

## **Athlete Representative Meeting Minutes: 01/26/2016**

Draper Room, Aurora Summit Medical Center, Oconomowoc

**In attendance:** Erin Paschke (PX3), Lauren Stigler (SWAT), Kate Vanderhoef (WAUN), Annah VanGheem (JR REP), Marissa Wolff (JR REP), Alexia Monty (SR REP), Nick Thuli (TOSA), Rocky Laabs (LAKE), Trina Schaetz (Athlete Liaison), Sam Siebenaller (SR REP), Emily Bollendorf (SEAY), Elise Hokanson (BAC), Megan Pierce (DFAC), Mallory Keating (Sun Prairie)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **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.** Athlete reps returned to clubs to ask for interest in areas below.

- **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: Marissa Wolff, Becca Passamini (updated Jan 26, 2016)*

- **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 (Lauren Stigler, Becca Beam)*
8. *Safety (registration and certification)*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Recap of AG/SEN Meeting Jan 26, 2016 AM**

- **Regional Event Fees** raised from \$4-\$5 to represent upgrade from regular competition average. Athletes unanimously in agreement.
- **Travel Fund Correction** A recap of travel fund error was given. Athletes agree unanimously with the decision to go with option C to give athletes \$105 shares for declined Level 2 meets.
- **WIAA Observation** Athletes were reminded that in order to have WIAA championship meets count for meet standards above the WI State meet, competitions must be observed by USA Swimming officials. Athletes requested that this just be done automatically.
- **Open Water Meet over Labor Day** Athletes were informed about new opportunity for Open Water Championship over Labor Day weekend. Athletes requested that Open Water committee look into the ability of WIAA involved HS girls to participate. Can committee secure a waiver? Kevin Milak will look into.
- **14 & Under State Meet proposal** Swimmers were educated on the exercise of mapping out a possible 14 & Under Championship. While older athletes supported a roomier 15 & Over championship, concerns for long days at the 14 & Under proposed meet, the desire for 13/14 athletes to be with older swimmers, the short sessions for 15 & Overs and the concern for 14 & Under athletes then wanting to double dip at the Senior Champs were all cited as reasons that the 14 & Under proposal was not appealing. The athletes observed that the complications do not outweigh the interest in the Zones Champs.

### **2. Annual Meeting and Banquet April 16, 2016**

- Athletes were informed of date and venue of Annual Meeting and Banquet

- Athletes expressed positivity towards the awards banquet and the nominations both current and new ones. There was consensus that it would be ok to invite all nominees and then disclose award winners at the banquet. Athletes felt that the following categories were good ones:
- Female Athlete of the Year, Senior & Junior (which we already have)
- Male Athlete of the Year, Senior & Junior (which we already have)
- Coach of the Year, Senior & Junior (which we already have)
- Breakout Swimmer of the Year
- Perseverance Award
- Relay Performance of the Year
- Race of the Year
- Sportsman/woman of the Year
- Athletes suggested Emily McClelland as a speaker or agreed to the COACH speaker with the interest in college recruiting as the topic. Athletes felt a panel discussion would be helpful also on the recruiting process and experience and how to navigate/what to expect. Some of the Senior athletes offered to be part of a panel discussion.

**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 (possibly Snapchat) 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. This will likely need to be a sub-committee of Junior/Senior reps to get things rolling soon. Athlete committee will reach out to LSC Board to fine tune the directive.

#### **4. New Business/Athlete Awareness: MORE THINGS TO PASS ON TO YOUR CLUB**

- USA clubs must request USA officials observation for WIAA sectionals.
- No change of time standards for 2016 13 & Over State
- SAFE SPORT ATHLETE EDUCATION:  
<http://usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2732&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>
- Athlete Representative Applications will be due Feb 22. Documentation Attached.
- Champ Meet Information:
  - 12 & Under SC 2015-16 State UW-Madison
  - 13 & Over SC 2015-16 State Schroeder hosted by LAKE
  - 12 & Under LC 2016 State-Schroeder hosted by LAKE
  - 13 & Over LC 2016 State - Pleasant Prairie hosted by PX3
  - 12 & Under SC 2016-17 State (Bid on April 16)
  - 13 & Over SC 2016-17 State (Bid on April 16)
  - 12 & Under LC 2017 State (Bid on April 16)
  - 13 & Over LC 2017 State (Bid on April 16)

**Next Athlete Rep Meeting: April 16, 2016**