

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 25, 2005
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, WI**

Members Present: Karen Dionne, Jean Drzewiecki, Carol Graham, Peter Healy, Dave Joyce, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Joel Rollings, Drew Walden, Neil Wright.

The meeting was called to order by General Chair Drew Walden.
The minutes of June, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

Motion to confirm Peter Healy as Finance Chair as recommended by Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Patty Kramer as Rules Chair (as appointed by General Chair.) Motion carried.

These nominations will be voted on at the House Meeting.

Reports

General Chair

Convention – Drew Walden reported that background checks for coaches will be coming. Directives from National Board Meeting coming after their January meeting. Will be paid for by coaches through a service contracted by USA Swimming. Coach will call into service, give SSN, service will check out coach and give coach a green light to registration chair who can then register coach. If red light, there will be other procedures to follow. Unknown what will cause a coach to be red-lighted. This will be a yearly check. A test of this was done in FL and there were some issues. Estimate of \$25 – 30 for cost to coaches. Probably not going to affect us until next year's registration.

Registration

Convention Report – Carol Graham attended several meetings. USAS throwing out 120 day wait requirement for Hurricane Katrina victims. Carol has had one person call to ask about it so far.

Coaches' Rep

Jean Drzewiecki attended the Central Zones Championship Meet evaluation – discussed ways to make meet not so long/use flyover starts but stop for final heats to recognize those swimmers/not eliminate events/go to 3-day format/for 2006 & 2007 we will be later weekends at Indy & Topeka

Adaptive/Disability

Karen Dionne attended disability committee meetings. There is budget money available to encourage more disabled swimmers to swim – incentives for clubs hosting meets that encourage disabled swimmers to participate. Committee is working with Academic All-American committee to use USP meets as a q-meet for Academic All-American designation.

Records

Dave Joyce asked about possible rule changes to come in to compliance with FINA rules regarding back & breast – toes out @start (backstroke) and dolphin kick (breaststroke)

No Spring Juniors for foreseeable future, tightening up time standards, relay only swimmers will be able to time trial.

Finance/Treasurer

Pat – Budget committee met a week ago Monday to create 2006 budget. On income side for 2006 is zero-based budgeting. \$10,000 budgeted for camps - if costs more, participants will be charged; will be same concept as for Zone C which is different than in past budgets.

Committee looked @ items over budget this year – awards expense & State Champs. Travel looked @ in detail – in past purposefully spent down the travel fund which was restricted to travel only so fund has been spent down – as start of this budget year will be \$43,000 in fund – expected expense \$75,000 with \$57,000 in income. New Finance Chair Peter Healy recommends that we stop spending down & leave \$43,000 as contingency fund, so LSC will have to increase travel fund assessment or State Champs surcharge to build up funds. Age Group & Senior Committees will have to make recommendations on how to do this. Also should decide what meets are we going to reimburse for, how many meets/year can an athlete receive reimbursement? Perhaps cap amount each swimmer can receive? Fund will be depleted by 2007 if no changes are made.

Dave Joyce asked that the process for changes be clarified so that we comply with our LSC's policies. Dave suggested that we pull reimbursement for NCSA (National Coaches Swim Association) which is not a USAS meet. Pat would like us to be able to make some changes for the upcoming budget year that starts in January. Drew would like to have a short discussion @ House meeting tonight and then referred to a joint AG/Senior committee to make proposal on how to correct the drawdown with proposal to be voted on at January 2006 House of Delegates meeting.

Announcements

* Date for materials due to Carol for next mailing will be December 28th

* AG/Senior meeting will be December 13th @ Schroeder Aquatic Center at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned to attend House of Delegates Meeting.

Cathie Marty, Recorder