

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates**  
**Meeting Minutes: June 27, 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 April 25, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:**

**General Chair Report:** Drew asked all teams to pick up their 12 and Under and 13 and Over meet information at the front table.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pat Lewno handed out the financial reports. Some 2005 swim camp income and expenses are just being recognized because there was theft out of a mailbox. Our yearly payment to the Waukesha South pool has been made. Thirty-seven percent of expenses and forty-three percent of income have been realized to date.

Eight teams are on their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> notice for meet fines. The Board of Directors has agreed that these teams will not receive meet sanctions for the short course season until these fines are paid. By way of background, after Pat receives all the financial reports at the end of a meet, it can take weeks to verify incorrect information. Up until January 1, she would spend *2 to 3 weeks per meet* babysitting people through the process to get their information in. As of January 1, she started to levy fines as our rules state that she can.

**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. 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.

Next summer, the 12 and Under State meet will be July 27-29, 2007; the 13 and Over State Meet will be August 2 – 5, and the Central Zone Meet will be August 9 – 12 in Topeka, Kansas.

All American is supplying the uniforms for this year's Zone meet – swimmers can register early on-line. The Central Zone Committee is looking for input into whether the zone meets meet our LSC's needs.

**Senior Age Group Chair Report:** Joel Rollings reported that some changes have been made to the 13 and Over Meet to reach the 475 per session athlete limit at Schroeder. Mark Kohnhorst came up with a

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revised meet line-up without having to make any changes to time standards. The sprint relays and the 800 free relay will be run Thursday night.

His committee is looking at the time standards for the winter championship – they will most likely be tightened. He also presented an analysis of National qualifiers by state. We do not compare favorably.

**Registration/Membership Chair Report:** Carol Graham reminded everyone that she will be out of town July 21-23 and 26-30. 2007 packets will be in the mail as soon as she gets them in July or August. She plans to go to a workshop at the Convention regarding background checks.

**Safety Chair:** Cathie Marty reminded everyone to stay current on their certifications.

**Technical Planning Chair Report:** No report.

**Athletes' Representative:** Voting for the new athlete rep will occur at the 13 and Over State Meet. Information is on the website.

**Coaches' Representative:** Joe Schweitz reported for Jeanne Drzewiecki – on July 29 there will be a coaches' social hosted by Walter's Swimwear.

**Rules:** Patty Kramer presented the following rules for discussion and approval. Details were included in the June mailing. Approved rule changes are effective September 1. Meet reservations rule changes won't have an impact until the Spring/Summer schedule.

The following rules were passed by the Delegates with no discussion:

1.4.1 Obtaining a Meet Sanction/Approval: Meet information due with meet bid.

2.2.1 Meet Information: Outdoor Meet Information

The Glossary and Index.

The following rules were pulled for discussion:

1.4.2 Distance Rule:

-Eliminate Distance Rule

-Add Pentathlon Meets to 2.8.1C.6.d Quality Meets

FAST ask if these events are required at meets – no, only for the meets to be considered a “quality” meet, which means less of the fees need to be paid into the Travel Fund.

Action: Passed with three dissenting votes.

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4.7.4 and 4.7.5 Life Guard: Specify additional Life Guard Certifications

Life guards need CPR, first aid and either YMCA or Red Cross certifications. There was a long discussion about whether or not this rule is needed since Wisconsin law states that a certain number of life guards is needed depending on the size of the pool and the number of swimmers. A suggestion was made to put a link on the website to refer people to the Wisconsin State rules and statutes and to re-write the rule to say that each team should abide by state law to have their meet sanctioned.

Action: Rule referred back to rules as suggested above and link to go on website to Wisconsin state rules.

12.0 Travel Fund – Several Revisions

There was a long discussion regarding various pieces of Rule 12, starting with the establishment of a \$25,000 Travel Fund reserve. Many questioned the need of moving excess funds back to the General Fund, feeling that this violated the spirit of the Fund.

12.1.7 Motion to remove the last part regarding moving excess funds back to the General Fund

Action: Motion approved

12.1.8 Add “Age Group/Senior Committee” to the LSC Finance Committee as needing to approve the contributions and distributions each year.

Action: Motion approved

12.4.2 Team Reimbursement – Motion was made not to make the proposed changes.

Action: Motion passed.

12.5.1 Swimmer Reimbursement Procedures – Motion to retain current language regarding 60 days for a reimbursement request and to show at least one individual event or relay event.

Action: Motion passed.

12.6 Team Reimbursement Procedures

Action: Passed.

Rule 13 .0 Athlete Representatives –

Rule 13.1.1 B as proposed is in violation of our bylaws and USA Swimming’s bylaws. We cannot require that the athlete representatives attend 2 LSC meetings -- need to change the language to “should” attend and strike “eligibility”.

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Action: Approved with changes.

**Administrative Chair:** Chris Lewis presented the proposed Short Course Meet Schedule for approval. September 12, 2006, is the earliest date that meet reservations with a check can be postmarked. Out-of-state reservations can be accepted September 19<sup>th</sup>.

WEST immediately pulled its bids for the 13 & Over Championship and one of the Regional Meets. Two bids have been received for another of the Regional Meets. The affected teams should vote between OZ and BST.

One bid was received for the 12 & Under State Championship: hosted by WEST at Waukesha South. Two bids were received for the 13 & Over Championship to be held at Schroeder YMCA : Lake Country and SEAY. SEAY won the right to host the meet by a paper ballot vote of 19-16 with 2 abstaining.

The 2006-2007 Meet Schedule was approved with the above changes and minor corrections. It will be posted on the website when the ballots have been returned for the BST/OZ regional meet decision.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The slate of nominations for the open positions on the Board was presented:

Administrative Chair: Jeanne Drzewiecki  
Senior Chair: Joel Rollings  
Treasurer: Pat Lewno  
Technical Planning: Dave Westfahl  
Membership/Registration: Carol Graham

Brian Hancy was nominated for Volunteer of the Year.

No additional nominations were received and everyone was elected to terms effective September 1, 2006.

Rules will be looking at a proposal for the distribution of final meet results.

John Bradley raised the question of what can we do to make long course meets run more smoothly? How can the empty lanes be filled? E-mail Bob Jenkyns with ideas.

There will be no Swimposium this Fall.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 24, 2006

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Roos, Secretary