

**WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.  
AGE GROUP AND SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 - 10:00 AM  
SCHROEDER YMCA - BROWN DEER, WI**

**PRESENT:** Drew Walden (General Chair), Neil Wright (Age Group Chair), Dave Westfahl, Brent Boock, Fred Russell, Mark Kohnhorst, Jeanne Drzewiecki (Administrative Chair), Dave Anderson, Bob Jenkyns, Rob McCabe, Laren Tiltman, John Bradley.

The meeting was started at 10:06 AM.

**USAS CONVENTION REPORT**

Drew Walden went over his USAS Convention Report (Full report available at [www.wisconsinswimming.org](http://www.wisconsinswimming.org)). Items that Drew touched on were the dates for the 2008 Zone Championships which again will be a Mega Zones hosted by Indiana Swimming, Disability Swimming Incentive Program, Time Standards and Coaches Background Screening. Drew also talked about his disappointment in the number of members from Wisconsin Swimming that attend the USAS Convention and will address this at the next Board of Directors/House of Delegates Meeting.

**2007 SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL PREVIEW**

REGIONALS:

Discussion regarding the need to align the teams for the regional meet. Sectional #3 has in the past been poorly attended even though the teams that belong to that Regional were some of the larger teams. Schroeder voiced that they do not attend the meet and Lake Country and SEAY use this meet as a "last minute" qualifying meet for the State Championships and do not bring their full team for participation. Sectional #4 is now becoming one of the larger meets but Elmbrook felt that they could continue to handle the meet at Waukesha South running this in 10 lanes. Menomonee Falls Swim Club has agreed to move to Sectional #3.

Awards were discussed and it was the consensus that relay ribbons would only be given to 8<sup>th</sup> place and not to 16<sup>th</sup> place.

Event order will not be changed.

The objective of the meet is to provide a final opportunity for Wisconsin State Cuts.

The 2007 Regional meets will be held on February 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

12-UNDER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (February 23-25, 2007):

The 12/Under State Championships were discussed - this meet will be run as a 2-1/2 day timed final format. The order of events to be used will be the events used at the last time LSC run timed final 12/Under State Meet (John Bradley was having problems with his computer and thought that there might be some switching of the distance events but would get back to the Committee on this). Time Standards will remain the same and there will be no change in the awards.

13-OVER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (March 1-4, 2007):

There was much discussion regarding the 13/Over State Championships. It was the recommendation of the Committee that a 2% cut of time standards across the board would be enforced and would carry thru the Long Course season as well. The meet will be a prelim/final 3-1/2 day meet.

Because of the tightened time standards, a motion to allow more swims at the meet was brought to the Committee. By consensus, it was agreed that athletes would be allowed to compete in a total of seven (7) events total for the meet (which would also allow for one (1) bonus event).

Awards were discussed and Dave Westfahl talked on behalf of Emily Schweitz (Senior Athlete's Rep) and that athletes wish for ribbons up to 16<sup>th</sup> place for individual events and 8<sup>th</sup> place for relays. It is the Committee's recommendation that Individual events be awarded medals 1-8<sup>th</sup> place and ribbons 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> place. Relay Events would be awarded medals 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place and ribbons for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place.

There will be no change in the order of events.

Discussion regarding again running the meet as a mass prelim or separating the ages during prelims, Mark Kohnhorst (LAKE) did not have any problems with running the mass prelims and then separating the ages out for finals - it was then the recommendation of the Committee to run the meet again as a mass prelim.

**2007 LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES:**

12/Under Long Course State Championships: July 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
13/Over Long Course State Championships: August 2-5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**SILVER MEET**

There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of the Silver Meet. Should this meet be a Summer version of the Winter Regional meet. It is the Committee's recommendation to continue with the Silver meet. The Committee recommended that the lower end time standards be dropped. The 13-14 age groups will be addressed and will have their own qualifying times for the meet. Neil will work on a couple of formats for the meet and bring to the Committee at the January Meeting.

**ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

John Bradley talked about developing a set of guidelines for the Coaching Staff that attend the Zone Championships.  
2007 Zone Championships will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Topeka, Kansas  
2008 Zone Championships will be a Mega Zones and will be held on August 6-10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana.  
(\*Because of the early weekend of this meet - the 2008 Long Course Season will need to be adjusted).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Anderson talked about his feelings that Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. needs to be represented at the National Level. Members at the National Level have majority of the voice. Drew Walden mentioned that we should be represented but that there are steps to get to that level - Wisconsin Swimming has not been represented at the Zone Level for many years.

Drew talked that he will be presenting to the House of Delegates his feeling that Wisconsin Swimming needs to develop a new position within the LSC. This will be a paid position. By adding a paid position, his feeling is that this will help bring new people/ideas to the LSC.

Bob Jenkyns talked about the lawsuit which happened in Michigan and that Michigan will be combining the Boys and Girls swim seasons. It was Bob's feeling that Wisconsin may take a good look at this as a possibility also. As a swim body, he feels that we should approach WIAA to offer our input into what our feelings are on this matter. Talk about which season we would prefer to see WIAA put a possible combined team into was discussed.

The Senior Chair position was discussed. Joel Rollings had talked to Drew and did not know with his new position at UW-Whitewater whether he would be able to continue on as Senior Chair. Joel is also teaching at UW-Whitewater and would not be available for most meetings during the day.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Next Meeting - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Schroeder YMCA (10:00 AM)

Respectfully Submitted by:      Jeanne Drzewiecki