

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates**  
**Meeting Minutes: April 25, 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 January, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:**

**General Chair Report:** Nothing specific

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Lewno handed out the financial reports. One side showed the State Meet financial information, and the other the income and balance sheet. We have received 42% of our expected income so far, and spent 26% of our expected disbursements.

**Age Group Chair Report:** Neal Wright reported for himself and Joel Rollings, the Senior Chair.

The dates for the winter championship meets are: Regionals – February 16-18; 12 & Under State – February 23 – 25; 13 & Over State – March 1 – 4; and Speedos -- March 8 – 11.

Some felt that the event order was confusing at the 12 and Under State meet; there was discussion regarding the format -- particularly for the 10 and unders with some swimming in the morning session and the top 8 at night. Some people like prelim/finals, others don't. In general people liked the format of the 13 and Over Winter Championship meet – many felt it lead to faster swims in the preliminary sessions. It was complicated and very time-consuming to run finals with the Hy-Tek software, however, the age groups had to be cut and pasted to produce Finals heat sheets.

It was agreed that next year's meet formats should be determined before clubs bid on having the meets.

The Age Group Committee liked the way the 12 and Under Championship Meet went last year. Qualifying times will remain the same this year. The 13 and Over meet ran too long. For now, the event order for the 13 and over Summer State meet has been modified (Thursday will be the 200 Medley relay and 800 Free; Friday will be the Senior 200 Free Relay to start the Prelim session; Saturday will be the 13/14 200 Free Relay to start the Prelim session) to make the timeline more reasonable for spectators and swimmers. It is likely that in the future the time standards will be tightened for the 13 and Over State Championships.

The team assignments for the Silver meets have been finalized – if any team wants to switch sites they should speak to the Age Group Chair. The time standards for the meet were approved at the Age Group Meeting – the range is BB to .01 slower than the WI LSC State qualifying times for 10 and Under, 11-12, and Senior. Meet entries are due 10 days in advance of the meets. Swimmers can swim 7 total events; there will be no relays and no team scoring. Swimmers can only enter events for which they do not have a state qualifying time.

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Fred Russell of EBSC has received e-mail correspondence from the WIAA clearing the way for WI LSC swimmers to participate in Zones and Junior Nationals without ramifications.

The next Age Group meeting will be June 14 at Schroeder at 10 am.

**Registration/Membership Chair Report:** Carol Graham reminded everyone that seasonal athletes can't go to zones or Speedos – swimmers need an annual registration for these meets. Registration fees for 2007 are going up \$1 for athletes and non-athletes.

She will be out of town July 21-23 and 26-30.

The Volunteer of the Year gets voted on at the June meeting – please think about deserving nominees. Materials for the next distribution should be to her on or before June 1.

**Safety Chair:** Cathie Marty reminded everyone to get new employees certified. The Red Cross is changing CPR for the lay person. Meet Directors – a meet cannot be held without proper lifeguard supervision!! Patty Kramer will update the Rule regarding lifeguard supervision at a meet.

Cathie recently attended a National Review Committee Meeting. Our Review Committee needs more members – specifically it needs to be made up of 20% athletes and it needs more non-coach members. Please let her know if you are interested in serving on the Committee.

**Technical Planning Chair Report:** Dave Westfahl reported that there will be a meeting on May 24 to work on ideas coming out of other committees.

**Athletes' Representative:** Emily Schweitz reported that the Senior Athletes' Representative has resigned. She will run an election at the summer championship meet for a new representative.

**Coaches' Representative:** Jeanne Drzewiecki has put together a ballot for the athletes/coaches of the year. She will put it on the website and mail it to all Clubs. This initial ballot will be to narrow down a list of candidates to a top three by May 19, then there will be a final vote.

**Camps:** John Bradley reported that he will be running three camps at the end of the summer and during the fall. The elite altitude camp will take place in late August or early September. High School swimmers with US Open cuts can attend if they pay their own airfare – then there shouldn't be WIAA eligibility issues. Athletes still need to clear attending the Camp with their Athletic Director. The camp formerly known as the "Catch the Spirit Camp" will occur in late September. This camp is for the top thirty 10 and under and 11/12 boys and girls at the Winter and Summer State meets. The third camp will be held in late November, and it is for swimmers who have never had the opportunity to attend another camp. John hopes to have Camp information on the website by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Finance:** Peter Healy said that he will have a formal proposal for the Travel Fund in the distribution for the next meeting. It is not his goal to micro-manage what the LSC can and can't spend the Travel

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Fund on – rather the proposal will focus on the process – how does money flow in and out of the Travel Fund.

**Adaptive Swimming:** There is a big swim meet in Eastern Michigan Memorial Day weekend for disabled athletes. There are no qualifying standards – so this is a good opportunity for disabled athletes to get classified.

**Officials Chair Report:** Susan Zblewski reported that they continue to recruit officials – please mention being an official at any parent/club meeting that is held. The State meets ran smoothly.

**Records:** Dave Joyce distributed a new set of State records and asked everyone to check them over.

**Administrative Chair:** Meet bids for the 2006 -2007 winter season are due June 13, 2006.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Rules Committee will develop a formal proposal to eliminate the Distance Rule for vote at the next meeting. Also, at the next meeting we will vote on a proposal requiring meet hosts to send meet information to the Admin Chair at least 30 days before the reservation date so that teams know what that they are making reservations for. Before the next meeting, Rules will see what other rules might be affected by these changes.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Bradley brought up for discussion how we can help our athletes with the loss of opportunity they experience when they are told they can't do something (e.g. got to a championship meet or camp) by their High School AD, even when the WIAA has said it is OK. Also, how can we effectively deal with the limitations put on our organization by the WIAA, etc.? Should we have lawyers on retainer to help us and our athletes?

A nominating committee was formed for the following LSC Board positions: Administrative Chair; Senior Chair; Treasurer; Technical Planning and Membership/Registration. Neil Wright will head the Committee, assisted by Patty Kramer and Wagner da Silva.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 27, 2006

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Roos, Secretary