

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes: April 24, 2007
Waukesha South High School, Waukesha, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Karen Dionne, Jean Drzewiecki, Carol Graham, Peter Healy, Pat Lewno, Cathie Marty, Mike Mohr, Nancy Roos, Emily Schweitz Wagner da Silva, Drew Walden, Dave Westfahl, Neil Wright, Susan Zblewski

CALL TO ORDER: Drew Walden, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman's Report: Drew Walden reported that Dan Meinholz of All American Aquatics has contacted him regarding their link on the Wisconsin Swimming website. Currently, All American is paying \$25 per month for its link; they are willing to pay \$50 per month to be the exclusive provider with a link on our website. Walter's also has a link.

Discussion centered on why we would want to be exclusive with any provider. Pat Lewno added that as a non-profit, we have to be careful not to endorse particular products. Additionally, the Board was curious as to where this \$25 per month payment is going – Pat will look into it. We will keep our website as it is.

The annual convention is September 25 through September 30. Drew wants more delegates from Wisconsin than in the past so that we can cover all the meetings. Voting members are: Coaches' Rep (Wagner da Silva will attend), Senior Athlete's Rep (Emily Schweitz is a maybe), Senior Chair (Dave Anderson will attend), Age Group Chair (Neil Wright is a no), Administrative Chair (Jeanne D. will attend) and the General Chair (Drew Walden will attend). Mike Mohr, the Junior Athletes' rep will hopefully attend and Carol Graham, the Registration Chair will attend. Drew would also like someone from the Officials' Committee to attend.

Board elections will be held at the next meeting. The following positions are up for election: General Chair, Finance Chair, Officials Chair, Age Group Chair, Secretary and Safety Chair.

Joe Schweitz will run an LSC Swim camp on October 7. We will hold a Swimposium on Saturday, October, 13 – Patty Kramer will head this up. USA Swimming will pick up some of the cost since we haven't done one in awhile.

Registration Chair: There are two new potential swim clubs -- the South Central Swim Team out of the Delavan area and another team from Waunakee. The Waunakee team is a splinter club from WRAT. Any team that meets USA Swimming's criteria may become a club – the standards are much more stringent than in the past.

Age Group/Senior Report: The Zone Coaches have been selected: Wagner da Silva: Head 13 and Over; John Bradley: Head 12 and Under; they will be joined by Walberto Colon, Colleen Szerlong, Paul Hollub, Shane Ryan, and Paula Caucutt.

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There will be one Silver Meet this summer in Waukesha. The 13/14 age group has been added; there will be no bottom time standard and the top is 1/100th below that state meet times. After this summer, we will evaluate the meet and whether or not it is meeting our needs.

John Bradley spoke in favor of expanding background checks to other registered members, such as officials and treasurers. The substance of his point of view is protection of the LSC and clubs from people in positions, particularly treasurers, who have had previous felonies.

The Schroeder YMCA wants to make it clear that meets have to be smaller (especially the 13 and over state meets) because of pressure on its facility and its membership. The facility has a limit of 575 total participants and not more than 475 per session. Therefore, some changes need to be made to the 13 and Over State Championship this summer. Options discussed by the committee included changing the event order, furthering tightening time standards and having no relay-only swimmers.

The Committee decided to use the revised event order from last summer that moved the sprint relays to Thursday after the 800 free. The 400 medley relay will not be in its own session, however. No relay-only athletes may be entered in this meet – which means that teams without individual qualifiers may not enter relays. With the event order change, the new tightened time standards and the no relay-only athletes, the meet should come in at the correct size. If it does not, the committee recommends that teams be limited to A and B relays, and then A only.

The Age Group/Senior Committee would like to have more input regarding how officials are selected for the State Championships. It was decided that Neil Wright, Dave Anderson and Sue Zblewski should get together to discuss this process. Sue added that she would welcome a coaches' representative at all Officials Committee meetings.

Administrative Chair: Jeanne reported that she has received three requests for waivers on meet length. There are timeline issues with all of the summer meets scheduled at Schroeder.

Finance Chair: Peter Healy said that the audit went well.

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2007

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Roos, Secretary