



Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
Age Group/ Senior Cmte Meeting
Wednesday, September 3rd 10am-12pm
Brookfield City Hall Meeting Room-2000 N. Calhoun Rd.,
Brookfield, WI
Enter through doors at East entrance

Meeting Minutes

I. Introduction

- **Significant agenda, game-plan needed to tackle all of it**

The meeting was called to order at 10am.

Attendance:

George Geanon, <i>General Chair</i>	(LAKE)	Shane Ryan	(SWAT)
Michael White	(SPS)	Janis Katz	(SWAT)
David Westfahl	(SHOR)	Jacob Johnson	(BAC)
David Anderson	(SSTY)	<i>Technical Planning Chair</i>	
Drew Walden, <i>Past General Chair</i>	(BAC)	Mark Kohnhorst	(LAKE)
Brent Boock, <i>Age Group Chair</i>	(EBSC)	Mike Hruska	(MOHO)
Steve Yemm	(PX3)	Beth Basford	(WAVE)
Neil Wright	(SEA)	Dan Wohl	(WEST)
Luke Towry	(PX3)	Michael Hamm	(WEST)
Kevin Milak, <i>Senior Chair</i>	(PX3)	Rick Potter	
Jeanne Drzewiecki <i>Admin. Vice Chair</i>		<i>Officials Chair</i>	
		Anna Schwarz	
		<i>Knight Public Affairs</i>	
		Jeff Knight	
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Everyone received all the information for this meeting via email.

- **Formal timeline/cutoff dates for publishing meet info set**
Within 30 days of final state meet the goal is to get all materials ready for the next year. Short Course will be done in Feb./March and Long Course in September. The goal is to get materials published and out by the House of Delegates meeting in October.
- **AG/SR cmte meeting schedule through short course-finalize dates**
 - **September 3, 2014**
 - See above
 - **October 14, 2014**
 - Finalize SC/LC meet templates
 - Convention Recaps
 - Calendar finalized from convention
 - Zones planning for LC 2015

- **Travel reimbursements 2015 finalize**
- **Mid-January 2015-date TBA**
 - **Prep for SC Champ meets (ordering, any fires to put out, etc.)**
 - **Coach/swimmer of the year prep**
 - **Swimposium**
- **Late-March 2015-date TBA**
 - **SC Meet Wrap-Ups (start templates for 2016 SC Champ Meets)**

The group reviewed the calendar from last year and set the calendar for this year. The House of Delegates and next board meeting will be on October 28th; this group will meet on October 14th, January 13th, and March 24th. Meeting time will be 10am-12pm. Meeting location will be this location unless it is moved due to continued increases in Committee meeting attendance. This information will be shared via email. The plan to is to continue a standard cycle for dates in order to streamline the process.

II. Time Standards Discussion

The time standards are available on the website (located on the site map, under LSC Info); this includes the old and new time standards. In the meeting last March the group decided that the time standards needed to be made faster with the goal of limiting the number of athletes at events, but further review needed to be made in order to decide which events should have faster time standards. The small group met and discussed which events were more full relative to gender and event. They also looked at what the new time cuts would be. The small group determined that it was important to take a surgical approach based on data in order to limit the number of athletes without drastically shortening the meet time. These new time standards were discussed at the last board of directors meeting and the 2 Athlete Representatives in attendance were supportive of these new time standards.

A motion was made to approve the new time standards as presented by Jacob Johnson, 2nd by Jeanne Drzewiecki.

A friendly amendment was made to state that the faster cut would be utilized in the six events where this was relevant by Drew Walden, 2nd by David Anderson.

Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

The motion is carried with the friendly amendment.

The group determined that the same Power Point points to determine LCM and SCM standards will be used.

The group concurred that we will want to plan long-term for time standard changes as the events change over time. In 2015-2016 we will keep these new time standards but this will need to be reviewed after the season.

III. Summer 2014 Championship Meet Review

- **Silver State Meet**

There was significant discussion about the possibility of adding a third site in the future, possibly up in the northern region. It might be more difficult to find the additional officials in order to have a third site. The group decided that it would be good to discuss this further at the October meeting after Brent Boock has had an opportunity to discuss this with some of the northern teams. This discussion of a third site will be added to the House of Delegates October meeting agenda.

IV. Age Group State Meet

The group discussed the importance of editing the "Relay Entries" section of the 12 & Under Long Course Meet Announcement. While no formal motion was made the group, through discussion and general consensus determined that the following language should be, used: *"Teams may enter an "A" relay provided that they have an individual qualifier entered in that age group/gender. In order for a team to enter a "B" relay, the team must have at least 8 individual qualifiers in that age group/gender; a "C" relay must have at least 12 individual qualifiers, etc. The other members of a team's only relay entry in a given age group/gender may be relay-only swimmers. Relay-only swimmers must be included in your entry. To add a relay-only swimmer after the entry deadline, the swimmer must be entered into the meet 30 minutes prior to the start of the session in which they will all swim. Note: If a swimmer who is entered as an eligible swimmer is found to be ineligible for the meet, that swimmer may not be part of a relay as a relay only swimmer and does not count as a qualified swimmer for a relay."*

Additional changes made to 12 & Under Long Course Meet Announcement:

- Remove Bold Underline Section Under Coaches
- The group reviewed the Meet Conduct Section
- The Header Page will be removed.
- Payment Section will be by check and brought to the meet at check-in instead of mailed.

Other discussion about the 12 & Under Long Course includes:

- Entry deadlines for Silver & Regional meets. Mass entries will be due the Thursday before the meet and updates due the Monday after the meet. State meet entries will be due the Monday before the meet and updates due the Monday after the meet.
- Potentially move the 400 FR to another day, this was discussed at length but ultimately the decision was made to keep it on the same day.
- Summer meet management and break times.

A motion was made, "In the summer there will be a break after every 12 & under boy event. Meet management will determine the length of each break (no less than 5 minutes)," by Jacob Johnson, 2nd by Kevin Milak.

Voice Vote-Unanimous Approval

Drew Walden, Brent Boock, and Jeanne Drzewiecki will get materials together and send the revised information out to everyone via email in preparation for the

October House of Delegates meeting. After that meeting the goal will be to disseminate all information to everyone by about Thanksgiving.

V. 13 & Over State Meet

The group also indicated that the above "Relay Entries" language should be used in the "Relay Entries" section of the 13 & Over -Meet Announcement.

In the "Entries Section" the wording will be changed to, *"A swimmer may compete in not more than six (6) individual events total for the meet, excluding time trial events. A swimmer may compete in no more than three (3) individual events per day, including time trial events."*

Other discussion about the 13 & Up Long Course includes:

- The officials meet tracking report was reviewed.
- Entry dates, cut-offs, and potential addition of a coaches' meeting on Wednesday night.

A motion was made to, "add a coaches' meeting the night before the beginning of the meet at 6pm and check-in for scratch events and positive check-in for the 800 Free will be 20 minutes after the conclusion of the 6pm coach's meeting," by Drew Walden, 2nd by Jeanne Drzewiecki

Voice Vote-Majority Approved

-Including the following language, *" Any swimmer who does not complete positive check-in will be seeded into the event with the slowest non-conforming time standard. There will be no penalty if this swimmer fails to compete in that event."*

-Make sure that the primary contact is the person who will be on deck at the event and make sure that they are the decision makers.

-Data within the heat sheets is needed for the meet, such as records.

-Additional warm-up options (need to work with meet host on this)

-Potential for 2 separate age groups in the summer, to include finals heats.

A motion was made, "to change the senior meet in the summer to 13-14 age group and 15 and Over with two heats of 13-14 age group and 3 heats of 15 and over age group and senior age group coming back at night," by Drew Walden, 2nd by Jeanne Drzewiecki

Drew Walden Withdrew the Motion, with the understanding that this discussion would be resumed after next summer's events. No further action was taken.

VI. Any needed format changes for LC Champ meets for 2015?

The group discussed the various options for database entries and the importance of updating information quickly.

A motion was made, "Starting this winter OME will be set up for 12 & under and 13 & over state championship meets," by Jacob Johnson, 2nd by Jeanne Drzewiecki.

Voice Vote-Unanimous Approval

The Sanctions Chair will enter the Meet into Hytek and ensure that the OME file will be created properly and the meet host will finalize the Meet Announcement.

- **Short Course Championship Meets (formats & time standards)**

- **Regional Meets**
- **Age Group State Meet**
- **13 & Over Meet**

The group discussed various options for the order of events, specifically in regards to the relay events.

The order of events proposed changes are as follows:

Thursday: Mile, Break, 200 Medley Relay, Break, 800 Free Relay

Friday: 200 Free Relay (put it into finals), Break, 100 Breast, Break, Sprint Relay

The group decided to revisit this discussion at the October 14th meeting in five weeks. The proposed changes would be made and the timelines included as well as the new time standards. At that time the Order of Events, Breaks, and Bonus Events could be revisited.

VII. Travel Reimbursement Meets for 2015

- **Short Course Meets**
- **Long Course Meets**

Travel Reimbursement Meets for 2015 were not discussed at this meeting.

VIII. Other Discussion Items

-Should we add Bonus Events for Senior Swimmers?

No Action Taken on this Item

-There is a need to slow meets down. Issues arose related to capacity not swim time.

No Action Taken on this Item

-Will teams be placed in the same regions this year for regionals as they were last year? We allowed some teams to switch regions last year; will the same practice continue this year?

Meet Announcement will be done by October 14th and the regional information will be published. Teams will have until the House of Delegates meeting on October 28th to make decisions.

No Action Taken on this Item.

-Should the number of divisions be revisited? Should we have more divisions or fewer divisions?

A motion was made, "to eliminate the divisions," by Brent Boock, 2nd by Jacob Johnson.

Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

The group noted that this decision will have to be discussed at the House of Delegates meeting in October and additional input from teams will be needed regarding this issue.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Kevin Milak, 2nd by Jeanne Drzewiecki.
Voice Vote-Unanimous Approval

The meeting was closed at 1:09pm.