

TRAVEL FUND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
RACINE YMCA, RACINE, WISCONSIN
WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 1ST, 2006

PRESENT: Neil Wright (Age Group Chair) and Jeanne Drzewiecki (Administrative Chair).

The purpose of the subcommittee is to come up with options to bring the Travel Fund under control. At the October House of Delegates meeting, the Treasurer presented to the House that the surplus travel fund money has been spend and if Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. continued to reimburse members, we will be at a deficit of almost \$30,000 in 2007.

The meeting began at 10:45 AM.

Looking at the treasurer's report and the past five year history of the travel fund reimbursement, the subcommittee needed to consider ways to bring the travel fund under a more manageable disbursement. The proposed budget for 2007 will have an estimated income of approximately \$65,000.

The options that the Subcommittee came up with will be presented to the Age Group/Senior Committee meeting in November.

OPTION 1:

Decreasing the disbursement by \$50.00 across the board from all money paid out to athletes and clubs. This would eliminate reimbursement to relay-only athletes that compete at the Speedo Sectional Championships.

This would bring the average pay out to the around \$51,000. Options would then be to maybe given relay-only athletes at the Speedo Sectional Championships \$25.00. The other option would be to leave the Disabled Athlete's reimbursement as is and not decrease their money.

OPTION 2:

Eliminate the "newest" meet to the Travel Fund reimbursement - this would eliminate the NCSA National Championships which last year paid out almost \$16,000 to athletes and clubs.

Rationale: This is not a USA Swimming "sponsored" event although they do sanction the meet.

OPTION 3:

Athletes and Clubs would only be able to elect for reimbursement for only one (1) of the Speedo Sectional Championships per calendar year. The average spending for each Speedo Sectional Championships is around \$18,000-\$19,000 per meet to athletes and clubs.

OPTION 4:

Eliminate the Club Shares and only support the Athletes. It was the feeling of the Subcommittee that most clubs already have a budget item set aside that pays for their coaches for travel and for larger meets. We felt that by keeping the reimbursement the same for the athletes and eliminate the club shares that this would bring down the spending of the fund.

OPTION 5:

Set up a Point/Share system for each of the meets. At the end of the year the Budget would have X amount of money for disbursement. The meets would be given a point value (i.e. NCSA and Speedos would have one (1) share, Junior Nationals would have two (2) shares and Nationals/Trails and Disabled meets would be given three (3) shares). At the end of the year all clubs would ask for reimbursement for their athletes and according to the shares that would be the money that they would receive.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki.