

WI Swimming LSC  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
7:15 p.m. Room C101

Those in attendance as signed in: Drew Walden (General Chair), Julia Krueger (MSS), Nathan Zabel (FSC), Mark Kohnhorst (LAKE), Luke Schumm (Age Group Chair), Dennis DuChene (PX3), Michaela Niemeyer (MSS), Troy Engstrom (Finance Chair), Carol Graham (Registration Chair), George Geanon, Randy Trowbridge (VAC), Lucas Kuriga (WEST), Scott Mueller (MFSC), Chris Meyers (SSTY), Kate Jones (LAKE), Rick Potter (Officials Chair), Stephanie Hein (LAKE), Brett Wilson (DFAC), David Mail (OSHY), Brent Boock (EBSC), Dave Anderson (Sr. Chair), Genie Georgen (Fox Valley Wave), Jacob Johnson (BAC), Blaine Carlson (Secretary), Laura Becherer (Disability Chair), Rob McCabe (SHOR), Cathie Marty (Safety Chair), Jeanne Drzewiecki (Admin Vice Chair), Robert White (SWAT), Dave Joyce (Records Chair), S. Bryson (FCYST), Cheri Zimdars (J-HK), Kali Schneider (Athlete Sr. Rep).

### **Drew Walden (General Chair)**

- All USA swimming members must take the USA Swimming Webinar. USA swimming hired a company named Presidium to be the educational side of the equation (not the legal side). Goal is to educate our membership and change the culture of USA swimming regarding Athlete Protection.
- Within the next year there will be a parent platform by Presidium.
- Anti-bullying legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2012. Original legislation was just geared toward athlete to athlete bullying, it was changed to USA swimming member to USA swimming member.
- USA Swimming has changed Board of Review issues. Our current Board of Review membership is too large. We need to have 5 non athletes and 2 athlete members along with 3 alternate members to complete the Board of Review.
- The Board of Review has become quite complex. Any review items will first go to the General Chair. The general Chair will decide if it can be worked out through mediation. George Geanon will be in charge of the mediation process. This person would not have a vote in the Board of Review. We as an LSC also needs to retain a lawyer to help guide us.
- Any athlete protection issues are not within our jurisdiction. That is the sole responsibility of USA Swimming.
- USA Swimming wants each LSC to have an Athlete Protection Officer/Liason. This person would guide people to Susan Woessner at USA Swimming.
- Drew and the Board of Directors appointed George Geanon to this position.

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### **George Geanon (Officials Chair)**

- See George's Convention report.
- Talks about the Board of Review and the new processes that must be followed. All rules and procedures for the Board of Review are listed in the USA Swimming Rulebook.
- George went through the process and procedures for how the Board of Review is to operate (timelines, appeals, cost to process a request for a Board of Review, etc.).
- Looking at getting this started January 1, 2012.

### **Committee Report**

- Bullying legislation applies to Coach bullying an official, a parent bullying a coach, etc.
- Open Water - you must have an independent safety officer for each Open Water event.
- There will be more hoops to jump through in order to run an open water competition.
- Safety and racing start certification.

### **Jeanne D. (Admin. Chair)**

#### **Convention Report**

- PX3 put in a bid to host the Zone C 14 and Under Championships the 2nd weekend in August, but the only team within the Zone that wanted to attend was Minnesota.
- PX3 put in a bid to move that 14 and Under Zone Meet a week earlier which coincides with our 13 and Over LC State Champ Meet

### **3 choices**

1. Keep our schedule the same and not move anything.
  2. Move Silver state ahead and have the 13 and Over state meet before the 12 and Under state meet
  3. Move all State Championship meets ahead 1 week.
- Age Group/Senior Committee viewed that with only 30-40 athletes that have the ability to go to the Zone Championships that we shouldn't change the schedule for the remaining members of Wisconsin Swimming.
  - The committee voted to keep the LC Schedule the same as it was originally bid. The

### **Upcoming Dates to remember**

- 2012 Spring/Summer Meet bids are due January 10.
- April 21-22, 2012 is a closed weekend. This is the Swimposium weekend.
- September 28-30, 2012 -- USA Swimming Coaches clinic which is also a closed weekend. USA swimming presents this and puts together the speakers. This will be at the Marriott West in Madison.

### **Luke Schumm (Age Group Chair)**

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### **Convention Report**

- Deck Pass Program - pushing USA Swimming's social media new idea.
- Meet reservation systems were discussed at the convention. Wisconsin's was received very well.
- Club Development -- coaches education should be recommended and not mandated by LSC.
- Distance and Open Water Swimming Push.

### **Age Group Report**

- Zone automatic coaches from last summer's 2011 14 and Under Zone C meet go to YDC, LAKE, and BAC
- The remaining coaches will be voted on at the 2012 SC 12 and Under State Meet. Luke will let everyone know when he will be accepting nominations for the remaining coaches for the Zone C staff.

### **Carol Graham (Registration Chair)**

#### **Convention Report**

- Deck Pass - will run off of the meet times that Carol loads into the database.
- Athlete Protection -- spent a lot of time in these sessions. If you are not in the system you can't take the athlete protection training.
- Background screens and Athlete Protection screens are done by two different companies.
- 6,419 Registered athletes in Wisconsin Swimming in 2010
- 6,712 Registered athletes in Wisconsin Swimming 2011
- 706 - 770 non athlete increase

You cannot put 4 unattached swimmers on a relay at a meet!

No fines issued out of the registration office this fall!

### **Dave Anderson (Senior Chair)**

#### **Convention Report**

- Russell Mark did a great presentation.
- Jr. and National Meets this summer were very big. 1700 plus athletes. They want Nationals at 1,000 participants. There are 1,500 for Olympic Trials already.
- Summer Nationals meets will only be able to qualify for with LC times.
- Smaller meets and tougher to qualify for.

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- Summer Jr. Nationals you can still qualify for with short course times.
- Summer Nationals A and B finals for anyone.
- C finals will be filled only for 18 and Under athletes only.

### **Kali Schneider and Stephanie Hein (Athlete Reps) Convention Report**

- Deck Pass - athletes were in favor of it.
- Athlete Zone Meetings -- ways to keep the reps throughout the US in contact throughout the year.
- Talked about new ways to vote for athlete reps. The new athlete reps will be voted on at the 2012 SC State Champ Meet.

### **Dave Anderson (Age Group Senior Committee) Convention Report**

See attached report.

- Illinois and Wisconsin joint camp.
- Illinois did a boys camp with Indiana in September and it worked out great.
- Illinois approached us to see if we would like to do a camp with them.
- Looking at 20-24 spots with 3 coaches and 1 manager.
- \$11,500 per LSC was the cost for the camp (hotels, pool rent, food, transportation, USA swimming speaker).
- Would be 2 1/2 day camp with 5 training sessions.
- Asking each athlete to pay for \$150 of the expenses with the remainder of the \$11,500 (about \$8,000) would come from the General Fund.
- Concern was to make sure that we could offer a similar camp for the boys.
- Only 2 months time until the camp would start -- not a lot of time to get ready.
- Jacob Johnson and Bret Wilson (WI Swimming Camp Committee) were in favor.

### **Questions from the floor:**

- Any WIAA restrictions regarding the camp?
- Vote to move forward with the camp: Seconded by Cheri Domitz vote passed to move forward with looking into making this happen.

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- Dave Anderson was voted the Coach Rep from Zone C to the National Board.
- Dave Westfahl working on travel funding breakdown:
- Grand Prix you will be able to go to as many of these meets as you want and get money in reimbursement.
- NCSA Jr. Team Trips -- WI Swimming will pay \$250 towards their trip. Must complete/write a report to get their funds.
- NCSA Meet is 1 week later in March than normally.
- Proof of Time/Eligibility process for upcoming meets. Times done in SWIMS, HS, YMCA, will count. Meets like intrasquad meets with officials would still count if they are sanctioned with the appropriate number of officials.
- High School season ending meets can be observed and put into SWIMS. Regular HS meets and dual meets are allowed if you bring in the entire set of results showing signed by an official.
- LSC Championship Meets -- trouble getting waivers turned in before the meets. Dave created an e form that would be sent in with your entries to the entry chair for the Championship Meets.
- 12 and Under and 13-14 age groups have bonus events must be declared on a separate spread sheet to be sent in with your entry.
- Regional/Silver State/and State Champ Meets meet information will all be templated for hosts to use to keep standard meet information.
- Hy tek file needs to get put together including all of the current time standard changes.

### **Cathie Marty (Safety Chair)**

- Keep all of your certifications current. If something happens and you are expired you will not get any support from USA Swimming. Once any certification expired then you are not compliant.

### **Bret Wilson (Coaches Rep)**

- Angie O'Donnell passed away this past weekend. Information is posted on the McFarland website.
- Looking for accurate email list so that Bret can streamline notices to the coaches of each team.

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- Brent Boock would like emails to go to all of the coaches and not just the Head coaches for dissemination issues.
- Carol can get all of the emails of each head coach.
- LC Coach and Swimmer of the Year Ballots are due on November 21. Carol Graham will be counting those ballots. In order to vote your certifications must be current. Carol said that the Red Cross has been slow getting cards out to coaches. She will accept a copy of the course record log. Copies of cards are acceptable, you don't need to send in the originals.
- We will be moving our website to a Team Unify website. This should help with communication issues.
- Bret is looking at trying to come up with some new guidelines for voting for the Coach and Athlete of the year procedures.

#### **Patty Kramer (Rules)**

No report

#### **Troy Engstrom (Finance)**

No report

#### **Laura Becherer (Disability Chair)**

- LSC purchased 2 sets of strobes for teams to use when hosting meets.
- These only work with Colorado Championship Start Systems.

#### **Angela Monty (Diversity Chair)**

- Meeting on May 21 talking about goals of Diversity committee.

#### **Committee Goals**

- Teams and clubs should reflect the communities.
- All clubs should participate in diversity effort.
- Effort to start new clubs in diverse areas.
- Partner with Make a Splash.
- Increase diversity by 15% or more within the clubs.
- Develop grant programs to allow people to participate that can't due to different means.
- Host a camp on a reservation or in an inner city to promote WI Swimming.

Next meeting before the end of the year.

#### **Diversity Committee**

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Cynthia Raatz  
Barb Kolich  
Bret Wilson

- Reduced USA Swimming fee if you can send in that you qualify for free and reduced lunch.

#### **Rick Potter (Officials Chair)**

- Submitted 2011-12 Officials' Committee budget for Championship Meets and Officials Training.
- Michael Patton from Oshkosh was sent to National Officials Clinic
- WIAA Sectional and Conference Meets should go to Rick to get officials in to observe those meets.

#### **Dave Joyce (Records Chair)**

- Updated records will be going to Dale Nickels immediately for posting.
- State record plaques that were distributed this summer, most were good, but a handful needed some corrections to spellings, etc.
- Horizon League Conference Meet will be held at the Schroeder YMCA. Dave would like to host a LC time trial meet on Sunday, February 26, 2012 (same weekend as the 12 and Under State Meet) which is the day after the Conference Meet.
- Seconded by Bob White: passed for a waiver to run that meet.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- April Swimposium Date is being finalized
- Volunteer of the Year is Jeanne D. -- Congrats Jeanne!

Review Board meeting following this meeting.

#### **New Business**

- Bret Wilson has had coaches asking about moving the meetings to a new place? Last time we tried this the attendance was the worst that it had ever been.

Motion to adjourn by Jacob Johnson. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Blaine Carlson