



Wisconsin Swimming Inc.

Meeting Title: Annual House of Delegates Meeting

Chair: Cheri Zimdars

Date & Time: April 16, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Location: Madison Marriott West

Present: See attendance sheet at end of report

- 1) Call to order and welcome
- 2) Approval of January 2016 Minutes
 - a. Approved
- 3) Athlete introductions and athlete report
 - a. Fourteen athletes in attendance
 - b. 158 attendees for this evenings Awards Banquet
 - c. Social media
 - i. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram WI LSC pages have been created
 - ii. Will provide information about Safe Sport
 - iii. Will notify users about athletes qualifying for high level meets
 - d. State meet surveys
 - i. Information will be shared with future meets hosts and planning committees
 - e. Athlete participation
 - i. Pushing for athletes to get involved at the committee level across the board through all LSC meetings
- 4) Highlights & Positives
 - a. Awards Banquet
 - b. Winter Swim Clinic
 - c. 14&U Zone registration will be online this year through Team Unify
 - d. Lower registration fees for 8&U swimmers, Officials and Coaches – compared to other LSCs

- i. Our LSC Registration Chairwomen is available seven days a week
 - e. Athlete involvement in meetings and committees
 - i. The addition of social media pages sponsored through the LSC
- 5) Future Goals
 - a. Communication
 - i. Improve notifications to members about committee openings so others can get involved
 - ii. Will begin a quarterly newsletter
 - iii. Incorporate Team Unify in the communication and registration process
 - b. Mentor smaller and/or newer clubs in regards to the ins-and-outs of the LSC
 - c. Continue to grow our athlete representation at LSC meetings
 - d. Education
 - i. Offer or notify clubs about education and clinic opportunities
- 6) Floor nominations for Board of Directors
 - a. General Chair, Admin Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Tech Planning, Safe Sport
 - i. No additional nominees from the floor
- 7) Annual Meeting Site Vote
 - a. Appleton or Green Bay
 - i. Weekend of April 22-23, 2017
 - ii. Appleton won the vote
- 8) Knight Public Affairs Report
 - a. Tasked about the mission to build relationships in communities in an effort to keep pools open and help facilitate the process of building new pools
 - i. Have been in many communities throughout the state
 - b. Have lobbied at the State Capital on behalf of the UW-Madison pool
 - i. Passed and is moving forward
 - c. Met with the WIAA numerous times
 - i. Have established a strong relationship with the WIAA and the WI LSC
 - 1. There was a request within the WIAA to move girls and boys high school swimming to a winter sport
 - a. Sent letters in voicing their concern with this train of thought
 - d. Appleton – Erb Park pool
 - i. Very political in nature

1. Weekly conferences, Facebook pages, community involvement, rallies were held, all the teams in the area worked together
 - ii. What helped
 1. Relationships with the Visitor and Convention Bureau
 - a. An important aspect to tie in the monetary value attached to swim meets
 2. Relationships with Park and Rec Departments are important too
 - a. A similar situation is taking place in Green Bay at this time
 3. Support of the other users of the facility is important too
 4. Pulled in other organizations (hotels) to send in letters of support for retaining the 50-meter pool (look at it from an economic impact position)
- 9) Finance Chair and Treasurer Report
- a. We continue to budget a negative budget in an effort to spend down our surplus
 - b. We are on pace to NOT meet our negative budget
 - i. Part of the reason for this is the healthy meet schedule
 1. \$3.00 Splash fee
- 10) Age-Group & Senior Chair Reports
- a. Silver State will reflect Regional event order
 - i. Adding relays to Silver State
 - ii. Removed 8&U events since the meet is LC in nature
 - b. Planning Guides will be posted soon for this summer's championship meets
 - c. Moving the 400/500 Freestyle off of Friday during 12&U State
 - i. This gives all 10&U swimmers a two day experience instead of three
 - d. No fundamental changes for 13&O State
 - e. Biannually dropping time standards
 - i. 2017 13&O State standards will be adjusted next
 - f. Regional alignments are out and set in stone for 2017
- 11) Meet Sanctioning Chair Report
- a. Dave Westfahl moved to accept the updated Meet Schedule, seconded by Blaine Carlson, passed.
 - b. Voting on 2017 Championship meets
 - i. Regionals 1, 2, 3, and 4 only had one team bidding
 - ii. Regional 5 had two teams bidding
 1. SEA and SWAT

- a. SEA won the vote
 - iii. 12&U SCY State Championships
 - 1. BAC and LAKE
 - a. BAC won the vote
 - iv. 13&O SCY State Championships
 - 1. LAKE and PX3
 - a. LAKE won the vote
 - v. There will be three Silver Championship events in 2017
 - 1. SCY at Waukesha – WEST
 - 2. LC at Taylor Park – FSC
 - a. EBSC and SWAT vote at WSAC
 - i. EBSC won the vote
 - vi. 12&U LC State
 - 1. PX3 and SWAT
 - a. SWAT won the vote

12) Registration Chair/Coordinator Report

- a. Athlete membership card and welcome packet will be going digital in 2017
- b. Outreach program remains
 - i. Has been based off of free and reduce lunch program
 - 1. Membership is then \$5.00
 - ii. USA Swimming is updating the criteria since some states in the Union offer the entire state free and reduced lunches
 - 1. The goal is to have the new guidelines in place by convention
- c. USA Swimming is moving away from printing non-athlete membership cards
 - i. The WI LSC will maintain the printing of cards for 2017
- d. Current registration numbers
 - i. 6,607 athletes
 - 1. Can expect about 300 seasonal athletes during this current season
 - ii. 832 non-athletes
 - iii. 69 teams

13) Reports of Officers & Committees

- a. Coaches Rep

- 1. Outgoing Chair is willing to work with the new chair
- ii. Hear Something, See Something, Say Something
 - 1. New education program
 - a. Information will be posted monthly
- iii. In the works
 - 1. Locker room guidelines
 - 2. Meet Marshal best practices
- iv. Zika virus
 - 1. This is a big deal
 - a. Visit the CDC website for the most current information
- v. Concern from the floor about flyover starts and will USA Swimming stress the importance of athletes getting into the corner of their lane after they swim and prior to the next heat taking off
- i. Tech Planning
 - i. If you would like more information about how State standards are developed, please contact Jacob Johnson
- j. Zone Championships
 - i. Open Water still needs one more coach (currently one coach is signed up to attend)
 - ii. Eight coaches attending the Mega Zone event
 - iii. Dave Clark is our manager

14) Rules Committee

- i. Reviewed the LSC's bylaws
 - 1. Adjusted the WI bylaws and forwarded to USA Swimming for approval
- ii. We are losing younger athletes
 - 1. Looking at developing quality meets for younger swimmers and only 5% of the entry fees would be forwarded to the LSC versus 10%
- iii. Looking at the eligibility of records
 - 1. Need to ensure records set in years past that the athlete was registered with the LSC and USA Swimming

15) 2016 ConooPhilips Outstanding Service Award Nomination and Selection

- a. Laura Becherer and Dennis DuChene
 - i. Result will be announced this evening at the Awards Banquet

16) LSC Board of Director Elections

- a. Michael Harbert motioned to except the ballot and blanket vote. Seconded by Jeanne Drzewiecki. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 4: p.m.

Next Meeting: Aurora Medical Center in Oconomowoc, October 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.