

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.
AGE GROUP AND SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 10th, 2007 - 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Schroeder YMCA - Brown Deer, Wisconsin

PRESENT: David Anderson (Senior Chair), John Bradley, David Westfahl, Mark Kohnhorst, Luke Schumm, Brent Booch, Rob McCabe, Jacob Johnson, Fred Russell, Neil Wright (Age Group Chair), Drew Walden (General Chair) and Jeanne Drzewiecki (Administrative Chair).

The meeting was started at 10:10 AM

Dave Anderson opened the meeting

Minutes from the 11/15th, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved. There was an overview of topics to be covered for the meeting and the discussion led to a review of practices regarding oversight and responsibilities for/of the Timing Judge at meets – it was addressed again at the end of the meeting by Drew. Mark will be working with George Geanon; it was noted that John Borja is also on it.

TRAVEL FUND

Dave Westfahl presented three options for ratios to divide the annual revenue generated by travel fund remittances. The ratio of 14 shares for Trials, 11 shares for participation in a Nationals, 7 for USA Jrs / Open, 4 shares for NCSA Jr, and 1 share for Zone and Sectionals participants was the option that was selected by the committee after much discussion. Based on Dave's calculations these ratios for shares would yield payouts to participants that would probably be less than current payouts but in line with current payout ratios. Relay-only participants would get 1/2 shares for the meets as in the past.

A departure from past practice was also agreed to which is that club shares would still be distributed but limited to one reimbursement per club per meet – clubs sending more than 6 athletes individually would no longer get more than one reimbursement.

The clubs / athletes would have to submit reimbursement requests within 30 days of the end of the meet (i.e. Spring meets due in April, summer meets in early Sept.) However, there would be only one disbursement of funds from the LSC to clubs in the September / October area after the annual revenue was collected for the scy season and then the LCM season. As a note, if there are athletes who need help (financial) traveling to spring meets for example, their clubs would have to act as the bank for the period between the meet and the reimbursement.

Author, Dave Westfahl, will be presenting the plan with the help of Drew at the LSC meeting coming up later this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

LSC Code of Conduct

John Bradley presented some thoughts about a code of conduct for our LSC. Based on the information he gathered in talking with USA Swimming's staff, there is not much basis for effective punishments within USA Swimming's rules / scope for unsportslike behavior. His suggestion was for host sites to be able to provide guidelines for dealing with behavior problems and to rely on local law enforcement for bad situations. John was also going to contact the WIAA for permission to use parts of its athletic code.

Final Touches on Spring LSC Champs

An issue raised by Laurie Carlson via email for the 12 & U meet was regarding Bonus swims. The committee(s) agreed that any event may be a bonus swim event (not only "adjacent" events) Further, bonus events should be noted when creating the entry in Team Manager by selecting them as BONUS, more info will be forthcoming about how to do this in champ meet info. Last, athletes swimming bonus events should enter at their fastest time or if the athlete has not done the event then NT. Also, an athlete with as many or more qualifying times than the limit may choose to swim a Bonus event in place of an event with a qualifying time.

Other New Business

Admin Chair, Jeanne Drzewiecki, brought to the committee's attention the dilemma of the earlier sanction process, request for sanctions with teams who may have outstanding or unresolved issues from past meets. The group determined that a list of teams with outstanding issues or fines be compiled and submitted by Pat Lewno and Carol Graham and posted on the WSI site.

Teams with unresolved issues would not get sanctions for future meets until the issues are resolved.

In another emailed set of questions, Joanne Weeden asked for clarification regarding a variety of topics surrounding travel fund and disability swimming. This will be referred to Karen Dionne, Disability Chair, and some of the questions have been resolved thru the committee's work.

Drew spoke of the official's training in Waukesha recently and the topic of the Timing Official and responsibilities. Related to the first part of the meeting, Drew further clarified / spoke of the issue of responsibility for insuring final times validity. It seems, that the Admin Ref or Ref, has responsibility to insure that the assigned Timing official(s) are conducting / resolving timing discrepancies correctly at the outset of a meet or session and that if questions arise during the course of the meet that the Ref be advised and consult for resolution.

Drew also spoke about Background Checks on the horizon in April for coaches. That in a test, an area to be aware of is where coaches have lived since age 18 as well as issues related to credit history especial for young coaches with out much history.

Last, Drew spoke of the need for Dave Clark to follow up with TYR to nail down the details of the LSC's contract for Team Wisco and zones. Last year's coaches apparel and athlete goodie bags will be transferred to Dave Clark from Neil Wright with an explanation to Dave – the 2007 Zone Manager.

Meeting ends around 12:15 PM

Next meeting: 4/17/07 10:00 AM @ Schroeder YMCA

Respectfully Submitted by: David Anderson