

Tuesday, October 26, 2010
Board of Directors Meeting

**University of Wisconsin Center,
Room C101
Northview Building, 1500 University Drive Waukesha**

Those in attendance: Drew Walden, Jeanne D., Patty Kramer, Cathie Marty, Carol Graham, Pat Lewno, Dave Westfahl, Luke Schumm, Jacob Johnson, Wagner da Silva, Blaine Carlson, Dave Anderson, Dave Joyce.

Changes include the spelling correction of Luke Schumm's name and change the date of the last special meeting from Saturday to Sunday.

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes by Jeanne D. approved unanimously

LEAP Program –

- USA Swimming denied our application. Our by-laws aren't current. USA Swimming says that our bylaws are from 1996.
- Everything needs to get brought back up to code. Most things are housekeeping rules.
- November 17 Rules Meeting. We can't wait that long to address the issue.
- Non-compliance could mean not allowing any of WI Swimming's meet times to go into the SWIMS database until we are all set.
- USA Swimming has a bylaw template that they want everyone to follow so that it fits into their computer model.
- Proposal is to get the housekeeping items passed and up to speed and then get working on the template. Nothing will be changed in the voting of the bylaws, just the housekeeping issues.
- Need to have the template completed before the November 17 meeting so that it can be reviewed at that time.

Correction to Jane Foley's State Statute: see Drew's Meeting minutes.

Drew is going to work on finding out exactly what USA Swimming's insurance covers.

Policies from Athlete Protection is going into the Code of Conduct of USA Swimming.

George Geanon:

Background Screening for Officials

- Some concerns with the cost getting to high for people to continue.
- George proposing that the LSC pay for the \$45.00 fee for the Officials first time background screening which comes out to be roughly \$13,000.
- Trying to come up with a way to make this the easiest on Pat so that she doesn't have to right reimbursement checks to each official for \$45.00.
- Once an official passes the background check then they would send their passing information to Pat for reimbursement.
- Officials must submit their reimbursement within 60 days of when they passed.
- Coaches are grandfathered into the Background screening at a minimum until the end of 2010 and possibly 2011.

- Drew wants the membership of a club that each club must have an official in order to get the club membership registered.
- Pat moves that the LSC reimburse officials for their first background screening within 60 days of their approval letter submitted to Pat.
Motion seconded by Jeanne
Motion approved unanimously!

Moving splash fee from \$3.00 to \$2.00 which makes a \$22,000- 32,000 difference in what comes in.

Results from the Illinois LSC wanting to run their State Meets at the Rec Plex.

- The winter meet (Lake Forest Swim Club) was denied by IL Swimming BOD, but the summer meet (Academy Bullets) was approved.
- They must still follow our sanctioning rules in order to get approval from WI Swimming as the sanctioning body.

Looking to make the following change in the bylaws for the following to happen:

- State Meet bids done at the April Meeting which would cover both the Winter 2012 and Summer 2012 State Championship Meets (includes State , Regional, and Silver State Meets).

LSC Dictated Meets would be the terminology in the bylaws.

When do we run our April meeting this year?

- Need a weekend to do this both the meeting and the Swimposium all on the same weekend.
- Looking to do that on Sunday, March 27, 2011 (similar to last September's meeting/swimposium).
- Need to line up a couple of speakers. Something aimed at the athletes.
- George will look into speakers.
- Idea to get a coach and swimmer from each Division 1, 2, and 3 to sit on a panel regarding swimming in College.

Talk about Open Water swimming and the death of Fran Crippen.

- LSC should be concerned when WI Swimming takes responsibility for them at the Zone C open water competitions.
- Next Zone meet is Topeka, KS.

Pat Lewno: Budget

- Travel Reimbursement checks are in the mail.
- Total amount divided is \$71,000 to get the share amounts.

Board of Review meeting following the HOD Meeting.

Summer Silver State Meet

- Only 1 of them and can be bid either short course or long course, and the House will decide on where it is going to be and what course it will be run.

New State Champions t-shirts for state meets going forward.

Dave Westfahl:

- Time Standard update is done, most changes are housekeeping.
- Meets that we are going to be reimbursed this year for travel fund.

Blaine Carlson:

- Funding Proposal to retro fit the starting blocks at Waukesha South Natatorium with the track start wedge and side mount handles.

Rationale:

- The swimmers that attend National Level Meets (USA Swimming Nationals and Jr. Nationals) start off of these new platforms and have little or no prior experience – only a couple of starts during warm-ups of the meet or experience from a previous meet.
- Studies from USA Swimming have shown that the track start and side handles put swimmers into a better position on the blocks to pull with their hands and generate more explosiveness and a higher velocity off of the blocks.
- This would provide our LSC swimmers an opportunity to get experience starting off of these platforms and not be at a disadvantage at these larger meets.
- Waukesha South Natatorium hosts a significant number of meets each year that kids would have opportunities to use them – on average 26 meet days a year of all differing levels of competitions.
- Camps Coordinators could also run some camps at the pool to get the kids on the blocks and some experience using them. Could maybe run a specific start camp.
- Amount of money requested is \$8,500.
- This would be an opportunity to spend down some of our surplus dollars for a project that the swimmers in the LSC could benefit from.
- Goal would be to have them on the blocks for the upcoming Regional and Speedo Sectional Meets.
- Decision was made to bring to the House of Delegates meeting in January.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

House of Delegates Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Attendance based off of those that signed in:

Drew Walden (General Chair); Jeanne Drzewiecki (Admin. Chair); Cathie Marty (Safety Chair); Wagner da Silva (Coaches Rep); Pat Lewno (Treasurer); Dave Westfahl (Tech Planning); David Anderson (Sr. Chair); Blaine Carlson (Secretary); Carol Graham (Registration); Patty Kramer (Rules Chair); Dave Joyce (Records); Neil Wright (SEAY); Iver Iverson (SEAY); Dana Iverson (SEAY); Mark Kohnhorst (LAKE); Chris Meyers (SSTY); Kate Jones (LAKE); Lucas Kuriga (Athlete Rep); Brent Boock (EBSC); Brett Wilson (DFAC); David Severance (EBSC); George Geanon (Officials Chair); Jacob Johnson (BAC); Randy Trowbridge (VAC); Julia Krueger (MSS); Robert White (SWAT); Rob McCabe (SHOR); Nathan Zabel (FSC); Chad Behling (FSC); Steve Przybyla (OCSC); Steve Keller (OZ); Mary Gabe (OZ); Scott Mueller (MFSC), Luke Schumm (Age Group Chair).

Motion to approve HOD Meeting minutes: Moved by Jeanne D. and passed unanimously.

Illinois Swimming Request:

- Illinois Swimming has looked at moving their State Meets to the Rec Plex for the 2011 Winter 12 and Under SC State meet and the Summer 2011 LC State meet.
- The winter meet was denied by IL Swimming Board of Directors, but the summer meet was approved.
- Illinois Swimming is requesting that we as an LSC waive the WI Swimming splash fees for those meets.
- Why is this an issue? Since the meet is being held in our LSC they must follow WI Swimming LSC rules.
- Those meets also must be put on our WI Swimming meet schedule to be voted on at the January Meeting.

Jeanne proposed:

No waiver be granted for any LSC or non-LSC Championship Meets held within the WI LSC territory.

Seconded by Brett Wilson (DFAC).

Unanimously approved!

State Meet Bid Procedure:

- Proposal from BOD that we as an LSC will change our bid procedure for our State dictated championship meets (State meets, Regional Meets, and Silver State Meets) .
- These meets will be bid and voted on for 2012 meets at the March/April Meeting.
- This would not affect the remainder of the meet schedule -- those non State sponsored meets would be voted on at the normal LSC Meeting dates.

Future LSC Meetings:

- The April meeting this year, is actually going to be on Sunday, March 27 due to Spring/Easter Break.
- This would be a HOD Meeting along with having some guest speakers. Right now we are looking for speakers.

Correction to September 2010 Meeting:

- Jane Foley misstated a WI swimming statute.
- The penalties were misstated and are corrected in Drew's convention report (posted on WI Swimming website).

Jeanne Drzewiecki (Admin. Chair):

- Convention Report posted online
- January 25, 2011 next LSC Meeting.
- Meet Bids summer 2011 season due by January 11, 2011.

Luke Schumm (Age Group Chair):

- Convention Report posted online .

Dave Anderson (Sr. Chair):

- Convention Report posted online.

Carol Graham (Registration):

- Convention Report
- No longer need a club safety coordinator when registering a club.

George Geanon (Officials Chair):

- Convention report posted online.
- Admin Official/Referee must now be had at each meet. **This is affective May 1, 2011.**

Lucas Kuriga (Athlete's Rep):

- Convention report posted online.

Pat Lewno (Treasurer):

- Blue and Pink budget sheets.
- Income Balance sheet (Blue sheet).
- The back of the forms lists meet income for summer State Meets.
- Income side (left side) running total of income vs. our budget – this includes the Travel fund dollars.
- Expense side running total of expense vs. our budget

- Funds went into our money market account \$89,000 See Pat's reports

Pink Sheet (Budget Worksheet for 2011)

- Income and Expense sides
- Income side: to date 2010 we are projecting \$122,300
- Expense side: proposed expense is \$155,650
- This is done to spend down the excess money that we currently have. One way to do this is to change the LSC Splash fee from \$3.00 to \$2.00.

- Table the motion of the reduction of the splash fee from \$3.00 to \$2.00 until rules talks later tonight.
- All Travel Fund income is all expensed out. Zero balance line item.

Luke Schumm (Age Group Chair)

- Zone coach ballots will be online this winter. This will be voted on at 12 and Under State Meet in 2011.
- Dave Anderson put together a new State Championship t-shirt designed.

- The three Zone automatic coaches will be contacted.
- Regional awards (ribbons) to Luke Schumm ASAP.
- Looking at buying new medals for the State Meet.
- Missing State 13 and Over State Meet awards—see Luke.

Dave Anderson (Senior Chair)

- State Champ t-shirt for the winners at the 12 and Under and 13 and Over state meets have been changed and will be ready for this spring 2011.
- Silver State Meet for summer was talked about at the last September meeting. Decision was that there would be only 1 Silver Meet and it could be run in any course (LCM, SCM, or SCY).
- The clubs will bid the venue and what course they will be running the meeting in. That weekend would be a closed weekend that no other sanctions would be run that weekend.
- Host teams must specify in the bid which course they are going to run the meet in.
- Number of new athletes at the meeting tonight. Introduction of those athletes was done.
- Cathie is looking for 20% athlete representation on the review board. The review board looks at different issues and makes rulings on violated LSC rules. If interested contact her.
- Looking for volunteers to cover (write something up for the website) the WI Swimming athletes at the different National level meets. A small stipend is available for doing that. Contact Dave Anderson if available to help.
- NCSA National Team funding to Ireland. The HOD was supposed to decide on the funding of these athletes to the meeting point from Wisconsin to New Jersey.
- The three athletes were: Matt Friede, Aja Van Hout, and Emily Schwabe.
- Proposal that we reimburse them \$250 for that trip.
- Dave Joyce moved to have those athletes write a brief synopsis of their trip in order to get the funding.

Motion passed to fund those 3 athletes \$250.00 each for that trip.

Carol Graham (Registration Chair)

- Athlete Delegate must be sent to Carol Graham so that they get on the LSC roster.

Cathie Marty (Safety Chair)

- Coaches keep certifications current there is not a grace period when they expire.
- Any coach acting as a coach on the deck at a meet, all meet directors must check for coaches credentials.
- If something happened at the meet and they weren't current and you as a host didn't check for this then you would most likely be in trouble with USA Swimming, insurance, and legal issues.
- Good time to make sure that Meet directors start checking coaches cards upon receiving the team's coaches packets. In lieu of the new protecting athletes rulings that this happen.
- Question: What about team photographers for meets? Are they allowed on deck?

- You are allowed to have a meet event photographer (licensed, bonded, and insured), but individual teams cannot have their own teams' photographer on the deck.
- **Meet information you must state that you have an event photographer outlining who the photographer is and what they are doing.**

Dave Westfahl (Tech Planning)

- Look at Green Sheet for updated time standards for this winter's 2011 State Meets (most were housekeeping).

Wagner de Silva (Coaches Rep)

- Coach/Swimmer of the Year voting ballots due to Carol Graham on November 1.
- Age group (criteria of what an Age grouper is) on the ballot will be changed from 8th grade and below to 14 and Under.

Patty Kramer (Rules)

- Section 4.1 bylaw rule change to require each member to appoint an athlete representative.
- Section 4.1.3 Athlete Representatives (housekeeping with the format). Each club will now be able to have an athlete.

Motion by Jeanne and seconded by Dave Joyce. Passed unanimously.

Motion to have this be in effect immediately by Luke Schumm seconded by Jacob Johnson.

1.1 Issuance of Meet sanctions and approvals. See Patty's handouts.

Motion to accept by Blaine Carlson seconded by Wagner de Silva.

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2.2.1 Meet Announcement Information (See Amendment, attached)

- Now must include water depth from both end walls at a 3 foot distance away from the wall.
- Competition course must state whether or not it is certified under USA Swimming certifications.

Jeanne motioned and Cathie Marty seconded. This rule is tabled until we get the clarification below.

Patty will look into a rule clarification regarding whether a racing dive means only off of a starting block or if it includes the side.

2.3.6 Distribution of Meet Announcement

Moved by Brent B. and seconded by Jeanne

Passed unanimously

2.4.1 Host Club Responsibility regarding Meet Announcement Distribution

Moved and seconded by Jeanne

Passed unanimously

- Rule to change the LSC Splash fee from \$3.00 down to \$2.00. George is talking about the increase in cost for the officials background checks along with the other requirements cost wise.

- Proposal to have the LSC cover the cost of the initial background screen. The annual \$7.00 fee would be covered by the officials themselves. Currently would be an expense of \$13,000 and moving forward each year between \$1,500-2,000.

Luke Schumm is amending the amount from \$3.00 to \$2.50. Moved by Patty and seconded by Jacob.
Patty Called the question. Motion failed unanimously.

Back to the original question of moving from \$3.00 - \$2.00. Motion passed unanimously.

- Jeanne motioned that she be allowed to contact each team hosting a meet to change their splash fee from \$3.00 to \$2.00 without having to re sanction each meet.
Motion passed unanimously.

4.1 Wisconsin Individual Scratch Rule

George made an amendment and was seconded. See Proposed changes handout.

Line 77/78 any relay team declaring the names of the relays strike the “and the swimmers names declared for that event”.

Mark motioned and seconded by Jacob.
Passed unanimously.

Strike the line 19 and 20
Passed unanimously

Motion passed to approve rule 4.1 and 4.2

LEAP Program

- USA Swimming requires each LSC to complete level one of the program. USA Swimming is giving us grief about bringing our bylaws up to speed.
- Rules committee is meeting on November 17. The goal is to make the necessary changes and plug it into the USA Swimming template to satisfy USA Swimming’s LEAP Program level one.
- Asking for the body to provide unanimous approval to allow the rules committee to “fill in the blanks” of the bylaws as needed into the LEAP template.

Moved by Mark and seconded by Steve.
Passed unanimously.

Back to Budget:

George made a motion to reimburse all officials for their first time background check. Each official will submit their reimbursement to Pat along with their background approval letter within 60 days of passing the screen. This would only be for the first time. The officials would have to pay the annual cost each year for renewal.

Patty requested to know what the current reserve amount that we have? It is \$120-160,000 in reserve.

George’s proposal passed unanimously.

Budget passed unanimously

Club Development

- No report

Finance (Peter Healy)

- Would like to step down, looking for someone to take the position now and will be up for election in June of 2011.

Laura Becherer (Disability Swimming)

- We had two swimmers win the Tricia Zorn award. Jess Weeden from VAC and Kelly Becherer from OZ.
- Steve Keller (OZ) won the Disability Coach of the year. Congratulations swimmers and coaches!

Diversity Chair

- No Report

Officials (George Geanon)

- Sectional Observations – See George Geanon
- Officials Stipend for 3 officials to attend Speedo Level meets.
- An application will be online for that.
- Open water official policy will also be online.

Dave Joyce (Records and NVT's)

- Dave will automatically enter the top 8 from the HS State Meets.
- Current State record list was emailed to be posted on the website.

Unfinished Business

- Outstanding Service Award was presented to Pat Lewno and Joan Domitz. Great job!

New Business

None

Back to Silver State Meet

Motion to re-open the talk of having 1 silver meets and have the weekend open for a non-approved meet also that weekend.

Motion failed.

Steve Keller motion to go back to North and South Meet dictating who goes to which meet. Ammended that both sites be either long course or short course.

Seconded by Jacob Johnson.

Motion passes 15-11.

Motion for adjournment

Accepted

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Blaine Carlson, Secretary

