

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2006
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Bradley, Karen Dionne, Carol Graham, Peter Healy, 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 5:55 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Drew Walden announced that we need to finalize the delegates for the convention September 10 – 17th. Typically, the General Chair, Athletes' Rep, Age Group Chair, Coaches' Rep, Administrative Chair and Registration Chair attend. Neil Wright said that he cannot attend; Carol Graham said that she will attend. Drew said that the Athlete Reps should get their food money upfront.

USA Swimming has introduced a new honor – we can honor a volunteer with a lifetime membership if we desire – the deadline is July 31st.

Drew asked for an update on Swim Team fines from the Review Committee. Two teams are in the process of appealing their fines. The Review Committee has not met to deal with these appeals because they still need more athletes on the committee. The general feeling was that there should be some penalty to teams who do not pay their fines. It was suggested that a team could put a bid in for a meet, but it would not be sanctioned until fines were paid.

Age Group Chair Report: Neil Wright reported that for safety reasons the facility managers at the Schroeder YMCA need us to keep the number of swimmers at every session of a meet under 475. No changes will need to be made to the upcoming 12 and Under State Meet format to meet this guideline. Mark Kohnhorst came up with a revised meet line-up for the 13 and Over LC State Meet to meet the restrictions without having to make any changes to time standards.

Previewing the winter 12 and Under State Meet (March 1 – 4, 2007), the time standards will remain the same, however, the entire meet will be conducted as timed finals. The bonus event will be kept, but it must be in the same stroke that the swimmer has already achieved a cut in – for example, if he/she has the 50 back cut, the bonus event could be the 100 back and vice versa. The awards ceremonies will be kept and managed by the host club, but they must keep moving and photography should occur off to the side. Finally it was decided that the meet should be 2 ½ days long, so that kids might not have to miss a whole day of school on Friday. The objective of the meet will be to promote the team concept and to accommodate the greatest number of athletes, while maintaining a high quality meet.

Senior Chair Report: Joel Rollings previewed the *winter* 13 and Over State Meet. One of the major issues is keeping each session under 475 athletes. He will be running a comparison sheet looking at

the impact of different % cuts in the time standards in the entry numbers. No changes are planned in awards or event order.

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The objective of this meet is to accommodate as many athletes as possible, while keeping the meets as high in quality as possible.

The Silver Meet still has some kinks. After we get some experience with it this year, it will be modified.

Finance Committee: Peter Healy explained that there are two parts to the process of the Travel Fund. He is proposing the creation of a \$25,000 reserve to handle the year to year fluctuations in Travel Fund spending. He proposes leaving as is which meets get funded by the Travel Fund and at what level.

John Bradley said that he would like the LSC to fund the Open Water National Championships in Fort Myers. The Open Water Committee will have a meeting to discuss this proposal.

Safety: Cathie Marty stated that we may need to have a rule regarding cell phones in locker rooms because of the camera features. In some cases this may already be covered by facility rules.

Administrative Chair: The next electronic mailing date will be September 26.

NEXT MEETING: October 24, 2006

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary