

**Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee**  
**Monday January 24, 2005**

Members present: Susan Zblewski, Jackie Vargas, Judy Linsley, Ben Radloff, Patty Kramer, Steve Surprenant, Cindy Maltry, Dave Wardecke, George Geanon and Lynee Phelps

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 by chair, Susan Zblewski. The September minutes were reviewed and approved. .

The WI Swimming State Meets have been assigned, and Meet Referees have been appointed.

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| Seniors –  | February 25-27, | Carthage College | Steve Surprenant and Patty Kramer |
| 14-Under - | March 4-6       | Schroeder        | George Geanon and Jackie Vargas   |

The Boys State Meets will be held in February at the UW Natatorium. Ben and Cindy will attend Division 1 on Saturday, February 19. Observers are needed for the Friday, February 18 Division 2 session..

There was much discussion about the new FCC compatible headsets. Some officials are experiencing difficulty with the sound quality of certain new radios. Based on recommendations by several SWAT officials and others, suggested radios and headsets are:

**Radios** - any Motorola models with VOX (7100, 5300, 5900, etc.), available in a set of 2 at Sam's Club and Best Buy for around \$45.00

**Headset** – Motorola MO-73725 9.99 to 14.99 (you must have a VOX radio for this headset)

This information will be posted to the WI Swimming website.

The Age Group Committee proposed changes to the State Meet cuts and format beginning with the Summer 2005 Long Course meets. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ben to keep the cuts as they are until the Silver Championship Meet is implemented in 2006. George seconded the motion. Susan will bring it to the next LSC House of Delegates meeting at which Age Group makes its presentation as a recommendation from the Officials Committee.

Officials are concerned about the brevity and lack of information for meet announcements. The WI Swimming scratch rule needs to be present for every meet referee and meet. State Meets must have a minimum of information in the Meet Announcement. Any LSC-sponsored meet needs a template, and the committee will be working on this in the future. There was also discussion on what procedure is used when a meet or single session is canceled due to bad weather. This information should be included in the meet announcement.

Spring Clinic options were discussed. Dave proposed a May 21 clinic at the Appleton YMCA. A May clinic at Homestead High School was suggested. The Ozaukee Swim Team has several interested officials, and it would be a new location in the Milwaukee area. Lynee will contact Don Steinberg and report back to the committee. The meet format clinics could be held at a May meet in Madison and the WGLO meet in July. Arrangements should be finalized at the next committee meeting so Ben can update previous handbills for all the clinics and get them to meet directors for inclusion in the State Meet heat sheets. There should be sufficient copies of the Wisconsin Officials Manual for the Spring clinics. We currently have 45 copies.

Using lap counters in individual events of less than 16 lengths was a situational concern. After checking the rulebook, it was decided that Jackie would contact someone on the National Rules Committee for definitive clarification and intent of the rule

Judy continues to update the information on all WI officials. Anyone with any changes should contact her so she can keep the list current.

Orders for more polo shirts and nametags will be taken in the Fall.

As per Rule 102.12.2, apprentices are allowed to act in an official capacity when under the direct supervision of certified official.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm at UW-Waukesha, pending availability of a room. The committee hopes to meet more frequently, with a meeting being held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month as a suggestion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lynee Phelps, February 4, 2005.