

**Officials Committee Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2003**  
**University of Wisconsin, Waukesha Center**  
**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.**

**Participants:** Joe Barta, George Geannon, Patty Kramer, Susan Taylor, Jackie Vargas, and Susan Zblewski, Chair

**Approval of April Minutes:** Deferred to next meeting. However, Zblewski reviewed major items verbally that included: introduction of new members (Joe Barta, George Geannon); report that Shelia Strock resigned; establishment of Spring New Officials Training Schedule; review of scratch rule; status of obtaining name badges.

Dan Lapin now present.

**Report of Spring New Officials Training Clinics:**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Stroke/Turn</i>	<i>Judge</i>	<i>Starter/Referee</i>	<i>Trainers</i>
May 3, 2003	Appleton	9		NA	Kramer
May 10, 2003	Madison	11		6	Surprenant/Kramer
May 17, 2003	Hartland	7		6	Taylor/Zblewski
June	Brown Deer (SSTY)	<u>6</u>		<u>NA</u>	Taylor
Total Participants		33		12	

**Designation of LSC Officials for Long Course Championships:** By consensus and availability of Officials, the Committee agreed on the following Officials as the “designated LSC Officials” for the LSC Long Course Championships: (The Schroeder YMCA Aquatic Center is the location for both Meets.)

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Meet Hosts</i>	<i>Officials</i>
7/25-27/03	14 & Under	SWAT	Susan Taylor/Judy Linsley
7/31-8/3/03	Senior	LAKE	Dan Lapin/Al Schmidt

Steve Surprenant now present.

Zblewski will send the Long Course Meet Hosts/Directors the guidelines regarding responsibilities of the Meet Host and the designated LSC Officials, with copies to the LSC designated Officials to help in managing the Meet.

**Central Zone Meet:** The Central Zone Meet, mega meet as all 15 LSCs will participant in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USA Swimming, will be conducted in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 7-9, 2003. Zblewski urged any Officials attending the Meet to volunteer to officiate at the Meet as it offers another learning experience and having Officials from several LSCs on deck enhances cooperation.

**Officials Chair Position:** Dave Anderson, Chair of the LSC Nomination Committee, asked the Officials Committee for a nomination for Officials Committee Chair. The LSC By-Laws require the House of Delegates to elect an Officials Committee Chair, to a two-year term, at its June meeting in the odd numbered years. The Chair may serve two terms or until another candidate is

interested in the position. (Other LSC Officers have similar requirements.) As no other candidate is known to be interested in the position and the Committee and LSC Officials are well satisfied with having Zblewski serve as Chair, the Committee endorsed having Zblewski continue to serve.

### **LSC Rules:**

*Dual Meets:* Should the LSC continue to require having three (3) Officials for dual Meets?  
Deferred to next meeting.

*Proof of Time:* Zblewski reported a discussion she had with a Paul Jones, a member of the USA Swimming Officials Committee, that included Wisconsin Swimming's Rule for proof of time that "any printed meet results" proves a time. Such a standard for a proof of time is not consistent with USA Swimming requirements as non- USA Swimming rules may be used in achieving such a time. The Rule was adopted when printed Meet Results were unusual and not many high school Meets and recreational team Meets had printed Meet Results. The Rule was intended, in particular, to permit use of WIAA Boys Championship Meet Results to prove times as high school boys normally do not have an opportunity to qualify for the LSC Short Course Championships after the end of the high school season. The current Rule causes some confusion as it does not satisfy a proof of time for the Central Zone Meet. The Committee, by consensus, decided to ask the LSC Rules Committee to review the proposed Rule below. It still would be limited to use within the LSC for its Championship Meets. The Committee's proposed Rule: 1) adds Observed swims/meets which are permitted under USA Swimming Rules (the WIAA Championship Meets are observed Meets); 2) eliminates the concept of "any printed meet results;" and 3) continues to accept YMCA and NCAA closed competition Meet Results.

Wisconsin Swimming's Current Rule 2.7.1. reads: "In LSC Championship Meets, a qualifying time must be achieved by a swimmer in a meet providing printed meet results, e.g., USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, WIAA high school meets, YMCA closed competition, NCAA closed competition."

Wisconsin Swimming Proposed Rule 2.7.1. to read: "In LSC Championship Meets, a qualifying time must be achieved by a swimmer in any of the following: USA Swimming sanctioned or approved Meet; YMCA closed competition; NCAA closed competition; or USA Swimming observed swim or Meet if such Meet is a season culminating Meet such as the WIAA High School Championship Meet. A swimmer must present printed Meet Results from such competition if needed to prove his/her time."

*Unattached Swimmers and Relays:* Unattached swimmers may not comprise a relay. USA Swimming Rule 102.4.1 reads: "Relay teams may not compete unattached. In all cases relay teams must be composed of USA Swimming members of the same club, school, or organization which is a member of USA Swimming." Exceptions exist for Zone Meets and similar Meets.

*Penalty for Failure to Compete:* At the request of the LSC House of Delegates at its April 2003 meeting, the Committee considered the penalty to a swimmer, in a Prelims-Finals Meet, who fails to scratch from a Finals event and then does not compete in that Finals event. The Committee

recommended that the LSC continue to use the USA Swimming Rule that bars the swimmer from further competition when the swimmer fails to scratch and fails to compete. The Committee further recommends that this Rule apply both to LSC Championship Meets and to any other Prelims-Finals Meet conducted within the LSC. Consistent application avoids confusion and, thus, benefits the swimmers, coaches, officials, and spectators.

USA Swimming Rule 207.7.9.D(1) reads: "Any swimmer qualifying for ... final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the Meet, except as noted in paragraph E (scratch procedure). A declared false start under 102.14 5D or a deliberate delay of meet under 102.14.7A is not permitted and will be regarded as failure to compete."

**Disqualification Slips:** A USA Swimming Official must complete any Disqualification Slip as the form needs completion by someone familiar with using the form and knowledgeable of the Rules. An incomplete or inaccurate Disqualification Slip may result in overturning a disqualification. Having an Official complete the Slip increases the likelihood of proper completion and having the call sustained.

**Officials Review Committee:** Zblewski asked for three Committee members to comprise an Officials Committee Review Board to hear a matter of alleged misconduct of an Official. The members should not have prior information on the matter. After a brief discussion, Lapin, Surprenant, and Taylor volunteered. Zblewski scheduled the hearing for 6:00 PM on July 8, 2003 at the University of Wisconsin Waukesha Center. She will notify the parties.

**Old Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 8, 2003 (Tuesday), 7:00 PM, University of Wisconsin, Waukesha Center

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Kramer, Committee Member

July 7, 2003