

**Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 A.M., Wednesday, September, 21, 2005**  
**Schroeder YMCA**

Joel Rollings, David Anderson, Laura Becherer, Mark Kohnhorst, Matt Miller, Dave Westfahl, Brent Boock, Rob McCabe, John Bradley, Drew Walden, Jacob Johnson, Jeanne Drzewiecki, Tom Carroll, Fred Russell, Neil Wright

1) Camps Report – John Bradley

- A) “Catch The Spirit Camp” – Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>- Waukesha South.
- Followed USA Swimming designed format.
  - National athlete, Tim Liebold attended.
  - Camp used one the WI LSC free rental weekends at Waukesha South.
  - Small coaching staff of 3, optimal coaching staff would be 5/6.
  - John stressed the importance of pushing swimmers through to the next level of the camp system (Zone Select Camps, etc).
  - Brief discussion of athlete’s likes & dislikes of the camp experience.
  - USA Swimming will stop financially supporting “Catch The Spirit Camps”.

B) WI LSC Altitude Camp

- Colorado Springs Staff was very accommodating to athletes and coaches
- Athletes were surrounded by excellence (other athletes at Colorado Springs).
- Camp evaluations and workouts will be published by October WI LSC Mtg.
- Highlights included lectures on banned substances, nutrition, and athlete development.
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C) Future of camps

- USA Swimming will stop financially supporting “Catch The Spirit Camps”.
- John stressed the importance of pushing swimmers through to the next level of the camp system (Zone Select Camps, etc).
- Zone Select camp criteria and selection is still in its formative stages at USA Swimming.
- “All Comers” camp postponed due to lack of national athlete. Will try to run camp in March 2006.

2) Tech Planning – Dave Westfahl

- WI Swimming member survey is ongoing.
- Discussion on a coaches training process similar to the certification process of WI officials.
- Meet reservation process review. Prior to reservation date: post meet event order. In rules committee.
- Discussion on ability to get meets sanctioned. Consensus of group would like to see Executive Board police the sanctioning process and see that it is done in a timely manner.

3) Convention Report – Drew Walden

- USA Swimming requiring coaches' background checks annually. Coaches must pay for background check (\$30/\$60) annually prior to registration.

- Wisconsin Long Course Meet planning

- 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend July – Speedo Sectional

- 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend July – WI Silver Meet

- Last weekend July – WI 12&U State Champs

- 1<sup>st</sup> weekend Aug – WI 13&O State Champs

- Zone meet site – Indianapolis 2006, 10-13 Aug

- USA Swimming Junior National Championships – Irvine, California 2006, 08-12 Aug

- Zone meet site – Topeka 2007 09-12 Aug

#### 4) Zone Recap

- Grand Forks, North Dakota

- Lack of 15&O boys concerns discussed.

- Wisconsin 13&O swimmers tend to look to the speedo meet rather than Zone.

- Perception of Zone meet as a 12&U/14&U meet in Wisconsin.

- Discussion on Grand Forks - Lack of warm down facility, administrative issues.

- Over all Wisconsin swimmers raced and placed well while performing poorly (percentage of LTB).

- Future Zones

- Vote for placement in Indianapolis Zone 2006 passed.

- Neil Wright will get block of hotel rooms ASAP.

- Indy meet format TBA, Open H2O either prior or following meet.

- Any swimmer entered in meet can swim open water.

- Need for written policies regarding relay selection and coach responsibilities.

- New Zone director charged with setting up policies

- Brief discussion on pro/cons of returning to a team travel concept for the Zone meet.

#### 5) 12&U State Championships LC 2005

- 419 Athletes attended

- Discussion on pros/cons of 10&U timed final, prelim/final format.

- Swimmers not at finals to receive awards.

- Discussion regarding breaks in finals affecting the flow/excitement of meet.

- Discussion regarding the benefits of continuity with our state championships.

- Drew Walden Moves to keep 2005 format with minor changes in 2006.

- Approved unanimously.

#### 6) 13&O State Championships LC 2005

- 634 Athletes attended

- Discussion on distance race timelines- extended meet too long.

- Fred Russell Moves to change Girls 800 & Mens 1500 to Thursday night session.

- Passed unanimously provided SSYY is available Thursday PM.

- Discussion concerning lack of warm down space at SSTY (1 lane). Schroeder will investigate securing more space during non-peak pool use time.

#### 7) 13&Over State Championships SC 2006

- All age groups swim together in prelim/final events during the prelim session

- (13&14/15&16/17&O). Age Groups will be separated during finals for racing & scoring.

- Timed Final events both individual & relay will be swum in separate age groups (13&14,15&16,17&O).

- 6 individual event limit.
- 3 & 1/2 day format
- All 1000's & 800 free relays on Thursday PM Session, swum fast to slow.
- All qualifying standards stay the same as 2005 LC standards.

8) Silver Meet

- Discussion regarding the specifics of the Silver meet format. Which age groups, event order, sites, distance races, etc.
- This meet is accommodating our athletes with another meet opportunity.
- Only decision made was to secure the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July 2006 as a "Silver Meet" weekend.
- Format and specifics to be decided at December 2005 Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting.

9) Next meeting will be held at Schroeder YMCA in Brown Deer on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 beginning at 10:00am. All welcome.