

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2002
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin**

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in.

CALL TO ORDER: Dale Nickels, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Dave Westfahl moved and Susan Zblewski seconded approving the minutes of the June 25, 2002 meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

General Chair Report: Dale Nickels reported that six people went to the USAS Convention in September. Junior Nationals will return in the Summer of 2005. Beginning in 2005, the spring championships will no longer be a national championship meet, only the summer meet will be a national championship meet. In 2004, national dues will go from \$25 to \$40. LSC dues will stay at \$3.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Schneider, Treasurer, reported that she has been the Treasurer since 1993 and would like to retire from her position.

The Treasurer distributed an "Income Statement and Balance Sheet." The General Fund has a deficit due to the way USA does their books, but it will work out. The Travel Fund will also be increasing. These two funds are causing the net income loss at this time.

A motion was made to pass the "Income Statement and Balance Sheet," Carol Graham seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Administrative Chair Report: Cris Lewis reported that the next bid date for summer LSC meets is January 14, 2003. Bids can be mailed or e-mailed to her. Both addresses are on the website.

Age Group Chair Report: Matt Miller, Age Group Chair, distributed an "Age Group, Senior and Tech Planning Committee(s) Meeting" document from their October 16, 2002 meeting. He highlighted a few items. Summer State Meets will have a 3-part form for scratching finals. The Summer State Meet will have a similar format to this past summer with 14 and Under and Senior swimmers on separate weekends. The Zone C Meet will be in Indianapolis. A block of rooms will be available at University Place. Matt Miller indicated that a Team Wisconsin Manager is still needed. Bryan Beardsley volunteered for the position.

Senior Chair Report: Dave Anderson indicated that the new time standards are included in the handout mentioned above.

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Registration/ Membership Chair: Carol Graham distributed a handout entitled "USAS Convention, Dallas, September 10-15, 2002."

Safety Chair Report: Cathie Marty distributed a "Coaches Safety Curriculum." She stressed that coaches must keep their certifications current. Meet Marshals may do random checks of credentials of coaches.

Technical Planning Chair Report: Greg Earhart reported on the section entitled "Other Business" found in the "Age Group, Senior and Tech Planning Committee(s) Meeting" document previously distributed.

Athletes' Representative Report: Brent Butler reported that he and Dave Decker will be the new representatives.

Coaches' Representative Report: Dave Westfahl passed out his "USAS Convention Report." He found the Sports Science presentations very interesting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Camps Director Report: Dave Dahler reported that there will be a camp at Carthage College in mid May. The top 20-25 10 and Under and the top 20-25 11 and 12 year olds will be invited.

Club Development Report: No report.

Finance Report: Mary Schneider reported for Jim Mohr, Finance Committee Chair. She distributed notes from the "Finance Committee Meeting," dated October 9, 2002, and the "Wisconsin Swimming Annual Budget."

Mary Schneider indicated that things are falling in line. On the budget, "equipment purchase" should be changed to "donation" since that is what it really is. Money has been allocated this year to have a nice LSC Camp with the possibility of a celebrity present.

Dale Nickels explained that the \$15,000 deficit is due to the drawing down of the Travel Fund so that money went back to the clubs. The net loss is not really in the operating budget.

There was a motion by the committee to approve the budget. The motion passed.

Currently the Travel Fund requests for reimbursement are to be given to the Treasurer within 30 days. It would be acceptable to the Treasurer if the time frame was changed to 60 days and she will pass this on to the Rules Committee.

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Long Distance and Open Water Swimming Report: No report.

Officials Report: Susan Zblewski reported that currently at the WIAA State Meets, USA officials observe swims if the appropriate Observation Form for a swimmer is filled out. Now, officials will be trying to do "blanket observations" during the entire meet for all swimmers. Susan Zblewski will be working on the implementation of this. Check the website for further information on this. Hopefully this will be done at the two WIAA State Meets and the Conference Meets.

Recertification is currently going on for officials.

Records, OVC'S, Top 16 Report: Dave Joyce distributed his "USA Swimming Convention Report." He also passed around "Wisconsin Swimming Records" for coaches to check to be sure that the information was correct. Short Course Yards rankings will be posted on the website after the Western Great Lakes Open, the Schroeder A+ Meet, and after the end of spring season. Dave Joyce indicated that he would like to see a bringing back of a WI LSC Awards Banquet.

Rules Report: It was reported that Patricia Kramer is now the new chair. She was not present.

Extra Handouts were distributed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: January 28, 2003, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m., Room N133.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Warmington, Secretary

Cc: Director, Member Services Division, USA Swimming, Inc.

