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District 3 – Don Higgins, Wilson
District 4 – Richard Carr, Mark Morris
District 4 – Mike Bemis, BG, Camas
Districts 5-9 – Randy Willis, Richland and Hanford
Districts 5-9 – James Elwyn, Wenatchee
Director at Large – Bob Regan
Director at Large – Paul Torno (Historian)
Director at Large - Dan Wolfrom (Hall of Fame)

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WISCA Board Meeting
May 5th, 2012
O'Dea High School
12:30 PM-3:00 PM

WISCA 2012 Spring Meeting Minutes

Present: Mike Kelly, Eric Bartleson, Tom Schutte, Don Helling, Carlos Palacian, Karin Fosberg

- 1.) **Welcome** Mike
- 2.) **Board & District Reps Introductions** Mike
- 3.) **Review of Old Business** Tom
Minutes from Fall Meeting will be reviewed and discussed
- 4.) **WISCA Elections** Mike
Officer Elections...
50% of membership voted
New Elected Officers: Vice-President- Karin Fosberg, Treasurer- Eric Bartleson

New District Representatives
Dist 1 Don Helling- Sehome
Dist 1 Chris Erikson- Kamiak
Dist 2 Carlos Palacian- HNA
Dist 2 Laura Halter- Issaquah
Dist 3 Jo Bushnell Fife
Dist 3 Don Higgins- Wilson
Dist 4 Richard Carr- Mark Morris
Dist 4 Mike Bemis- BG, Camas
Dist 5-9 Randy Willis- Richland, Hanford
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WISCA Reps: Should the process of naming District Reps change to include newer and younger Reps?
Candidates for new Representative positions are expected to:

- 1.) Attend the WISCA meetings; too many current Reps are not attending meetings.
- 2.) Communicate to their District coaches.

WISCA needs to create a simple job description for District Reps that clearly explains the expectations of the position that should be posted to the website.

Should incumbents who do not attend WISCA meetings be included in annual elections or excluded from consideration?

Mike will contact incumbents to verify if they wish to continue serving and if so, clearly communicate the expectations of attendance at meetings.

5.) WISCA Recommendations for Criteria of Accepted State Qualifying Times Don / Mike

The Board reviewed the written criteria for acceptance of State qualifying times.

Document policy written by Don Helling with posted comments from Dan Wolfrom and Paul Torno.

WISCA board reviewed the document and made final revisions.

- Looking at the draft- paragraph 2 (State qualifying times that are NOT posted to the WISCA site within one week **SHALL NOT** be used for qualifying times).
- Meet results must be posted on the WISCA site with the complete results “*with the name and email of the referee to verify the accuracy of meet results.*”
- No alumni or intra-squad meets count for state qualifying times.
- State qualifying Meter events need to be converted to yards before submitting to the website.
- It is crucial for WISCA to show WIAA that our all season long qualifying time frame can be trusted and accurately verified with diligent standards by all coaches and at all meets. Having the opportunity to qualify throughout the season is a special opportunity for swimming that WISCA wishes to preserve.
- This final document will be given to:
 - Jeff Lowell and Andy Barnes at WIAA
 - upon approval will be given to all school WIAA Athletic Directors communicated to swim coaches.

The edited final draft of this WISCA policy is included here:

In order for an athlete to qualify for the WIAA Washington State High School Swimming and Diving Championships using a regular season qualifying time, the athlete’s coach or other official representative of the school team must do the following:

Within one week of the meet, the time must be posted on the WISCA.ORG website and a copy of the complete results must be emailed to the WIAA state meet director [currently Jeff Lowell] whose email can be found at WISCA.ORG. The meet results must include all teams, all participants, and must be accompanied by the name and contact email of the meet referee for verification purposes. Individual time cards, results without all teams and/or times, or other incomplete results will not be accepted for verification. If this procedure is not followed the effort shall not be used for qualifying into the state meet by time.

Swimmers may qualify for the WIAA Washington State High School Swimming and Diving Championships by equaling or bettering the posted time standards in any of the following sanctioned high school dual, double-dual, triangular, or invitational swim meets during the current WIAA season.

- Sanctioned Washington State high school conference and non-conference dual meets that have two WIAA competing schools.
- Sanctioned Washington State high school triangular meets, double-dual meets, and invitational meets where there are more than two WIAA competing schools.
- Out-of-state dual and invitational meets that follow WIAA guidelines.
- NOTE: Intra-squad, alumni, time trial, and other one-team competitions may not be used for achieving regular season state qualifying times.

Times must be achieved using electronic timing utilizing a timed touchpad finish, or a minimum two-watch hand timed, or two-button hand timed finish.

Relay leadoff times may be used if the times are achieved using either an electronic touchpad split or two separate designated split timers. These timers need to be located at the lane, and declared to the referee prior to the start of the race.

Notice to be added to the WISCA website -

NOTICE when posting 25 meter times:

Prior to submitting 25 meter qualifying times to the WISCA.ORG online database, use the National Federation Rule Book conversion formula to convert meters times to yards before submitting them to the online time listing. In addition, clearly indicate on the emailed meet results that they were achieved in a 25 meter pool.

6.) NISCA Conference Review & WISCA Hospitality Suite at NISCA Convention

Eric

NISCA is attempting to take on a more educational setting. One day was cut off the convention schedule. Younger coaches did not feel the major speakers were as educational as they could have been. More needs to be done to make this a top notch informative opportunity. We had a strong turnout of Washington coaches. The KCAC site is extremely attractive due to its west coast location and indoor pool and excellent diving facility. The hospitality suite was an appreciated by all NISCA coaches.

NISCA would like to produce an online educational coaching program that helps elevate coaching standards for all coaches. Younger NISCA members need to voice their areas of interest of future Convention topics to NISCA letterhead members. Carlos mentioned to the WIAA state coaching summer conference in Yakima and its high level of excellence. Could we add a session at this conference in Yakima that is directed specifically directed coaching swimming OR a session taught by NISCA speakers at the WIAA conference? This could greatly help new coaches and be a great marketing for new NISCA members. A basic NISCA education training course would be a fantastic opportunity.

Next NISCA Convention is in Indianapolis 2013.

New Zone 8 Rep is Tom -- from Wyoming about new ideas for future conferences.

Zone 8	Tom Hudson	Laramie, Wyoming zone8@niscaonline.org
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- Some WISCA members noticed that at the NCAA meet they had stanchion barriers and no tables for coaches. Some WISCA members suggested this for the WA State meet. Other members like the tables. This needs to be discussed further. Having the barriers provides for better viewing from the stands and easier movement on the deck.
- Awards at this meet were given immediately after the race conclusion (30-60 seconds after). Athletes bring your award clothing to the race blocks and the awards are given immediately after the race. WISCA Board proposes to Andy Barnes (WIAA) that the awards should follow the NCAA example of giving awards for each race to be given out immediately after the races.

7.) Committee Reports

Eric

Brief financial report

Eric

WISCA agreed to use funds to cover the expenses for the room at the NISCA conference. Northwest Swim Shop wrote a check to help with funding the WISCA Scholarship and their web logo links will be placed on the website.

In the future a possible WISCA Invitational swim meet would be a fantastic opportunity to look into for raising WISCA's profile and funds. Should this be inclusive of all swimmers or more exclusive with higher caliber competition? We would need to have a girls meet and a boys meet. Mike mentioned the new Curtis High School pool is an outstanding facility and could be a location for consideration.

WISCA needs to plan for getting a new trophy case for KCAC. We need to talk to Mike to get a key to get into the current case and reorganize it.

8.) WISCA Scholarship Recipient Selection

Mike

We acknowledged Rob Serviss' hard work in preparing an extensive spreadsheet document that shows each candidate for the girls and boys who applied. Long deliberation was given to all candidates and final selections were made.

WISCA Scholarship Winner Recipients:

Boys- Logan Briggs- Liberty High School

Girls- Maddie Baker- Snohomish High School

Karin Fosberg will write a letter to communicate with the winners and write up an official press release.

9.) Open Forum (If time allows)

Mike

Don Helling mentioned the Washington Cultural Exchange to China was very successful. There were six swimmers and 1 diver who attended and competed. The program is exciting and worthwhile. It is intended for District level swimmers and above. It costs \$3200 for a full package all expenses. This year it was held in early April. There are 3 days of training and one meet day, of the nine day long experience. Many kids showed up out of shape but in some years, the group has been very elite.

WISCA must pay attention to the WIAA coaching *out of season rules* in regards to this trip. In the recent years this issue has not come up.

Meeting Concluded...Thanks!

Mike