

Wisconsin Swimming  
Finance Committee Meeting  
October 9,2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Mohr at 7:20. Present were Treasurer Mary Schneider, Carol Graham, Matt Miller and Dave Anderson.

The September 30, 2002 financial results were reviewed. It was pointed out that registration expense was \$75,187.50. This amount exceeds registration income (\$57,888). This is a result of a large registration payment made in January 2002 which related to fees collected and reported as income in 2001. The financial statements were accepted as presented.

The next item of business was the proposed 2003 budget. A major focus of discussion was the 2004 USA Swimming membership fee. The 2004 USA Swimming membership fee has been increased to \$40. The committee approved using a Wisconsin Swimming fee of \$43 for swimmers over 8 years old and \$35 for swimmers 8 and under. This is in line with current 2003 fees. The 2003 membership fee for swimmers over 8 is \$3 above the USA Swimming portion. The 2003 membership fee for swimmers 8 and under fee is less than the amount charged by USA Swimming. Carol Graham reported that Wisconsin's fee is one of the lowest charged.

The proposed budget includes an increase in the swim camp. It was requested that the swim camp budget be increased to provide funds for bringing an Olympian to the camp. Neal Walker's attendance at past camps has been very well received. The committee feels this is a good area for additional funds.

Funds have been budgeted for an LSC conference. It is anticipated that materials developed for the club business school (a USA Swimming requirement for clubs started after September 2003) may be available for use at a conference. The committee noted that past conferences have been well received and it has been several years since one has been held.

The committee recommends LSC approval of the budget.

The committee considered a request for partial (50%) Internet access fee reimbursement starting in October by the Records and OVC Chair. USA Swimming requires that certain information be submitted electronically. The reimbursement at 50% will be approximately \$23 per month. The committee approved reimbursement starting with the charges for October.

The Treasurer asked that our rules be changed to require travel fund reimbursements requests be submitted within 60 days of the meet. This would make the treasurer's task of verifying eligibility more efficient. The committee recommends that the rules be amended to require requests for travel fund reimbursement be submitted within 60 days of the meet's conclusion.

The committee discussed the difficulty in finding a volunteer to be Treasurer. Mary reiterated her commitment to provide help to a new person. The committee currently does not know of anyone that is interested. The committee thinks the LSC may need to consider offering some level of pay to encourage a person to assume the responsibilities. Mary estimates her duties require 5-6 hours per week on average. In weighing a course of action, the impact on other positions must be considered. The sanctioning duties of the Administrative Chair require a large amount of time. Is it appropriate to pay one but not the other? Should both be paid?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectively submitted,

James L. Mohr, Chair