

*Meeting Minutes
Rules Committee, Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
September 22, 2010, Wednesday*

*University of Wisconsin Center
Room A100; Time 7:00 PM
1500 North University Drive, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53188*

Members Present: Brent Boock, Danni Caldwell, George Geanon, Patty Kramer, Sabrina Mertins, Drew Walden. Excused: Don Steinberg

Meeting convened at 7:10 PM.

Article 4, House of Delegates: Bylaw Changes Enhancing Athlete Representation in House of Delegates

The Ted Stevens Amateur Act requires athletic governing bodies to have athletes in its governing structure. USA Swimming is the governing body for swim athletes and needs to increase its athlete representations especially at the LSC level. Therefore, USA Swimming is requiring each group (club) member to appoint an athlete representative to the LSC House of Delegates with voice and vote, giving each group member at least two representatives and votes in the House of Delegates. Geanon moved and Caldwell seconded accepting the draft language. Motion passed unanimously

Article 5 Board of Directors: Bylaw Changes enhancing Athlete Representation on the Board of Directors

To increase athlete representation on the LSC Board of Directors, USA Swimming is requiring LSCs to give ex-officio status, with voice and vote, to the immediate Past Athlete representatives. Caldwell moved and Geanon seconded the draft language. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 1.1, Issuance of Meet Sanctions/Approvals:

In issuing a meet sanction or a meet approval, USA Swimming requires this statement on applications forms: "In granting this approval/sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event." Statement is taken directly from the 2010 USA Swimming Rule Book 202.2.7 (sanctions) and 202.4.12 (approvals). The Evaluation Team for the LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program (LEAP) requires the inclusion of this language in the LSC Policies. Caldwell moved, Boock second accepting the language. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 1.4.1, To Obtain a Sanction/Approval

USA Swimming, Program Operations, now grants or denies a request for a Meet Approval from a USA Swimming Club member. Geanon moved, Caldwell seconded separating procedures for obtaining a sanction from obtaining an approval. Passed unanimously. NOTE: When Kramer asked Jeanne Drzewiecki, LSC Sanctioning Officer, the number of days she needs to review a request for approval and to forward to USAS for granting or denying the request, Drzewiecki said 24 hours, so submittal time seems not to be an issue.

Policy 2.2.1, Meet ~~Information~~ Announcement

Recommended changes make the requirements for the Meet Announcement complete and consistent with 2010 USA Swimming Rule Book: measurement of water depth (202.3.6); and statement on certification of pool (202.3.5). Adding times and procedures for positive check-in events are recommended for clarity. Using “Meet Announcement” instead of “Meet Information” is recommended for consistency with USA Swimming language. Approved by consensus.

Policy 2.3.6 Regarding mailing or e-mailing

As a result of reviewing procedures in 2.2.1 on placing Meet Announcements on the LSC Web Site, the Rules Committee reviewed 2.3.6. which also dealt with placing Meet Announcements on the LSC Web Site. Geanon moved and Caldwell seconded eliminating distribution of Meet Announcement by mail or e-mail. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 2.4.1 Posting Meet Announcement

As a result of reviewing procedures in 2.2.1 on placing Meet Announcements on the LSC Web Site, the Rules Committee reviewed 2.4.1 which also dealt with placing Meet Announcements on the LSC Web Site. Caldwell moved, Geanon seconded. clarifying that the Host Club must access the LSC Web Site through the LSC Web Master and eliminating mailing any Meet Announcements. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 2.8.3, Splash Fee

The LSC Budget Committee believes that the most fair way to return money not spent by the LSC is a reduction in the Splash Fee, a fee paid by swimmers who compete in Meets that is placed in the LSC General Fund. Geanon moved and Mertins seconded concurring with the Budget in reducing the Splash from \$3 to \$2 for a three year study period. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy 4.1 and 4.2, Scratch Rules

Geanon, Chair, Wisconsin Swimming Officials Committee drafted revisions to the Wisconsin Individual Scratch Rule and to the Wisconsin Relay Scratch Rule to clarify timing, use of alternates, appropriate use of declared false start and to make the policy consistent with current practice. Boock moved, Geanon second. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Next Meeting: November 17, 2010, Wednesday
UW-C, Waukesha, room C-158
Agenda: Review of LSC by Laws