

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2006
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jean Drzewiecki, Carol Graham, Peter Healy, Dave Joyce, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Joel Rollings, Nancy Roos, Drew Walden, Dave Westfahl, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

CALL TO ORDER: Drew Walden, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October, 2005, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Drew stated that a Travel Fund proposal from the Age Group, Senior and Technical Committees will be the biggest agenda item this evening. Joel Rollings is heading up the special Travel Fund sub-committee that is charged with developing a long-term plan for the Travel Fund – why do we have one, what is its mission, and what are its policies. Short-term, a 10% cut across the board is anticipated for Summer 2006 (there will be no changes for winter 2006).

Historically, travel fund expenses have been like a yo-yo – and almost impossible to predict from year-to-year. Our goal is to come up with a plan that will ultimately help us predict expenses.

There are three recommendations that need to be reconciled: one from the Finance Committee, one from the Age Group Committee and one from the Travel Fund Planning Sub-Committee. Discussion occurred about these proposals – comments included: “Club share makes a difference to some clubs – it encourages them to send swimmers beyond state”. “It is important to require participation in at least three state meets”.

It was agreed that the Travel Fund Sub-Committee would meet again and then present to the Age Group/Senior Committee. They will have a proposal ready by the State Championships.

Drew stated to Susan Zblewski that there seems to be a lot of confusion regarding how to call the breast-stroke kick – the officials seem to be over-officiating the dolphin kick. Can we get a video of it from USA Swimming of what is correct? Susan will pursue this and put clarification on the website.

Officials Chair Report: Susan Zblewski reported that many officials feel intimidated by coaches – that is why they quit. Coaches shouldn't be looking for a technicality to overturn DQs. From now on, if a referee has accepted a DQ, it will not be overturned because of a handwriting error.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol reported that this will be the last mailing of the meet schedule –from now on it will be available only on the website. Materials for the next distribution should be to her on or before March 25.

Safety Planning: Cathie Marty mentioned that there is a link on USA Swimming to Erik Namesik's site – an Olympic swimmer who was recently killed in a car crash. Also, Jeremy Waldhart's mother was killed in a car crash coming home from one of his high school swim meets. Jeremy swims for OZ, and there are plans to set up a memorial in her name.

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Records: Dave Joyce said that it is preferable for the person who fills the National Times Verification position to be an official – he is not an official – he is happy to stay on as the Records Chair, but he is uncomfortable continuing as the NTV Officer since he is not an official.

NEW BUSINESS: All American Aquatics has given us a proposal for a Swimposium to be held in late September. The proposed framework includes coaches meetings on Friday night; coaches, officials, and meet directors meetings on Saturday, along with an in-water coaching session with a guest coach; and then a coaches session with swimmers and parents on Sunday, as well as sports psychology for parents and coaches.

This event needs a “Summit Director”, as well as a location. The audience will be all coaches (high school, USS and YMCA), all officials, meet directors, and club management. Select swimmers will be able to attend and work with coaches on Sunday.

It was suggested that a business element be added to the agenda for new clubs, as well as Olympic athletes.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2006

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary