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District 4 – Mike Bemis, BG, Camas
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Districts 5-9 –
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 Notes

May 10, 2014

O'Dea High School

11:00AM-1:00PM

WISCA 2014 Late Spring Meeting Minutes

Welcome

Mike

Board & District Reps in Attendance

Mike Kelly, Karin Fosberg, Richard Carr, Randy Willis, James Elwyn, Carlos Palacian, Don Higgins, Dave Baughman, Tom Schutte

Mark Prothero's contribution was recognized after his passing recently to lung cancer. Significant achievements and recognition were addressed. Mike suggested a \$100 WISCA contribution to Kent Parks Recreation on behalf of the family.

Review of Old Business

Mike

New Items

1.) 2014 WISCA Elections

Mike

Officer Elections...

Vice-President – James Elwyn

- Recognition to Karin Fosberg's contribution was acknowledged

Treasurer- Eric Bartleson

District Reps positions announced

Dists- 5-9 needs to be filled now with James Elwyn moving to VP

2.) Review of 2013-14 State Meets

Mike

There was discussion of the pros and cons of the recent State Championships along with the reclassifications posting for 2014-15. Members discussed the impact on State Championship Meets.

The Board acknowledged Mike Dunwiddie for his time in making arrangements and executing the transportation of Bob Regan to the Boys State Meet.

It was a great selfless act and WISCA appreciated his efforts, It was good seeing Bob return to the pool deck for the State Championship meet.

People thought favorably of the recent State meet format. The group main consensus was that both the Girls and Boys State meets were well run.

There was some concern that in the case of the Boys meet, that the later sessions ran a little over/started later than the projected timeline. Possible reasons for this may be linked to more Boys entered in the meet or the fact that the Boys were a little slower to pick up on the changes in the award ceremonies.

There was agreement that the new procedures for presenting awards are better than the previous method. It was thought the new awards procedure brought closure to the event.

There were some concerns with respect to crowding on the deck during the meet, particularly during the back half of the sessions when athletes from the next session were allowed on the deck previous to the completion of the current session. Better door security will be suggested. It could not be determined if could have different color athlete passes/hand stamps for each session. It might help to have such a system in controlling who gets on the deck and when.

On the subject of reclassification, there were questions regarding the impact on State qualifying time standards. Some Board Members thought there will be an impact on the 2A meet with the participation of strong previous 3A schools who are moving down in size. This issue was to be deferred to Paul Torno, who compiles the data for projected State qualifying times. How might the new classifications affect the State meet cuts?

Another element that was brought into the discussion regarding State qualifying times was the Metro 3A Conference (9 teams) was moving the Girls to the Fall season. There were also concerns voiced on the impact of the Metro Conference move on the 3A State meet timeline. It was suggested that perhaps the first session of the meet could start at 9:30am, as opposed to 9:45am. This same thought was also applied to the last session of the State meet, which could be started 15 minutes later.

This schedule change was discussed and the added 15 minutes to the beginning and ending was approved by the Board to move forward to Jeff and the WIAA.

The microphone at the State meet was very difficult to hear. Can the speaker system be evaluated? The audible voice did not carry well on deck and the much of the communication was lost.

<http://www.wiaa.com/subcontent.aspx?SecID=1039>
(Link to WIAA reclassification of schools for 2014-16)

3.) 2013-14 WISCA Awards

Mike

Coach of the Year

Girls

- 4A Eric Bartleson (Newport)
- 3A Jaci LeGore Hodgins (Marysville Pilchuk/Gretchell)
- 2A Ed Davis (Pullman)

Boys

- 4A Kathy Piper (Richland)
- 3A Tie Andy Hay (Bellevue) Kaycee Taylor (Bainbridge Island)
- 2A Cathy Casey (Steilacom)

Athlete of the Meet

Girls

- 4A Lisa Bratton (Richland)
- 3A Kim Williams (Bellevue)
- 2A Taylor McCoy (Pullman)

Boys

- 4A Tommy Anderson (Federal Way)
- 3A Todd McCarthy (Bellevue)
- 2A Benjamin Scott (Steilacom)

2013-14 Dick LaFave Accommodation Award recipient:

Greta Alderson from District 5/6 (from the Yakima area).

4.) Hall Of Fame

Mike

It was believed that 2008 may have been the last presentation year for the WISCA HOF.

The consensus of the group meeting was that we should attempt to plan for a HOF presentation at the 2014-15 Boys State Championships. There are several obvious nominations including both athletes and coaches. As with the Dick LaFave Award, it will only be as successful as the participation of the coaches.

It was discussed that there are a large number of qualified candidates who could be inducted now. It was suggested that inductions occur years ending on 5's and 0's unless due to numbers, it is necessary to induct candidates earlier. We need to be mindful of the numbers of inductees. Names will be forwarded to Mike Kelly. Coaches need to submit paperwork and photos to formalize the process. Inductees should be inducted during their own respective classification State meet.

Committee Reports

Mike

WISCA Scholarship

Karin

Karin reported that at the time of the meeting, she has received 7 girl/6 boy applications. Discussion on the candidates was shared.

WISCA Scholarship Recipients-

Girls Recipient: Sage Speak (Inglemoor)

Boys Recipient: Matt Williamson (Bothell)

Eric will cut the checks and deliver them to the recipients.

Karin spoke about possible ways to better communicate the WISCA scholarship for the James, the newly elected VP for future applications.

Gmail account was a stated possibility to communicate more effectively with WISCA coaches and All Swim Coaches. The WISCA scholarship info could be an insert page into the State Meet program for parents to be informed about this opportunity.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board reviewed the Finance reports submitted by Eric Bartelson. All accounts are strong and in good order.

WISCA Website

The website is relatively weak and does not motivate younger coaches to join.

Discussion on upgrading the website to categorize all paid WISCA coaches so that various Board members could access relevant information on scholarships, Coach of the list candidate listings etc. District coaches email listings.

It was determined by those in attendance that the WISCA website is in need of upgrading. There are facets of the website that are in need of improvement. There is a desire to make it more interactive. A question raised is does WISCA need to create a Board position specifically directed towards technology/technology management? This topic has been discussed in the past. Team Unify may be a possible platform. Sponsors could assist us with this effort.

Board members can search out different State swim association websites that may be excellent examples of what we want for our WISCA site. We need to decide exactly what we want from our site.

Open Forum

Mike

Dave Baughman has been collecting a swim database of State programs and team records from all schools. He would like all of WISCA to promote the full and comprehensive collection of data. He is interested in gathering missing data.

Dave Baughman- Can we start looking at a how many schools have diving facilities and dive teams. Each school needs to find possible sponsors to help these programs thrive. Everybody should have access to dive coaches and dive tanks.

The last topic of open forum discussion was the maintenance/up keep of the athlete's locker room at the KCAC during the State meet. Some Board members thought that there could have been a better emphasis on maintaining a healthy environment in the locker room area.

Meeting Concluded...Thanks!