

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2004
University of Wisconsin Center, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Dionne, Carol Graham, Dave Joyce, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Matt Miller, Dale Nickels, Joel Rollings, Nancy Roos, Dave Westfahl, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

CALL TO ORDER: Dale Nickels, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Dale Nickels introduced the two new Board members: Joel Rollings who is the new Senior Committee Chair and Dave Westfahl who is the new Chair of Technical Planning.

Dale reported that he received the names of people who wanted to be appointed to some of the committees and these names will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Lewno reported that we are running a rather large deficit right now, mainly due to the timing of USA registration receipts and payments. The situation is temporary – the USA swimming portion of the registration fees collected in December is not remitted until January.

We are still holding a check for the Waukesha pool project – we continue to await information from them.

The summer meets did not generate as much income for the LSC or the meet hosts as in past years. Finally, as a reminder, clubs need to be careful to format meet results in publication order when they send it to the Treasurer – not heat sheet order – and to include correct headers, etc.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham will discuss the fees for next year at the Delegates meeting. In addition, she will talk about how important the job transition is within clubs when people take on new responsibilities. Training is critical.

Carol asked if in the future she could put all club errors for a meet on one report separated by club, rather than generating a separate report for each club. USA Swimming recommends that she do it the way she is now suggesting. It was agreed that she could do it as USA Swimming recommends.

It was suggested the Meet Information for the Regional Meets (Sectionals) be sent to the Age Group Chairman, Matt Miller, to look at before the meet is sanctioned. Time Trials are not required.

Records Chair Report: Dave Joyce requested that a rule change be made regarding when athletes are recognized for breaking records – specifically, how should we keep track of and report records that are broken mid-season? For now, as records are set, the information should be sent to Dale Nickels for affirmation on the website, until the official three times per year update.

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Technical Planning Chair Report: Dave Westfahl reported that the October 19th Technical Planning Committee meeting was primarily a brainstorming session. By a vote of 12-0 the Committee decided to adopt the Mission/Vision/Core Objectives of USA Swimming. They had much discussion on Core Objectives and will have specific committees for *Build* (club development), *Promote* (publicity and promotion) and *Achieve* (age group and senior committees). Some of the Committee's initial recommendations include putting the bylaws on line, hiring a promotions company, creating a stable state meet calendar and putting together a survey to determine what the LSC wants in State meets (for parents, coaches and swimmers).

The Committee focused on the format of the Summer State Meet, and sent the following recommendation to the Age Group Committee: 12 and Under Timed Final July 22-24;
13 and Over Prelim/Final July 29-31.

They also discussed relay limits, swimmer recognition, swimmer introductions, and using the Star Times Database for proof of time. Increasing the value of the Sectional Meets will be explored. They will look into achiever awards and efficiency team awards.

The group discussed the concept of positive check-in for long course meets to solve the problems of empty lanes and long meets. They raised the question of whether the no shows are the result of the Wisconsin reservation system. Should there be time standards for long course meets?

Age Group Chair Report: Matt Miller reported that the Short Course State Meet formats have been finalized. BAC withdrew their bid for the 14 & Under meet, saying that the Natatorium couldn't host the meet. The meet will be three days: 10 & Under Prelims only
11/12 P/F for 100 and shorter events
11/12 TF for 200 and longer; Top 8 swim at night
13/14 P/F for 200 and shorter events
400 IM, 500 FR, 1000 FR, 1650 FR – Top 8 at night. Fast to slow for all checked in AM sessions

Relay formats were finalized and the details can be found on the website in the Age Group Committee Minutes from October.

The Committee also discussed finding a better way to recognize 10 & Under Award winners.

The Wisconsin Sectional Meets have been re-named the Wisconsin Regional Meets, with one event change. The 11/12 500 free is now a 12 and Under 500 free.

The Age Group Committee passed a motion that the LSC should not subsidize State Meets any longer. LSC dollars should go to kids not clubs.

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A large group of Wisconsin swimmers, 167, attended the Zone Meet this year – lots of them were 12 and under. The Committee also discussed future funding for the Junior National meets.

Senior Committee Chair: Joel Rollings reported that the Senior time standards have been revised to make them more manageable. Seniors and 15/16 are now combined. The time standards reflect how the swimmers in our State perform.

Coaches' Representative: Neil Wright requested \$1000 for a coaches' clinic in early August.

Adaptive Swimming: Karen Dionne reported that Wisconsin had one athlete, Kelly Becherer, participate in the Paralympics in Athens. Kelly is a vision-impaired swimmer from Sheboygan who competed in four events and made finals in them all.

Karen's goal for this year is to look for ways to incorporate athletes with disabilities into our State meets. They can participate in National meets, but often not in State meets. She will present a proposal to the Age Group Committee.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will meet to address Fiscal Budget requests beginning in January.

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2004

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary