

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes: January 27, 2004**  
**University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Bradley, Karen Dionne, Carol Graham, Dave Joyce, Cris Lewis, Pat Lewno, Matt Miller, Jim Mohr, Cathie Marty, Dale Nickels, Nancy Roos, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dale Nickels, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:**

**General Chair Report:** Dale Nickels reported for Patty Kramer that a lot of rules (presented at the last meeting) will be up for vote at tonight's Delegates meeting. We will also be voting on an increase in the splash fee.

The final vote of the clubs on the Waukesha pool project was 20 votes in favor and 12 votes against. The Board then ratified the vote of the clubs via e-mail – the \$25,000 donation will be spread out over five years. Construction will begin April 1.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Lewno, Treasurer, distributed the end-of year financial report. The Zone C income and expenditures were higher than budgeted because more swimmers traveled to Zones than expected. The numbers in the Travel Fund have decreased.

Meet Directors need to carefully read the directions regarding payments to the LSC following meets.

Also, she has a long list of outstanding checks – please remind people to cash them.

**Administrative Chair Report:** Cris Lewis reported that the unofficial meet schedule will be handed out tonight for revisions and approval. Each Summer State meet has gotten one bid: SWAT for the 14 and under and SEAY for the Senior meet. Each is looking for some help with pool rental from the LSC.

Illinois needs us to sanction their state meet in March because it is at Carthage College. We will need to waive the distance requirement.

**Registration/Membership Chair Report:** Carol Graham reported that she has been getting a lot of meet files very late, which doesn't give her enough time to do her job properly. In addition, more meet information needs to be posted on-line – and it needs to be accurate and up-to-date so that she knows who really is the Meet Director for each meet and when meet entries are due. She needs meet entry files five days before each meet begins, so entry deadlines should be at least seven days before the meet start.

**Finance Committee Chair Report:** Jim Mohr reported that there was no Finance Committee meeting since the last Board meeting, other than the special meeting to consider the Waukesha pool funding request. One important thing that we learned in this process was that we need standards and

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a process to evaluate special requests – this should be closely looked at by the Finance or Technical Planning Committee. We should get agreement on this at the Delegate meeting.

They have also looked into whether or not it makes sense to get an independent audit of our financial statements. This type of audit would cost approximately \$2-3000. Currently, the Finance Committee functions as an Audit Committee. Last year, Dale Nickels, Jim Mohr, Matt Miller and the Treasurer conducted an audit similar to what an outside company would do – Pat Lewno doesn't think it is worth spending money to do what our own Audit Committee already does. And, most non-profit companies of our size do it like we do.

**Officials Chair Report:** There has been no Officials meeting due to scheduling conflicts – it will occur next week. At this meeting we will pick the officials for the State meets and work on getting observers for the WIAA meets. We are once again at a crisis point regarding the number of officials in the State – please encourage people to become certified. Clinics will be held this Spring, flyers about the clinics will be in the State meet heat sheets. Should we mandate that every heat sheet for every meet include information about becoming an official?

**Coaches' Representative:** Neil Wright reported that he is attempting to get a coach to come speak at John Bradley's camp in April to any interested coaches.

**Athletes' Representative Report:** Although no athletes were at the meeting, they would like us to change when the athlete representatives are chosen to the Spring rather than the Summer, so that they have been in the job for a few months before the convention, instead of going immediately after being elected.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Adaptive Swimming Report:** Karen Dionne reported that she attended a workshop in Colorado Springs for Adaptive Chairs. About 50 people from all over the country attended. The focus was on how to increase the number of participants at the club level, and to help provide coaches with help to develop these swimmers for Nationals and para-Olympics. She also reported that Kelly Becker from Sheboygan was named to the National Para-Olympics team.

**Camps:** John Bradley reported that the 12 and under camp will be held April 24 for the top 30 kids at the State Meet. He is hoping to confirm an athlete with Speedo and is looking for some coaches to help out. A nutritionist will be one of the scheduled speakers.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 27, 2004

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Roos, Secretary