen as Volunteer of the Year.

The Symposium will be held October 13 in Waukesha.

New Business: Dale Nickels reported that he is working on improving the website, and while he is doing it, certain things might not work for short periods of time.

Dave Joyce asked that we look at funding Grand Prix meets for next year.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Roos, Secretary