

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
Age Group/Senior Cmte. Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015 10am-1pm
Aurora Medical Center
36500 Aurora Dr., Summit, WI**



Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am, by Kevin Milak.

Attendance:

George Geanon	(LAKE)	<i>Senior Chair</i>	
<i>General Chair</i>		Brent Boock	(EBSC)
Cheri Zimdars	(J-HAWK)	<i>Age Group Chair</i>	
Beth Botsford	(WAUN)	Mark Gwich	(OZ)
Brett Wilson	(BAC)	Jeanne Drzewiecki	(UNAT)
<i>Coaches Representative</i>		<i>Admin Vice Chair</i>	
Jacob Johnson	(BAC)	Trina Schaetz	(EBSC)
<i>Tech Planning Chair</i>		<i>LSC Athlete Liaison</i>	
Drew Walden	(BAC)	Mark Kohnhorst	(LAKE)
<i>Ex Officio General Chair</i>		Frank Scott	(LGSC)
David Westfahl	(SHOR)	Rob McCabe	(SWAT)
Janis Katz	(MAC)	Dave Willoughby	(SWAT)
David Anderson	(SSTY)	Blaine Carlson	(WEST)
Kevin Milak	(PX3)	<i>Secretary</i>	

The Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting Minutes for January were presented to the Committee. Brent Boock made a minor edit to be changed by Knight Public Affairs and posted to the WSI website. The minutes were approved with the expected revision.

2. Short Course 2015 Championship Meet Review

a. Regionals

- i. The general consensus was that the meet format received a positive review and was less crowded. However, there were some issues that arose in the Madison area regarding traffic congestion, due to the larger amount of participants. Brent Boock proposed a sub committee to address the regional assignments and to adjust as necessary. The committee will be proposed of Brent B., Cheri Zimdars, Brett Wilson & Dan Wohl.

b. 5 Regional Format Assignment

- i. There was discussion of the Madison Regional meet being too crowded. In response, Madison area teams could host two of the five events. Because of the importance of the warm-

up/cool-down routine, the location should have adequate space. It was suggested that additional warm up breaks can be added at the discretion of the host club.

c. Any Restructuring of Regional Assignments

- i. Lengthy discussion centered on the new regional assignments of teams that will be made available at Annual Meeting in April and whether or not teams would have the ability to select the regional meet they would like to attend.

A motion was made to form a sub committee once the teams have submitted bids (as these are due to Jeanne Drzewiecki on Tuesday, March 31st). The sub committee will invite a representative from each team that submitted a bid, to sit on the committee. This sub committee will look at where the teams are located and the area that teams placed bids on. From there, the committee will designate the area where meets will be held and assign teams to those locations. Only the assigned teams to the specific areas will vote on possible site locations within their designated areas at the Annual Meeting. This will be posted to the website by Jeanne by April 20th, by Brent Boock, 2nd by Cheri Z.

Voice Vote- 1 opposed, 19 in favor. Motion Passes.

- ii. Discussion occurred in regards to the event order. It was proposed to create a sub committee to address event order. Mark Kohnhorst will head the committee, composed of Cheri Z., Jeanne D., Dan Wohl, and Jacob Johnson.

3. 12 & Under State Championships

a. Meet Critiques (Brett Wilson)

- i. Brett Wilson provided a meet evaluation form to the committee that summarized the feedback he received for the 12 & under meet. The general feeling was that Elmbrook did a great job but it was too crowded and long. To make the meet shorter, the majority of evaluations suggested that time standards should be tightened and that a bigger venue should be selected. Traffic congestion resulted from a basketball tournament in the same building, the placement of venders in the doorway, and parents watching the swimmers. The option of implementing security was deliberated, along with moving the Saturday relays to beginning of the day.
- ii. Discussion centered on imposing relay time standards that must be proofed, in both the 12 & Under and 13 & Over State Championships to keep the integrity of the meet and possibly reduce the number of relay only swimmers and the number of relays. However, this was problematic for the 13 & over as high

school times are allowed. Others felt that relay time standards posed a threat for smaller teams to participate and that individual time standards should be tightened instead. There were mixed feelings across the committee.

A motion was made to investigate relay time standards by the next Age Group/Senior Cmte., by Brent Boock.

Voice Vote- majority opposed. Motion did not pass.

b. Assessment of Competition

- i. No discussion

c. Review of Time Standards

- i. Discussion continued on imposing tighter time standards. It was recommended that Tech Planning Chair investigate the 2015 time standards and the affects that a cut of 10-15% of swimmers could impose on the 2016 State Championships, as the goal is to remove 50 bodies from the meet to cap participants at 800. The 2014 meet was also identified as too big, so a cut was made through a weighted system, based on barrier to entry and size.

A motion was made to keep the same format for the 12 & under meet and have Jacob Johnson come back with a Plan A and Plan B proposal for time standards to eliminate 10% of the competition by the next Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting, by Drew Walden, 2nd by David Anderson.

Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval.

Bidding Clubs will be notified of these cuts.

d. Review of OME

- i. There was discussion regarding why relay names did not get pulled in from OME and put on the relay cards, it was explained as: Online Meet Entry seems to be a clean way of managing relay cards, as they need to be filled out properly and accurately.

e. Event Order

- i. Changes were made to the 12 & Under State Championships event order.

A motion was made to move the 10 & Under 200 Medley Relay to the first event on Saturday, by Brent B., 2nd by Kevin Milak.
Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

A motion was made to swap the 500 Free and 200 Breast Stroke; making the 50 Free the 7th & 8th event and 200 Breast the 5th & 6th event, by Jacob J., 2nd by Brent B.
Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

A motion was made to flip the 100 Breast Stroke and the 100 Free on Sunday, by Frank Scott, 2nd by Drew W.
Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

- ii. Discussion centered on the truth behind time standards. If an infraction was observed, a swimmer could be disqualified. To address this issue, the 2nd paragraph of the Proof of Times section of the 2015 12 & Under Wisconsin Short Course State Championships Sanction Document was modified. It was recommended that it now state “Acceptable proof of time for a WSI LSC Championship Meet must be from a meet that identifies the swimmer by name, his and/or her time, and the meet name and date at which the swimmer previously achieve the qualifying time. Acceptable proofs of time are limited to the following: USA Swimming SWIMS database; from any USA sanctioned, approved or observed meet; conference, sectional, or state meets; YMCA closed completion; and the NCAA closed competition meets.” No vote was taken, but George will bring these changes to the Rules Committee.

4. 13 & Over State Championships

a. Meet Critiques (Brett Wilson)

- i. Brett Wilson provided a meet evaluation form to the committee that summarized the feedback he received for 13 & over. He received positive feedback other than the concern for the air quality. The evaluations did support the movement of the 200 Medley Relay to Thursday.
 - 1. The general consensus of the committee was that the air handling system at the meet appeared to be inadequate for the meet. USA Swimming suggests that ventilation systems should be inspected every three months. Discussion centered on ventilation systems and how often host swim teams should be examining these. Computer systems were not functioning properly for the air handling equipment to do its best work, which is causing issues last minute.
- ii. George Geanon provided the concerns and suggestions brought forth by the Officials.
 - 1. First, they would like the Thursday scratch deadline for relays to be changed, as they could not create heat sheets in a timely manner. In response, a general consensus agreed that all Thursday Night Relays would have the same scratch deadline of 5 minutes after the conclusion of the coaches meeting.

A motion was made to require check-ins for relays and long distance swims. These will close at the respective scratch deadline of 6:00pm, the night before the relay and long distance swims. If relay teams are not checked-in, they will be down seeded. Check-ins through email will be accepted, by Kevin M., 2nd by Dave A.
Voice Vote- Unanimous Approval

2. The Second concern from officials was the amount of disqualifications for false starts and noise. They felt it was due to the swimmers not understanding starting procedures. The committee discussed the influence noise had on false starts. It was brought to the attention of the committee that a restart did not occur when a coach notified the officials of an unfair start due to excessive noise. George will bring this to the attention of the Officials Committee.
3. Other concerns included the inaccurate swim time records provided, as they were not up to date. Discussion focused on the responsibilities of the records chair to provide host clubs with up-to-date records. This led to a conversation about what does and does not count as a Wisconsin Swimming record. Kevin M. will email George G. the Wisconsin Swimming Records definition, which will be brought to the Rules Committee. The Policy Manual, specifically Policy 7, will be revisited for any revisions deemed necessary.
- iii. A few safety issues arose during the 12 & under and 13 & over meets, one related to regarding respiratory issues with an inhaler and two an allergic reaction to a medicine. It was suggested that medical staff be provided by the hosts, not just lifeguards to address potential health and safety issues, but no motion was made.
- iv. Swimming no shows was a problem. Officials suggested incurring a fee for no shows. However, the committee concluded that it would be too difficult to assess and collect fees after the confusion of the meet.

b. Assessment of Competition

- i. No discussion

c. Review Time Standards

- i. Discussion centered on tightening time standards and its impact on the boys versus the girls brackets. Bonus swims could also be impacted by this change. No action was taken, as Tech Planning will bring more data to the next Age Group/Senior Committee Meeting.

- ii. Discussion centered on changing age group brackets to broader age categories, as swimmers want to compete in age groups other than their own. As some want to pursue partition with different ages groups, it could pose a threat specifically for the girls' 15/16-age bracket. However, this creates a major administrative issue on the HyTek Meet Management software, as each swimmer has his or her own USA Swimming ID Number. Online Meet Entry could be an alternative solution, or providing individual swimmers with 2 USA Swimming ID numbers. Discussion was tabled until the Board Meeting in May, as more data can be provided to the Board at that time and Short Course 2016 templates will be done.

d. Relay Limits

- i. No discussion

e. Review of OME

- i. No discussion

f. Event Order

- i. The warm-up, cool-down necessity was again revisited. To provide the opportunity for proper warm-ups, a WSI announcement will be provided to hosts regarding the importance of warm-up times. The option of legislating warm-up times was discussed to reserve proper time for distance swimmers to warm-up.

A motion was made to keep the middle 2 lanes open for warm-ups and increase the warm-up times from 45 minutes to an hour of water warm-up, and 5 minutes of quiet time, between the long distance events and relays on Thursday, by Kevin, Anonymous Approval, Motion passes.

5. Long Course Championship Meets

a. Templates

- i. No discussion

b. 12 & Under Templates

- i. Based on the length of the meeting, a number of subgroups formed to make changes regarding the event order of the templates. A number of sidebar conversations were occurring trying to move it forward. Ultimately, a vote, brought forth by Kevin, was unanimously approved to make these changes.

c. 13 & Older Templates

- i. No discussion

6. Zone Team

a. Brent Boock- Bids from All-American/Elsmore/Walters

i. Discussion- Vote

1. No discussion

b. Zone Coach Announcements

- i. Brent will be posting the zone coach assignments online, as to who was awarded. Mike Rose of EBSC and Luke Towry of PX3 were named the open water coaches based on automatic bids. BAC, SWAT and WEST were awarded the 3 automatic coaching bids for 14 & under zone meet. The rest of the staff is up for voting.

c. Other Zone Coach Announcements (camp/dinner/etc)

- i. No discussion

7. New Business

- a. Jacob J. reported that Dave Joyce would be providing state records needed for the automatic nominations for Swimmer of the Year. These will be voted on the Annual Meeting in April.
- b. George G. reported that Dave Anderson composed a new meet cancellation policy, which will be brought to the Rules Committee. He also received a letter from USA Swimming regarding deck changing.
- c. Kevin M. recapped what occurred in the last board meeting. There was a proposal to simplify meet reporting. Kevin reformatted the template, which will be taken to the Rules Committee, since it's a policy change.

8. Next AG/SR/TP Meeting Date

- a. The next Age Group/ Senior Committee Meeting is set for a Tuesday in May. Kevin will be notifying the committee of that meeting date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.