

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2007
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin
(Revised)**

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 October 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

General Chair: Drew asked everyone to pick up information for the Spring State meets at the front of the room.

Administrative Chair: Jeanne Drzewiecki announced that information for meets requiring reservations must be to her by February 1. For this year, she will be making an exception and allowing meet information to get to her by March 6 – the same day that meet reservations are due.

She will be enforcing the \$20 sanctioning fee for time trials for the State Championships and Regional/Silver Meets.

Jeanne then presented the Summer Meet schedule for corrections and approval. Three clubs presented bids to host the 12 and Under State Meet: SWAT, SEAY and Lake Country. After their presentations, a ballot vote was conducted. Lake won the bid for the meet with 19 out of 31 votes. Lake was the only team to bid on the 13 and Over State Meet. After they withdrew their bid, SEAY agreed to host the 13 and Over State Meet.

The Summer Meet Schedule was approved with corrections.

Treasurer: Pat Lewno presented the 2007 budget for approval.

For 2006, expenses were less than expected (especially for seminars and conventions), and the LSC finished in the black by \$24,000. On the balance sheet, there is a separate checking account for the Travel Fund. The Long-Term Investment Account is invested with Associated Investment Services.

Age Group Chair Report: Dave Anderson reported that a team of outside officials have said that our timing procedures and oversight are not up to standard. They have recommended that our administrative referees be given more oversight in this area. The Officials Committee is working with the Age Group Committee to come up with standard procedures for meet management and the administrative referee to use to work together more effectively.

There is a projected negative balance in the Travel Fund. The AG Committee discussed various alternatives for dealing with this situation and have devised a plan called the Travel Fund “Share” System. Dave turned the meeting over to Dave Westfahl to present the proposed plan, the goal of which is to take the total income into the Travel Fund each year, and disburse it with a “share” system, so that the Travel Fund will effectively zero itself out each year.

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When determining the “share”/value of each meet, the committee wanted to come close to the current reimbursement for the Olympic Trials, Nationals and Paralympic Nationals, and let the ratio determine the reimbursement for the Speedo, Zone, Junior and Open Meets.

The meets currently being reimbursed were divided into five levels and a share ratio created:

Level 1 (1 Share)	SC Speedos; LC Speedos, Zone C
Level 2 (4 Shares)	NCSA Spring Junior Championships
Level 3 (7 Shares)	LC Junior Nationals, Paralympic Open
Level 4 (11 Shares)	SC Nationals, LC Nationals, Paralympic Nationals
Level 5 (14 Shares)	Olympic Trials

Using these share levels, below is the average that would have been disbursed over the last four years under the proposed plan:

Level 1	\$35.01 in Trial Years	\$43.03 in non-Trial Years
Level 2	\$140.04 in Trial Years	\$172.12 in non-Trial Years
Level 3	\$245.07 in Trial Years	\$301.21 in non-Trial Years
Level 4	\$385.11 in Trial Years	\$473.33 in non-Trial Years
Level 5	\$490.14 in Trial Years	

Figures would vary based on the overall income to the Travel Fund and the number of athletes and clubs taking advantage of the reimbursements. Athletes in individual events and clubs would receive a full level share, and relay-only athletes would receive one half the level share. The figures would be calculated at the end of the LC season, and athletes would be reimbursed in September or October. This model will allow for variations in income to the Travel Fund. It will also allow us to add or subtract meets, or change the ratios to better serve the athletes and clubs without worrying about implications to the overall budget.

This plan is proposed for the 2008 budget. This information will go to the Rules Committee now, and be presented for discussion as a new Rule at the next LSC Meeting.

Dave Anderson next mentioned that John Bradley has been looking into developing a Code of Conduct for the LSC. He has discovered that we don't have a lot of power in this area. John will follow up with the WIAA about their Code of Conduct. It is recommended that host clubs use security and local police wherever your venue is located.

Registration/Membership Chair Report: Carol Graham let everyone know that the next open period for Coaches' background checks is 2/9 – 3/3. The cost is \$20. Be sure you use your name exactly as it appears on your USA registration; the correct LSC is “WI”. You will need to know every place you have lived since you were 18. All coaches have to do this by 4/13; new hires after 4/13 can't get a coaches' card until their background check is complete.

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Transfer forms are required whenever someone moves from one club to another, even if the swimmer never competed.

Carol will be out of town 3/12 until 3/24.

Season 1 registration will be from April 1 until August 26. Season 1 athletes cannot compete in Zone or higher meets.

Safety: Cathie Marty reminded everyone to keep certifications current – there is no grace period for new hires or college students.

Camps Report: Joe Schweitz said that he is putting together a Camps Committee – please let him know if you are interested. They will be laying the groundwork for goals and what athletes we want to serve with the camps.

Disability Swimming: Karen Dionne reported that the next important meet is in March in Montreal; it is co-sponsored by the US and Canada. Congratulations to Kelly Becherer who swam for the U.S. World Championship Team in South Africa –she won two bronze medals and one silver medal.

Officials: Sue Zblewski will follow-up with Dave Anderson regarding the Timing Resolution handbook for Meet Management. Ultimate responsibility for times rests with the Administrative Referee.

Please encourage parents to become referees.

Records: Dave Joyce stated that he still needs Form C's from the Girls' High School State Meet.

Zones: Dave Clark has reserved the hotel in Topeka for the Zone Meet this summer, and is in the bidding process for the zone clothing. The online nomination process for zone coaches is underway.

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2007

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary