

Athlete Meeting Minutes Oct 25, 2016

In attendance: E. Schaetz (Jr. Rep), K. Vanderhoef (WAVE), E. Paschke (PX3), J. Brehmer (MAC), B. Hayes (OZ), E. Hayes (FSC), N. Daniel (EBSC), S. Scargill (MFSC), L. Bjornstadt (SST), T. Laedolt (MSS), E. Gunnink (SPST), B. Minanhan (TOSA), M. Schroder (EBSC), A. VanGheem (Sr. Rep), C. Mertins (SEA), A. Van Hout (Jr. Rep)), M. Wolff (Sr. Rep)

I. Welcome and Introduction to LSC and Athlete Involvement

II. WI Swimming Committees and Athlete Involvement

A. Board Of Directors: Sr/Jr Athlete Reps

B. Officials Committee: **Athletes needed.** Meets monthly

C. Age Group Senior Tech Planning Ben Lorenz **Athletes needed**

D. Budget & Finance Committee: Kate Vanderhoef & Elizabeth Hayes

E. Rules Committee Annah Van Gheem **Athletes needed.** (Meets Oct/Jan)

F. Diversity Committee (**Athletes needed**)

G. Safe Sport: Natalie Daniel, Emma Schaetz, Lindsey Bjornstadt

H. Disability Committee: Elizabeth Hayes, Max Schroeder, Emma Schaetz

I. Open Water (**Athletes Needed**)

J. Safety Committee (**Athletes Needed**)

K. Records Committee: Lindsay Bjornstadt, Natalie Daniel

III. Discussed 13 & Over State Meet Changes. Time standards (published to WI Swimming website asap) and Event order changes

IV. Athlete Award nominations for Annual Banquet. The group discussed the trouble with the nominations for the Sportsmanship Award being to subjective. Hard to tell whether peer-nominated candidates would be trult good representatives of the award. This past years winners were ideal candidates, but concern was expressed about screening nominees. Truitt Laedolt suggested contacting coaches for all nominees to

determine whether the swimmer's coach would put their "stamp of approval" on the nomination. The athlete group decided that that was a good solution. Future nominees for the Sportsmanship Awards will have follow up screenings by the WI State Athlete Reps or Liaison to determine if nominee is truly qualified.

V. State Rep Voting Procedure. Will make a motion in January to move State Rep Election to Annual Meeting instead of at State Meet. More visibility required for both Annual Banquet voting and Athlete Rep Election. Will increase Social Media efforts, newsletter efforts, website and word of mouth via club athlete reps. Effort will be made to have this announcement out by Jan 24 Athlete Meeting and HOD

VI. Social Media: An effort will be made by athlete committee to investigate USA Swimming's use of Snapchat. A motion may be made in January to allow Snapchat for WI Swimming under similar guidelines as USA Swimming's use.

VII. New Business:

A. Athletes to return to clubs and solicit help for various WI Swimming Committees

B. Discussion and further investigation of webcasts, skype or google hangouts for athlete meeting. Possible "regional" athlete hangout during year.

C. State Athlete Reps proposed a budget item amendment during WI LSC Board Meeting for Athlete Rep Tshirts. Each club rep would receive a tshirt to wear at various state swimming events. Tshirt would increase awareness of swimmer involvement at the LSC level and should bring visibility to our group. Athlete wearing tshirts may get some kick back (ie: free food item, etc) when wearing to 13 & Over State. More to follow.