

**Wisconsin LSC House of Delegates Meeting**  
**October 28, 2008**  
**UW Waukesha**  
**7:15 p.m.**

No meeting minutes provided to review from last meeting, therefore minutes not approved.

**Present:**

Drew Walden (General Chair), Jeanne Drzewiecki(Admin Chair), Tracey Wargo (Pulaski), David Anderson (Sr Chair), Robert White (SWAT), Karen Kiel Rosser (FSC), Carol Graham (Registration Chair), George Geanon (Officials Chair), Karen Dionne (Disability Chair), Pat Lewno (Treasurer), Brent Boock (EBSC), Daniel Severance (EBSC), Scott Mueller (MFSC), Randy Trowbridge (VAC), Wagner de Silva (BAC/Coach's Rep), Dave Joyce (Records Chair), Marisue Horton (BAC/Scrip Program Rep), Peter Healy (Finance Chair), Rob McCabe (SHOR), Brett Wilson (DFAC), Erin Detwiler (WRAT), Luke Schumm (BST), Kim Thompson (BST), Dennis DuChene (BST), Laurie Carlson (WEST/Secretary)

**Convention reports**

George Geanon

By laws changes in provided packet.

No major stroke rule changes or interpretations

Big item of discussion was in regards to suits. New rule - 12 & under down past knee or beyond shoulder, unless swimming in a senior event, effective in May 15, 2009.

Additional suit legislation may be coming in regards to material of suit

Encouraging open water events

Code of Conduct rule effective immediately.

Dave Anderson

New Zone C format, recommendation was to keep traditional zone meet for 14 & under, and create new Senior Zone meet. Our Central Zone will go to this format for 2010.

This new meet will be available to athletes 15 & over and will be a long course meet.

Senior Zone meet will be a club zone meet, club sponsored. Speedo meet will still be run. USA Swimming is creating more opportunities for athletes. Didn't want Speedo meet to be season ending meet. Less and less will qualify for Juniors and Nationals as time standards get faster, this gives them a season ending meet. Prelim/Final format.

Age group proposal: Quasi zone meet (6 over country) based on IMX format.

November/December of each year.

Dave said that the convention is not really a way of getting input from LSC's and teams anymore, but just a way to disseminate information.

Carol Graham

Uses the convention to learn how to better operate the system.

Insurance session reminds everyone to file reports of occurrence. Most recent case is that USA Swimming is getting sued for a report not being filed. File reports for everything - scratches, bruises, etc. Drew - look at USA Swimming website to review your coverage. Yoga is not covered. Call USA Swimming if you have questions about coverage. It is your responsibility to know about your insurance issues, and get a rider for extra coverage if you need it.

Background screens are going into second year. Renewals taking a couple of days, and has gone up to \$21. Get that done before falls due. Carol should get notification, but hang on to it until you get your new card.

Now coaches have to have Coaches Safety Training. If current life guarding is still good, you are grandfathered in until you have to renew life guarding.

Test for Coaches Safety Training test is available online, and is good if you take it before your life guarding has expired.

If you don't have life guarding, you have to have First Aid, CPR and take the Coaches Safety Training class.

If you have questions, you can check the website.

Reminder: there is no grace period for background check. It is good through the end of the month in which you did it originally. Your coaches card states when your background check expires.

Jeanne Drzwiecki

Sports Medicine talk said that dramatic changes to doping rules/restrictions.

Check USA Swimming for the information under the Coaches tab/Doping Control. The list will be updated soon.

Website/privacy workshop: can't identify swimmer on your site. Visit [www.coppa.org](http://www.coppa.org) for more information about postings on your site. Board of Review - regarding postings on internet - remind swimmers and parents that posting are permanent, facebook postings, youtube, etc. Postings are used by prospective employees when hiring

Russell Marks breaststroke talk, powerpoint presentation available, videos not available  
George asked if they need written permission to post officials names and contact info on site? Jeanne will look into it. Right now officials have to sign off on having their information on the website.

Peter Healy

Internal controls over finances have changed due to insurance claims due to financial irregularities in other LSC's.

Primary one is the requirement for an audit 2 x a year, instead of one time a year

Drew Walden

New program, LEAP: LSC Educational and performance review program is being introduced. The Executive Director of USA Swimming is livid on how some LSC's are run. Our board will have to get more involved. Some people in our LSC believe that some LSC's will get money for better ranking in this new program. Wisconsin has four

team that have completed Level 1 of Club Excellence program. Some LSC's have 30. The push from USA Swimming is that we become more professional. Require the LSC's to do more of the things that USA Swimming use to do. USA Swimming wants to cut back on their travel expenses by not sending staff members, such as Randy Julian to work with teams in our LSC. This will impact the Board and what is required. Brent Boock said they can't be level 4 or 5 in their program, because they are a community based program and so didn't complete the program. Some philosophical differences with USA Swimming that has stopped some teams from continuing on in the USA Swimming club programs.

Next convention in Chicago.

Three big issues at USA Swimming right now:

1. More diversity (former outreach program)
2. Open Water
3. Disability

If interested in diversity Chair contact Drew. Drew has received one name of someone interested (committee position).

### **Budget - Pat Lewno**

Financial Report January through October 27, 2009.

Financial reports for state meets also provided.

- \$24,000 in Registration account due to motion at last LSC meeting to authorize that amount to be transferred to travel account.

Administrative income is a line items for items that don't fall into any other category.

Income side - gain/loss on investments, grown steadily up until Jan this year, was \$63,000 in Jan, but is now at \$43,000. This is a long term investment, and we will need to be patient.

Travel fund update:

\$41 per share. 36 clubs received travel fund money. \$66,563.50 was dispersed in travel fund reimbursement. Thank you to the teams for getting paperwork in on timely basis, and thank you for providing legible paperwork.

Zone C meet budget review - budget was within \$350 of breaking even. Great job to Steve Keller and Dave Clark for doing a great job.

Budget

Registration – USA: net amount shown on income side

Make \$7 per swimmer in 9 & overs/based on history

First section unrestricted funds/second section restricted funds (ex. travel fund)

LSC swim camps will be offered this year (pool rent/stipend for coaches)

Donation for equipment \$5,000 Waukesha foundation (last payment)/\$25,000 WSAC

donation, next year \$25,000 only for WSAC

Administrative Expenses

Drew Walden: LSC wants to pay the people that do the work or hire additional professionals to help.

This money is raised through registration fees, sanctioning, and splash fees (not travel fund money).

Fixed expenses: salaries to Carol Graham, etc.

\$20,000 to pay Pat, increase to 2 audits a year, CPA preparation of 990 every year, and other additional requirements by USA Swimming

If the House of Delegates approves the budget, the board will decide how to use this money. Website will also be funded in this area of administrative expenses.

16 LSC's are in our zone, required to file 990 with USA Swimming, only 4 have done this in past, Wisconsin Swimming has been one of them.

Pat

Remainder: discretionary fund of approx \$10,000 will leave that money there as a cushion. Due to economy, we may not realize \$80,000 in splash fee line. Wagner noted that we have a lot more meets on the schedule this year.

Question from Brett Wilson regarding Travel Fund -

The only either or: Long Course Speedo Meet or Zones

Admin Chair Report - Jeanne Drzwiecki

January we will be voting on summer meet schedule 2009. Remember to submit bids for summer schedule by January 13<sup>th</sup>. On January 27<sup>th</sup> the House of Delegates will meet to approve the summer meet schedule.

George Geanon

Meet information has to include information regarding pool certification. (stating whether or not pool has been certified). Effective Jan 1st.

Must be done by licensed surveyor or professional.

Question by Pat : If a meet is already sanctioned for beyond Jan 1st. Meet information for meets dated after January 1st will need to be revised.

### **Senior/Tech Planning - Dave Anderson**

A lot of ideas were discussed regarding the following items:

Met on Oct 8th - reviewed summer state championships. Summer state meets went well, format will stay same, relays inside of session because facility no longer requires them to be held at different time.

12 & Under meet - group recommends meet stays the same.

Zone meet - Mega zone too long for age groupers (09 last regular zone meet format)

Options for bus for 2009 to North Dakota

Hotel and bus info out by January for 2009 for zones.

Would like to hold coaches to higher standards, discussion regarding job descriptions

for zones.

Zone camp at Swimposium in April. Invitations will be ready to go out right after spring state meets.

2009 13 & Over State Championships - go back to look at 2004 and 2005 when meet was at Carthage. Blaine will get meet information ready so that it works at Waukesha South Natatorium.

Time standards are posted for spring state championships. Changes will be made being made forward, some need to be loosened, some are good, some need to be tightened.

Suggestion was made to set time standards for each age group at 13 & Over state meet.

Talk about size of meet and length of longer events and determine if time standards are more difficult for longer races.

Main change to relay only language for 13 & Over state meet

Ideas for travel fund after review travel fund payments from past year:

Look at meets that need to be weighed differently for travel fund

Get rid of athlete signature on request form

Within a season - pick one meet to be funded

This fall travel fund will fund short course juniors (at level 2 - 4 shares) and SC Nationals (level 4 - 11 shares).

Clarify names and type of meet for paralympics swimmers

Scholarships for athletes

Felt no hard copy of meet results are necessary, just post on website.

Dave Westfahl - rules limit the number of swims for long course meets, how can we get more swimmers in the meets?

New mail in vote for meet host process? Develop form for teams to complete for 2010.

Luke Schumm - great opportunity for LSC to host state champ open water swim, luke to get dates

Dave's report is on the website from that meeting if you are interested in viewing more detail about the meeting.

### **Luke Schumm - Open Water State Championship Proposal**

Turn open water meet into state championship

BST would reduce fee \$35 per swimmer (from \$45)

Include goody bags

No time standards to qualify

Same open water as zone meet

BST will staff and run meet

BST would like LSC to support the meet by not taking a percentage of entry fees. BST will need to invest more money to make the meet a state championship. For first year would like to make sure don't lose money. LSC would provide awards. LSC to put flyer in coaches mailboxes at state meets. Would not be an exclusive weekend for meets.

BST is also looking into inviting Illinois teams - swim together, but score states separately and score Wisconsin vs Illinois swimmers

Compete in morning to minimize weather issues

The course would stay the same, the lake is clean (Lake Andrea), plenty of parking,

spectator friendly.

June 27, 2009 (Saturday AM)

George – national open water certification possibility

BST also asked the LSC for funds for the meet and the budget will be revised to incorporate this meet into the budget. If Illinois teams also participate then BST will also ask the Illinois LSC for funds to support the meet.

Motion passed for open water championship meet. Budget will have to be amended to take account for the money that will support this meet, request for \$1,500.

### **Carol Graham - Registration Report**

FRST is now FSC (Fond du Lac Swim Club)

Snowfox is now Blue Phoenix Swim Club

Randy Julian has committed to Club Leadership business program in Clintonville on Tuesday March 10, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Lots of info in short period of time.

New clubs need this class before renewing for second year, also need it for Club Excellence Program every five years.

Class is open to all clubs, free of charge.

To sign up contact Carol Graham.

No Safety Chair report

No Athlete Rep report

### **Coaches Rep - Wagner da Silva**

Age group coach of year - tie: Mark Gwidt, OZ/Wagner, BAC

Senior coach of year: Dave Andersen

Age group female:

Age group male:

Senior female: Stephanie Sarandos

Senior male: Wes Lagerhausen

Small number of nominations this year.

Wagner and athlete rep can look at what they can get do to promote this process.

Idea: announce them at the state meet/include in state heat sheets

### **Brett Wilson - Camp Committee**

Camp with swimposium/Zone qualifier camp

Facility/times to be determined

Second camp in fall in September (11 - 14 year olds)

AM: new swimmers, each club could send a certain number of swimmers

PM: leadership camp

Up to swim clubs to determine who they want to send

### **Disability Rep Report – Karen Dionne**

3 Wisconsin swimmers in Beijing Great experience for all three.  
Nice to see focus of USA Swimming on disability swimming/programs.  
USA Swimming is offering more opportunities for younger swimmers to get involved in disability swimming.

### **Records - Dave Joyce**

Records have been updated, so coaches should check and make sure that everything is there.

### **Rules Committee - Patty Kramer (see attached for exact wording of rules)**

1. Change in Wisconsin Scratch Rule for State Championship meets, adopt language of down seeding, Rule 4.1.

Penalty for not checking in is that they don't swim against swimmers of same similar seed time. No penalty for not swimming if they choose to not swim after being down seeded.

Peter Healy - concern, inability to reduce heats of distance races, for those swimmers that don't show, can teams use a different scratch rule. But this is just for Isc championships.

Motion passed.

2. Unescorted athlete rule, 4.11.

Policy puts onus on unescorted athlete to seek out meet management and get a coach assigned for warm-ups.

Motion passed.

3. Coach Certifications, Rule 10.2

Rule has not been in writing in past, so just clarifying the rule in writing.

Motion passed.

4. Meet added to travel reimbursement policy.

Motion to add the Jr National SC meet in Austin Texas, at level 2.

Motion passed.

### **Officials Report, George Geanon**

No club photographers on deck. If host team hire a photographer for meet, they must have own insurance. Consensus of coaches that is OK. No team photographer allowed on deck. Reporters/Photographers would probably fall into the host team hired photographer.

Can request for high school sectional state meets to be observed. Should go through officials committee, or let George know who is willing to do it. Should be a season culmination meet for it to be observed.

Marisue Horton,

Scrip fundraiser program details.

If you want more information on this program, contact Marisue by phone 800-514-1891 or e-mail at [marisue@scripforswimming.com](mailto:marisue@scripforswimming.com).

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Laurie Carlson

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