

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.
AGE GROUP AND SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 25, 2007 - 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Schroeder YMCA - Brown Deer, Wisconsin

PRESENT: David Anderson (Senior Chair), John Bradley, Mark Kohnhorst, Luke Schumm, Brent Booch, Rob McCabe, Steve Keller (Age Group Chair), Drew Walden (General Chair), Blaine and Laurie Carlson, Bob Jenkyns.

The meeting was started at 12:10 PM

Dave Anderson opened the meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were not available and were not approved.

Silver State Meet

Split the Friday session into two – one for the mile and 1000.

Do we need to look at the purpose of the meet?

Group kind of agrees that it serves many needs can't really define the meet too much.

The younger swimmer's session moved very fast.

Good on publishing the timeline in advance.

Possibly spruce up the awards – recognize new state qualifiers and better awards.

Combine 10 & U and 11/12 and award separately.

Clean up / housekeeping on language about who can swim in the senior division.

Clarify in the meet info about time trials that you have to be entered in the meet but allow for pre-reg for time trials

Laurie Carlson will edit the meet info to clarify above points

Summer State Championships '07:

All looks good for both meets, Mark notes that 12 & U is about 50 more than '06.
Review both after we go through them.

Laurie offered to help resolve the problems in bidding for meets without knowing the restrictions from facilities or meet info incomplete. Do the meet info and bidding in advance so that decisions can be made in advance.

Recommendations for Winter Championships:

Maybe large and small divisions, 1st and 2nd division awards – Keller will check it out

12 & U

Keep it the same – but start to evaluate whether the meet is working / time standards are working

13 & O

talk about how to make the meet fit into Schroeder YMCA postponed to 8/15 meeting
See how the summer 07 meet runs and **review the attachments** – trying to find a way to fit the 13 & O meet into the YMCA's requirements of no more than 725 athletes and not more than 600 per session. Recall that in April, the thinking was that while no one wants to cut swimmers and opportunities, some athletes are going to be lost from the meet.

Also if whatever format is agreed on if the meet does come in too big, what are the next steps that are set out beforehand that will be adopted to decrease session size (ie. move events or limit relays to A & B and then A only)

Summer '08 LSC Championships:

Laurie asked about numbers of boys in 12 & U and 13/14 and should we make it easier for boys to get into the meet? This went to size of meets, distance swimming, and quality v quantity. Long talk about what to do if anything.

We are in the third year of these time standards and John Bradley will take a look historically at 12 & U performance and Drew at top 16 type info over the same period.

Drew hit us with MN's - type solution of splitting boys sessions / meets away from girls.

Most were thinking 12 & U swimming was stronger in the past.

Harder push to achieve harder time standards – appropriate or damaging long term?
Longer program for 12 & U – since it's inception is 12 & U swimming better or worse
Registration numbers – dave's editorial – maybe more swimmers perception is less quality?

2008 summer meet calendar looks like:

Sectionals at Schroeder 7/17–20, 2008
Silver State Meet at Waukesha 7/18–20, 2008
12 & U State at Schroeder 7/26-27, 2008
13 & O State at Schroeder 7/31–8/3, 2008
Zones at IUPUI 8/6-10, 2008
US Open at Minnesota 7/29 – 8/2, 2008
USA Junior Champs at MN 8/4-8, 2008

USAS Convention Topics:

Which Zone weekend

Both Sectional meet hosts need to be ready with time standards and formats for convention

New / Unfinished Business:

none

Meeting ends around 3:00 PM

Next meeting: 8/15/07 10:00 AM @ TBA – thinking west suburbs

Respectfully Submitted by: David Anderson