

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.
SPECIAL AGE GROUP AND SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 15th, 2006 - 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Schroeder YMCA - Brown Deer, Wisconsin

PRESENT: David Anderson (Newly Appointed Senior Chair), John Bradley, David Westfahl, Mark Kohnhorst, Luke Schumm, Matt Miller, Neil Wright (Age Group Chair), Drew Walden (General Chair) and Jeanne Drzewiecki (Administrative Chair).

The meeting was started at 10:00 AM

Dave Anderson opened the meeting as the newly appointed Senior Chair by the General Chair. Dave will be replacing Joel Rollings due to Joel's heavy work schedule and Joel's request at the last House of Delegates meeting that he would welcome anyone assuming his position to help out the LSC.

Minutes from the October 10th, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Special Age Group and Senior Committee Meeting was called to primarily address the Travel Fund issue and come up with recommendations to be presented at the January House of Delegates meeting.

TRAVEL FUND

Dave Anderson had sent out a general email to members of the LSC to get a general feeling the issue of the Travel Fund. He posed the options:

- 1) Reduction of the reimbursements for the summer.
- 2) Stop double and triple dipping in the fund - only allow athletes to get reimbursed for one meet per season.
- 3) Increase the revenue paid by the teams into the Travel Fund.

The responses were all proponents to keeping the Travel Fund.

Matt Miller and John Bradley posed that they would like to look at more data regarding the disbursement of the funds.

Dave Anderson called a vote to see what the general feeling of the Committee was to increasing the revenue paid out by clubs to support more cash flow into the Travel Fund. By an 8 to 1 vote this option was voted down.

Jeanne Drzewiecki presented the minutes of the Travel Fund Subcommittee Meeting that took place on Wednesday, November 1st, 2006 at the Racine YMCA (minutes on following page). The Subcommittee had come up with a total of 5 Options to the AG/SR Committee.

Much discussion ensued regarding Option 5 which dealt with a Point System awarded to the athletes and clubs and was the idea of John Bradley and Dave Westfahl. This Point System would allow the Budget to run at "0" balance since what is put into the Travel Fund is then disbursed accordingly. Dave Westfahl will look at what a share/point system would "flesh" out to be by looking at 2005 and 2006 data.

Pending the voting on the Point System, discussion regarding recommendations on pay-out of the Travel fund was discussed. It was the recommendation of the Committees that there be only one disbursement per year - with the recommendation being that September 1st, 2006 would be the disbursement date and that all material required by the clubs needed to be filed by a date which would allow the LSC Treasurer time to review and get the money to the clubs. It was the recommendation of the Committees that individual clubs would need to cover the costs as a protection for the athlete who can't wait a full cycle.

To give Dave Westfahl time to work out the logistics of the Share System of the Travel fund to be initiated in 2008 some of the following recommendations were made to allow the Travel Fund to run at budget for 2007:

Drew Walden recommended eliminating club share for 2007 and then "iron" out the share/point system to present and work out at the next three upcoming LSC House of Delegates meeting.

Matt Miller proposed that the \$25,000 sitting in the Associated Investment Services (and deemed Travel Fund money) be placed and made accessible to the 2007 Travel Fund. John Bradley agreed to this proposal but suggested that we take this money over time and add only \$5000 per year until it had been spent out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

The Committees would like to thank Joel Rollings for his service to the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates.

The question was raised as to who has a voting right at the Age Group and Senior Committee meetings. Do clubs only get one vote even if two members of the club show up for the meeting? It was the consensus of the Committee since no policy is in place that anyone that shows up at a committee meeting has a vote and a voice at the meetings.

John Bradley presented that he is working on a Parent Code of Conduct Handbook. It is the feeling of the Committees that there has been an increasing problem with parents in youth sports lately. Wisconsin Swimming would like to avoid incidences that have happened in other sporting events dealing with parents and thus the reason for the Code of Conduct handbook.

There was proposal that at the State Championship competitions that the venues have a police presences at the meets. John Bradley will look into the cost (if any) of having police presences at the Championship level meets.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

The next meeting will be as previously scheduled on Wednesday January 10th, 2007 at Schroeder YMCA.

Respectfully Submitted by : Jeanne Drzewiecki