

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2006
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin**

MEMBERS PRESENT: See attached sign-in sheet.

CALL TO ORDER: Drew Walden, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

General Chair Report: Drew Walden asked everyone to pick up the meet information for the upcoming winter 12 and Under and 13 and Over State Meets. Team Manager downloads will be available later this week.

Drew presented the Outstanding Service Award to Susan Zblewski for her wonderful service over the years as the Officials' Chair. He read the nominating speech prepared by John Bradley.

Steve Keller spoke about the recent death of Jody Waldhart in a car crash on her way home from her son Jeremy's high school swim meet. Jeremy has "grown up" in the OZ system. A memorial fund will be set up in her name – there may be a swim-a-thon to get the scholarship fund started – more information will follow.

Cathie Marty mentioned that Eric Namesik, an Olympic swimmer who worked at one of our camps, was also killed in a car crash in Michigan. There is a link to a website for information off of the USA Swimming website.

Drew presented a Swimposium proposal from Dan Meinholz of All American Aquatics. It would be offered in September for officials, coaches, swimmers, meet directors, and parents. A business session for new clubs would also be offered. Please e-mail Drew if you are interested in helping to organize this meeting.

The dates for summer zone and National meets conflict with the beginning of high school swimming this year. Emily Schweitz and Drew will work on what athletes and coaches need to do to work within the rules on this conflict.

High School coaches should pay attention to some lawsuits in Michigan that could lead to combining the boys and girls swimming seasons. This would have consequences for pool time, coaching time, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Lewno handed out the year- end financial report showing 2005 disbursements. We finished the year in the black.

The Financial Committee recommended that the House of Delegates accept the 2006 budget as proposed in October. The budget was approved unanimously.

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Administrative Chair Report: Chris Lewis presented the proposed Long Course Meet Schedule for approval. March 14, 2006, is the earliest date that meet reservations with a check can be postmarked.

Three bids were received for the 13 and Over State Meet – BST, Lake Country and SEAY. All three teams presented their proposals to the delegates. Lake Country won the bid in a secret ballot.

SEAY was the only team to bid on the 12 and Under State Meet.

Fox Cities YMCA requested a waiver to allow 2000 swims a day at the Bird Bath Meet. The waiver was approved.

The 2006 Long Course Meet Schedule was approved with the above changes and minor corrections. It will be posted on the website.

Age Group Chair Report: Teams will be assigned to the Silver meets soon. The session order will be 10 & Under, 11/12 then Senior. Meet information should be in place by April. There was some discussion about awards, and how important they should or shouldn't be at this meet.

Dave Clark has been selected as the Zone Team Manager.

Senior Committee Chair Report: Joel Rollings gave a report on the Travel Fund sub-committee that he is heading. The group's first step is to address the philosophy behind the travel fund – why do we have one? Then, figure out what meets we will spend the money on. The Board has recommended status quo with the Travel Fund until May, then a 10 % cut for the summer meets funded by the travel fund.

Next, Joel raised the question of whether or not our meets are conducive to good swimming. Are they too long? What about our training – has it evolved over time? If it hasn't, is it fair to be expecting more from our swimmers?

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham said that the mail has been very slow to and from Madison – often taking four to five days – you may need to overnight materials to her. Season 1 materials will be mailed in March. Season fees are \$30 (April 1 – August 26) -- this registration is not good for Speedos or Zones.

Don't forget that when running time trials, mixed events will not be entered into the SWIMS database. These need to be sent to her as separate events.

The new meet schedule, with tonight's corrections, will be the last paper mailing. From now on all information will be sent electronically. Carol will be the electronic coordinator – all information must be to her by March 25.

Don't forget to register your Meet Directors.

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Safety Chair: Cathie Marty reported that as the Chairman of the Review Committee she will attend a Review Committee Symposium the first week of February. There will be a Committee meeting after that.

Technical Planning Chair Report: Dave Westfahl reported that he will work with Joel Rollings on the new initiatives for the Travel Fund.

Athletes' Representative: Emily Schweitz will work with Drew Walden to come up with guidelines to help female swimmers and their coaches navigate the conflicts between this summer's zone and national meets and the start of high school swimming.

Coaches' Representative: Jeanne Drzewiecki announced that it is time to vote for the swimmers and coaches of the year. After some discussion, it was felt that a new method is needed to select these people. A nominating Committee will be formed to narrow down the list of candidates before the vote.

Officials Chair Report: Susan Zblewski reported that the head officials have been chosen for the winter state meets. She is working on setting up the observations for the WIAA High School State Championships.

Every year we work hard to certify new officials – unfortunately we lose almost as many as we gain. Part of the problem is that many officials feel intimidated by coaches and parents. Coaches shouldn't be looking for a technicality to overturn DQs – it doesn't set a good example. From now on, if a referee has accepted a DQ, it will not be overturned because of a handwriting error. Also, please remember to value and praise the officials to keep their interest up. Clubs need to be proactive in reimbursing officials' fees as well. We are also looking into providing them with other incentives, such as polo shirts, head sets, bells, etc.

The new rules regarding the breaststroke kick will be clarified as soon as possible and put on the website.

Records: Dave Joyce reminded teams not to build ID's for swimmers unless they are USA registered.

Although Dave is currently the National Times Verification Officer, it makes for sense for the person who holds this position to be an official. He is happy to stay on as the Records Chair.

Coaches/Teams need to submit Form B – Request for Observation for WIAA meets. This form needs to be signed by the Official and Meet Director 10 days PRIOR to the meet in question. Only one form needs to be submitted to cover an entire meet – not one for each swimmer who needs to be observed.

If anyone has a High School girl with a swim that needs to be entered into SWIMS from the High School State Meet, let him know and he will enter it.

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OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Milwaukee Bucks will be hosting their First Annual Swim Nights on Saturday, March 18th and Sunday, March 26th. Please see the flyer that will be posted on the website for exclusive offers for swimmers and guests.

Two new rules were proposed:

Rule 1.4 Obtaining a Sanction/Approval – To obtain a sanction/approval, a Meet Host must send a copy of the proposed Meet Information listing meet details to the LSC Sanctioning Officer.

The reason for this change is that host teams should have the meet information out before the reservation date, so that other teams know what they are making reservations for.

This rule change was accepted for vote at the next meeting after the Rules Committee has seen what other rules are affected

Rule 1.4.2 Distance Event Rule – Proposed change/add – only quality meets would be subject to the Distance Rule.

The reason is that the distance rule does not allow teams to hold meets that meet their needs, especially early in the season.

During discussion of this rule, it was proposed to eliminate the phrase “quality meet”, -- this change would effectively eliminate the distance rule entirely, allowing clubs to offer whatever events they want at their meets. After discussion, it was agreed to send to the Rules Committee a proposal to eliminate the Distance Rule.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2006

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary

House of Delegates Attendees – 1-24-06

Dave Anderson	SSTY
Matt Miller	SSTY
Neil Wright	AG/SEAY
Susan Zblewski	Officials
Cathie Marty	Safety/Review Board
Carol Graham	Registration/Membership
Gail Lynch	EBSC
Fred Russell	EBSC
Ann Meffert	WRAT
Robbin Miner	WRAT
Blaine Carlson	WEST
Josh Taylor	WAM
Dave Joyce	Records/NTV
Kim Thompson	BST
Pat Lewno	Treasurer
Jeanne Drzewiecki	Coaches' Rep
Emily Schweitz	Athletes' Rep
Joe Schweitz	NSSC
Julie Rice	OCSC
Chris Lewis	LSC Board/ Adm Chair
Deb Nickels	VAC
Drew Walden	General Chair
Mark Kornhorst	Lake
Nancy Roos	Secretary

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.
 INCOME STATEMENT
 1/1/05 - 12/31/05

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.
 BALANCE SHEET
 12/31/05

		BUDGET	% OF BUDGET CATEGORY
INCOME:			
REGISTRATION	\$299,240.00	324,000.00	92.4%
SANCTIONS	2,205.00	2,100.00	105.0%
FINES	950.00	500.00	190.0%
INTEREST	50.11	200.00	25.1%
GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	945.65	0.00	
MEET SURCHARGE	60,998.50	50,000.00	122.0%
LSC SWIM CONF	0.00	0.00	0.0%
OFFICIALS	3,565.00	3,500.00	101.9%
ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SWIM CAMP	0.00	6,000.00	0.0%
Subtotal	367,954.26	386,300.00	95.3%
TRAVEL FUND	43,211.46	44,000.00	98.2%
GAIN/LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	945.66	0.00	
ZONE C	21,777.80	21,000.00	103.7%
ST CHAMP SURCHARGE	10,805.00	13,000.00	83.1%
Subtotal	76,739.92	78,000.00	98.4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$444,694.18	464,300.00	95.8%
EXPENSES:			
ADMINISTRATIVE	2,536.92	3,000.00	84.6%
TREASURER	126.59	300.00	42.2%
REGISTRATION EXPENSE	4,025.09	4,000.00	100.6%
REGISTRATION-SALARY	15,347.04	15,347.00	100.0%
REGISTRATION-USS	271,039.00	300,000.00	90.3%
OFFICIALS	2,394.24	4,500.00	53.2%
AWARDS PURCHASE	17,340.09	11,000.00	157.6%
EMPLOYER FICA TAX PAID	1,174.08	1,174.00	100.0%
SWIM CAMP	5,008.20	16,000.00	31.3%
BANK CHARGES	0.00	15.00	0
SECRETARY EXP	0.00	500.00	0.0%
STATE CHAMP EXP	8,233.42	7,500.00	109.8%
CONVENTION/SEMINAR	7,448.29	10,000.00	74.5%
LSC SWIM CONF	0.00	2,500.00	0.0%
DONATION-WEST	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%
CLUB DEVELOPMENT	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Subtotal	339,672.96	381,836.00	89.0%
TRAVEL FUND	62,387.50	53,000.00	117.7%
ZONE C	33,360.41	39,000.00	85.5%
Subtotal	95,747.91	92,000.00	104.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	435,420.87	473,836.00	91.9%
NET INCOME(LOSS)	<u>\$9,273.31</u>		

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Associated Bank-Checking	\$28,989.50
Associated Bank-Money Market Savings	20,148.13
Associated Bank-CD	68,316.29
Associated Bank-CD	7,833.04
Ozaukee Bank-Regis Checking	48,973.00
Associated Investment Services	51,685.83
Total Current Assets	225,945.79
Property and Equipment	
Colorado Starters	182.50
Computer 4	1,031.51
Computer 5	1,226.62
Copier	724.98
Office Furniture	266.99
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-3,432.60
Total Property and Equipment	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$225,945.79
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Current Liabilities	
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Fund Balance	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	176,285.43
Travel Fund	49,660.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$225,945.79
WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 12/31/05	
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY:	
NET INCOME	\$9,273.31
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY	\$9,273.31
NET INCREASE(DECREASE) IN CASH	\$9,273.31