

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.**  
**Age Group Committee – Senior Committee – Tech Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2009 – Lincoln Center II Building (West Allis, WI)**  
**6:00PM**

Meeting was started at 6:35PM

Present were: David Anderson (Senior Chair), Dave Westfahl (Tech Planning Chair), Bob White (SWAT), Luke Schumm (BST), Brent Boock (EBSC), Mark Kohnhorst (LAKE), Drew Walden (General Chair), Jeanne Drzewiecki (Administrative Chair).

Dave Anderson started the meeting by stating he had just talked to Steve Keller (Age Group Chair), who was unable to attend the meeting, regarding a few points on the Agenda. Per Dave A, Steve stated that awards had been ordered for the State Championship and Regional meet with extra medals so that we had more than enough. By June's LSC meeting Steve would have final information on the Zone meet. All bids came in and were around the same – it was Steve's feeling that WSI would stay with Walter's Swim Supplies to outfit Team Wisconsin. Steve Keller would also have more information on his proposed Hall Of Fame award and the process of getting this going.

The Silver Meet information which was submitted by Waukesha Express Swim Team was reviewed and okayed to be sanctioned. Jeanne will pass on the meet format to Fond du Lac Swim Club since they will be running the same format for their meet on July 17-19, 2009.

The 12-Under Wisconsin Long Course State Championship meet information was also reviewed and okayed for sanctioning.

13-Over Wisconsin Long Course State Championship was next discussed. The meet information was unavailable for review but both Jennifer Pennings and Pat Lewno had sent Jeanne emails with questions/concerns for the upcoming meet.

Pat Lewno had a concern over the "A" relays at the state meet and that last year there was some confusion by teams and wanted clarification. Mark Kohnhorst suggested that SEAY take the wording from the 2009 Winter's 13-Over State meet information which would solve any further problems.

It was also suggested that entries for the 13-Over State meet should be staggered from the 12-Under meet entries to allow teams time between entries – entry deadline for the 13-Over State meet should be due Thursday July 23<sup>rd</sup> before 6PM and a deadline of Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> before 6PM for an additional cuts obtained.

There was much discussion regarding the ruling on "downseeding".

Bob White proposed – Forgetting down seeding and seed at the times teams want to enter making it more manageable for meet management. Mark Kohnhorst seconded.

It was agreed that meet management be allowed positive check-in deadlines the day prior to those swim events regarding positive check in. Meet management must allow accommodations for teams that are not present for the check in timeline – via email would be the best route so that they have a paper trail.

It was also discussed that the Administrative Referee should help out meet management by making sure that every swimmer/team has been checked in prior to permanently scratching/down seeding (Sunday's events ONLY) a swimmer/team from that event.

Meet Management should also have available enough copies of positive check in events and reseeded events for all teams and on a timely basis.

Unanimous vote.

Luke Schumm asked about the logistics of chase starts, especially for the 13-Over State Championships. Dave Anderson feels it would not be something that would be feasible. No team in Wisconsin has any experience in this type of running of events.

Discussion regarding award breaks at the 13-Over State Championship and it was the Committees feeling that this be left up to the discretion of Meet Management.

Jennifer Pennings had emailed regarding the increasing cost of hosting meets at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center and the charge of \$15/hour/lane of warm down lanes in the YMCA's 6-Lane pool and also the charge for the hospitality suite for the coaches. She asked if there would be any consideration of Wisconsin Swimming helping out with this cost. Mark Kohnhorst pointed out that the State Championship meets are profitable enough that Wisconsin Swimming should not make any contribution – this was agreed by the Committees.

There was discussion regarding Policy 4.5.2(A) and the sit and slide entry for warm-ups. Because of the extremely rough surface at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center and the wear and tear on the technical suits – it was agreed unanimously to change the wording to “three point entry”. Jeanne said she should rewrite that Policy and present it at the June LSC meeting for vote.

There was some confusion as to the Awards point in the agenda and the cost of overnight shipping expenses. Jeanne explained that Pat Lewno had stated at one of the Board of Directors meeting of the high expense of overnight shipping. Will redirect back to Pat for clarification.

At the October 2008 Committees' Meeting there was talk about coming up with Coach's Job Description and Code of Conducts for all coaches at the Zone Championships. Michael Hamm from WEST is working on this.

The proposed time standards were discussed. There was discussion regarding putting these standards into HyTek and having this file available on Wisconsin Swimming's website. Discussion as to who would do this work and paying this person to do this. It was proposed by Drew Walden and seconded by Dave Anderson to pay someone \$60 to perform that data entry. Passed by unanimous vote. Dave Anderson said he would find a swimmer to import the times into the database.

The Senior ZONE meet was discussed. Bob White is the “chair” of Senior Zones but unfortunately was left out of the conference call regarding the meet. Drew Walden did participate in this phone conference and went over a few of the points that were discussed:

4-Day Format

Two Relays per Team

Two time Trials allowed

3 events per day/swimmer

In order to host the meet – you must have hosted at least one major meet (Speedo, Zones, etc.)

1500s run fastest to slowest

800s run slowest to fastest

800 Relay run fastest to slowest

Minimum age limit but no maximum age limit

Senior Rep from each of the LSCs should have an input on the site selection

\*\*\*discussion by the Committees about adding this meet to the Travel Fund Reimbursement for swimmers ensued. It was proposed that this would be the same as Zones and allowed one (1) share (but athlete only allowed to request travel fund reimbursement from one of the following and no more: Zones, Senior Zones or Speedos).

OPEN WATER: Luke Schumm explained that now IL Swimming is back in for the Battle at the Border Open water meet. Next year there was talk about moving it to a different weekend to not conflict with Lake Country's WGLO meet.

However, Luke did state that Lake Andrea is in high demand. Illinois had also asked if this meet goes well – if the meet would be allowed open bidding and rotate between the two LSCs.

Entrants were encouraged that they can enter individually but should also mark their LSC as their points will count to the final outcome of the Battle At The Border!

Policy 2.4 came up. Dave Anderson and Jeanne Drzewiecki have been working very, very, very hard on changing this policy and making it user friendly and paperless for meet reporting for all sanctioned and approved meets held within our LSC.

Changes were made to Policy and will run this by Pat Lewno, LSC Treasurer, and Carol Graham, Registration Coordinator, prior to the June 23<sup>rd</sup> LSC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dave Westfahl talked about the Travel Fund and which meets the LSC should continue to fund. He will look at the supported meets as they stand right now and take into account the number of days and the time standards that accompany the meets before dropping or adding any more meets. Discussion earlier in the meeting had asked about supporting the World Championship Trials.

Drew Walden spoke briefly about the Coach's Clinic which is set to take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. He said that Randy Julien from USA Swimming stated that they would support our clinic but wanted more days instead of just an 10-12 hour one day event.

Technical suits were discussed.

Mark Kohnhorst asked if the Committees would support a proposal of only allowing the 13-Over Short Course State Championships to be run in a 16-lane (or double ended venue). Discussion regarding the longer than optimal timeline at last Winter's 13-Over meet was reviewed.

Right now the vote for the host team/venue is up to the House of Delegates – it could not be a decision by the Committees to agree or disagree to this proposal.

Dave Westfahl has been ironing out a State Meet Bid policy form that all potential hosts would need to fill out – he will talk further regarding this.

The last topic of discussion was the historic low turnout at the House of Delegates meetings. Should the LSC enforce mandatory representation from all teams in the LSC? There are a lot of uninformed teams and delegates within the LSC. There is too much information that needs to get out to the teams that they are choosing to ignore. Should there be fines to teams that do not show up at the LSC meetings? Should the LSC move at least the June meeting to a "closed" weekend to allow teams to attend?

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki