

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
House of Delegates Meeting
October 25, 2005
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, WI

Members present: See sign-in sheet enclosed.

The meeting called to order @ 7:28 P.M. in the library of Waukesha South HS by General Chair Drew Walden

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Officer Reports

Drew announced that the Convention reports will be posted on the website.

General Chair – background checks for coaches coming, still confusion as to exactly how it will work, more information will be coming after January board meeting; coach will be responsible for fee ~\$25 and can't register as coach member until receive green light check from background check service. USAS is trying to keep it in narrow scope, main concern is sexual misconduct. If red light, coach will have to deal w/issues; privacy of coach in kept in tact. Check will probably be every year, more impact for new coaches who aren't currently registered; internal club issue of who will pay – coach or club

Questions from House - how long will it take, what if there's a false positive?

Other issues for LSC – Junior Meet that happened @ Irvine will continue similarly, relay only will be able to time trial again in Irvine this summer, beyond then, meet will be @ Indy.

FINA changes in breast & back coming, able to do one downward kick at start (breaststroke), toes do not have to stay under surface of water as long as they don't go over the gutter (backstroke) - officials already talking about it – info on web.

Our zone meet will be the later date @ Indy, 2007 in Topeka.

Dale Nickels will continue to do web, 25 athletes made scholastic All-American – will be posting it on web.

Treasurer – Pat had 2 handouts – report income/expense – we're at -\$14,000 balance, hopefully will balance out for rest of 2005.

Other handout is budget for next FY beginning in January 2006. Pat went over important points of proposed budget for 2006.

Swim camp & zone income projected @ 0, expenses are budgeted at specific level with expenses above that borne by participants.

Two categories above budgeted in 2005 – awards & state champs.

Awards more this FY – had lot of new records requiring plaques.

For the state champs meets, no longer contributing towards facility charges.

Travel fund expenses – in recent past, deliberate choice to spend down funds – now spent down – if continued in same manner will use all funds within next year or two depending on how fast \$ spent.

The vote to approve Peter Healy as new Finance Chair carried.

Peter reported that we are now overspending Travel Fund by \$18,000 – probably by more than expected because of location of meets this year that can be reimbursed. Finance Committee's position is to be proactive. The Finance Committee is leaving it up to AG/Senior committees to decide how to resolve issue. The Finance Committee would like to keep balance at no less than \$40, 000 as

contingency in the Travel Fund. We can decide to fund fewer meets, fund meets w/ fewer \$, or some other combination.

Back to budget - projecting an unbalanced budget for this year of -\$14,579
Vote on budget will take place at January 2006 House of Delegates meeting.

Age Group

Neil Wright reported that the next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13 at Schroeder at beginning at 10 a.m.

The summer State Champs meet will be July 28 –30, 2006 with time standards & format to be same as 2005 meet, probably at Schroeder.

Next year will be a silver meet on July 21-23 – more information at January, 2006 meeting – committee working on it now.

2006 Zone @ Indy 8/10-14/06 - trying to secure housing. 2007 Zones will be 8/10-12/07 in Topeka, KS.

Senior

Joel Rollings reported that the short course state meet format will be separated age groups in finals with morning prelims having everyone swimming together, 6 IEs maximum. 1000 & 800 FR will be on Thursday.

Registration

Carol Graham reminded everyone about Rule 11.2.7 - \$50 fine for entering unregistered swimmers in meet. Carol asked all to please register athletes before sending in meet entries – there have been many unregistered swimmers in meets so far this fall – clubs responsible to do correctly.

If sending registration materials to Carol using Overnight service, please send it “overnight – no signature” so that she doesn’t have to run to Post Office to get the mail if she’s not home when delivery attempt is made.

If involved in a club/meet, check your e-mail twice a day - she uses e-mail to communicate with meet directors. Please share LSC minutes with other club board members so all know what’s happening.

Meet entry people need to read notes from clubs, ie. unattached swimmers, mixed events and relays with less than 4 swimmers won’t go though TIMES.

WI Registration fees won’t change for 9/06 (2007 registration year)

Safety

Cathie Marty reminded coaches to keep all three required certifications current. The courses that satisfy the requirements are posted on the web. All three certifications must be current if acting as a coach – no grace period is permissible. Clubs jeopardize their insurance if coach with expired certifications is allowed on deck. Meet management officials should be checking for current coach cards at their meets.

Still working on a Meet Marshall handout. If any clubs have one for their club, please send it to Cathie.

Tech planning – no report

Athletes' Representative

Emily Schweitz attended convention, went to athletes' meetings, talked about issues of concern to athletes.

Coaches' Representative

All issues already covered by others tonight.

Camps

John Bradley reported that the camp at OTC went well; good experience for those that went. Cool testing, good workouts, covered drug testing - now at Juniors. Athletes need to check info on USA website and get to physician – if federation has four positive tests, will be out of next Olympics. Catch the Spirit Camp – no longer supported by USA Swimming – they want LSCs to run it. Information is posted on website – John will need to have help for camps next year – contact him if you can help.

Zone select camp – new camp

Ultimate Technique camp – 2 kids/team probably in held April

Club Development – no report

Finance – covered with Treasurer's report.

Disability

Karen Dionne went to convention. If clubs have a disabled athlete, make sure it gets marked on the electronic registration or there may be problems for athlete. USAS is offering incentives to encourage disabled athletes to participate in meets. More information coming on this.

Open Water – no report

Officials

Susan Zblewski was not able to attend tonight's meeting but it was reported that officials' clinics are coming up. All swims will be observed at WIAA meets.

Records/NVTs/Top 10

Dave Joyce received a lengthy document regarding records procedures; there are some changes. One is that the NVT officer be an official – Dave will discuss w/Susan Zblewski.

Form B needs to be submitted to NVT officer at least 10 days prior to meet – Dave needs to have requests for individual swims. Information will be on the web regarding this.

Records have been updated.

Dave Joyce/John Bradley proposed that no plaques be issued for retroactive records – motion carried.

Dave now approves meets rather than Cris (just for approvals not sanctions) effective with start of current short course season.

Final top 16 list is published on November 1; times that come in after that are updated and final, final list is published in January so please check out times on web so that you can make to first deadline.

New e-mail is djoyce@oconymca.org

Rules

Patty Kramer not able to attend meeting – state meet people should check proof of times procedures prior to meets.

Matt Miller proposed that none of the proof-of-times fines be remitted to the LSC that because it is a significant job and the host club should be compensated for this. Question called – carried. Motion carried with dissent. Discussion regarding if this has to be voted on again in January. Because of uncertainty, Drew stated that it should be voted on again in January, 2006. What are the obligations of the host club regarding verification of times? This issue will be referred to the Rules Committee for clarification.

Review of rules from previous meeting

2.8.1 currently not a rule – this is an added proposal – discussion if it should be referred back to rules for house-keeping – need clarification of definitions of meets, time trials.

Motion to reject original proposal – 5% remittance on time trial fees to General Fund – motion carried for rejection – for next meeting the Rules Committee should come up with proposal - clarify what is a meet, what is a time trial. (Patty will be asked to contact Matt Miller regarding this.)

Old Business – Don Steinberg working on right to participate with WIAA. Has impacted participation at Juniors, OTC camp, Zone meet in recent past. Interested people should e-mail Drew with their thoughts on this issue – he needs more clear cut idea on what LSC wants on this issue.

Items referred to Rules Committee for review – quit U.S. Post Office mailings after LSC meetings – just post on web and people can print off what they need/want to save LSC significant funds – someone at club has web access and can obtain information for club.

Look at wording for Speedo travel reimbursement.

Are other people getting meet information late? – some are not receiving their information in a timely manner; is creating problem for clubs. Where does the problem lie?

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Cathie Marty, Recorder