

Athlete Representative Meeting Minutes: 10-27-15

Draper Room, Aurora Summit Medical Center, Oconomowoc

In attendance: Andrea Smith (Elkhorn), Ivar Iverson (SEAY), Erin Paschke (PX3), Lauren Stigler (SWAT), Kate Vanderhoef (WAUN), Annah VanGheem (JR REP), Britt Horn (FOX VALLEY WAVE), Marissa Wolff (JR REP), Joe Heiser (MSS), Lexy Monty (SR REP), Nick Thuli (TOSA), Rocky Laabs (LAKE), Maggei Held (LAKE), Duke Bednarke (SSTY), Connor Rumpit (EBSC), Meredith Gustafson (EBSC), Trina Schaetz (Athlete Liaison), Sam Siebenaller (SR REP)

Topics:

1. WI LSC needs 20% Athlete Representation on ALL LSC committees.

Summary: According to USA Swimming requirements, WI Swimming is looking for WI athletes who are committed to serving on WI LSC committees alongside coach and adult committee members to provide athlete input valued to these committees. First preference for involvement will be given to those athletes serving as team representatives and state representatives, but non athlete rep swimmers will be considered. Committee involvement may not have to be limited to physical attendance. Committees listed below with their general topic areas and commitments. **Athletes interested in participating on specific committees below should reach out to WI Athlete Liaison, Trina Schaetz (tdschaetz@gmail.com) with their specific interest.**

- **Age Group and Senior Committee (includes Technical Planning and Club Development):**
Meets: Every other month (can be in person or post meeting summary)
Topics: Meet sites, meet arrangement, event orders, times standards, awards, meet improvement, national and zone travel, championships, etc.
Current Athletes: Sam Siebenaller, Lauren Stigler, Marissa Wolff (Tech Planning), Joe Heiser (Tech Planning)
- **Board of Directors Committee**
Meets: Every month
Topics: ALL WI LSC Planning
Current Athletes: Lexy Monty, Sam Siebenaller, Marissa Wolff, Anna Van Gheem (Closed to other athletes)
- **Officials Committee**
Meets: Every Month (can be conference call)
Topic: Rule implementation, meet sanction approval, official meet decisions.
Current Athletes:
- **Sanctioning/Rules Committee**
Meets: 2-3 times per year. (Oct/Jan/March)
Topics: Rules interpretation and adoption, bylaws editing, meet sanctioning.

Current Athletes: Annah VanGheem

- **Budget/Finance/Audit Committee**

Meets: Once a year (Sept/Oct)

Topics: Budget, LSC financials, Accounting

Current Athletes:

- **OTHER LSC FOCUS COMMITTEES** (Don't officially meet but may need athlete participation)

1. *Safe Sport*
2. *Diversity* (Lexy Monty/Marissa Wolff)
3. *Disability* (Lexy Monty)
4. *Camps*
5. *Open Water* (Rocky Laabs, Maggie Held)
6. *Zones*
7. *Records*
8. *Safety (registration and certification)*

2. 13 & Over State Awards:

- Athletes expressed an interest in helping choose something new and different for the 13 & Over awards. A new fresh design for 2017.
- A task force may also be implemented to secure an engraver for the 2016 meet to provide engraving for medals in place of the traditional sticky label.
- Athletes are asking for designated lowest levels on the awards podium. Generally 9/10th places were out of a spot because those lowest levels go unmarked and fill up with athlete gear in area.
- Athletes asked for more motivating awards music for walk outs similar to those for pre-events.
- Athletes requested that the state meet announcer be improved to someone not afraid or unable to pronounce names, teams, or club abbreviations.

3. Social Media: The athlete representatives with the direction and oversight of the WI LSC BOD, will work on a social media proposal for a WI Swimming Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram page to be used for WI Swimmer awareness and resource. The hopes is to have a social media plan with athlete directed content by the SC State Meets.

4. Lexy Monty and Marissa Wolff: Convention Reports (Can be found on WI Swimming website)

5. New Business/Athlete Awareness: MORE THINGS TO PASS ON TO YOUR CLUB

- USA Swimming deck change rule will now include female swimmers taking down straps on deck without coverage.
- Freestyle rule for individual medley and medley relay use. When pushing off or swimming freestyle in IM or Medley Relay events, a freestyle push off must be past vertical towards the breast when leaving the wall.

- State Meet Information framework will be available on WI Swimming this month.
- USA clubs must request USA officials observation for WIAA sectionals.
- No change of time standards for 2016 13 & Over State
- Summer Speedo time standards will be faster. Addition of D final for 18&Under swimmers.
- 2016 Nationals times standards will remain the same.
- SURVEYS:
 1. 13 & Over state survey:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yUgR8auVFNHNDgMFCgj-2w5ZxleiWPPB5W10BrODRMU/viewform>
 2. Zones Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USASwimming-Governance-Zones-LSCs>
- SAFE SPORT ATHLETE EDUCATION:
<http://usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2732&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>

Next Athlete Rep Meeting: January 2016