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Districts 5-9 – Brad Daly, Walla Walla
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Director at Large – Paul Torno (Historian)
Director at Large - Dan Wolfrom (Hall of Fame)

WISCA Board Meeting
April 16, 2011
O'Dea High School
11:00- 3:00 PM

WISCA Spring Meeting

1.) **Welcome**

Mike

2.) **Board and District Reps Introductions**

Mike

Don Higgins, Mike Kelly, Eric Bartleson, Randy Willis, Karin Fosberg, Richard Carr, Brad Daly, Dan Wolfrom, Carlos Palacian, Don Helling, Tom Schutte

3.) **Review of Old business**

Tom

A. Acknowledgment of the tragically sad loss of Eric Bartleson's wife passing away in March 2011. Mike asked Eric if it is personally appropriate for WISCA to initiate a donation on behalf of Hospice in memory of his wife. Eric is open to the idea of WISCA placing a statement of support and options for donations on the website on her behalf to Hospice:

The Evergreen Healthcare Foundation,
Hospice Services,
12040 NE 128th St MS 5,
Kirkland, WA 98034

4.) **WISCA elections**

Mike

President and Secretary positions are up for re-election this month

Nomination period April 10-17

WISCA election voting period April 18-24

WISCA Election results announced April 25

District Reps positions to be filled annually

Reclassification of schools- Do we need a district Rep for each classification? Discussion on this issue-

We are open to expanding the meetings to more new Reps

Attendance at meetings is relatively low and it would be easy to include more Reps from various Classifications.

Eric and Mike will examine the By Laws to see if WISCA can expand to 3 Reps per District AS for now we will keep things as they are.

5.) **Hall of Fame revision proposal**

Dan Wolfrom

- a. There are possibilities of expanding the HOF award. The Committee wants to redefine the criteria for the website. The website is great to see the past winners but the criteria for selection is not listed on the site. We should have this criteria posted for all to see and understand the process. Developing the Washington State Hall of Fame for Swimming and Diving has been a long process. It began by looking over the early years with the high school swimmers in Washington, then coed, finally got up to date up to efforts through 2000. Things are getting more complicated with multiple classifications, schools switching classifications, and the current criteria of earning 3 state titles for individuals; especially if athletes are super dominant but decide to switch events from one year to the next OR they could transfer schools and change classifications. Dan asked for WISCA's help in articulating exactly what we want the HOF criteria to be. Dan suggested a two tier system.
- b. **Tier 1**- Automatically consideration HOF eligible: 3 state title in the same event AND top 5 All American and 10 years past graduation, athletes still need to be formally submission
- c. **Tier 2**- Eligible for Consideration- fill application for the possibility of even if they do not meet every aspect of the Tier 1 criteria
- d. WISCA needs to formally state exactly what the criteria is and posted to the website. It is crucial for nominations to be formally submitted to the HOF Committee for consideration.
- e. Hall of Fame SWIMMER/DIVER Athlete Present Criteria: **(Proposal for discussion)**
 1. HOF Automatic: 3 state title in the same event AND top 5 All American and 10 years past graduation. Keep this as it is.
 2. HOF Consideration: minimum of 2 state titles, top 5 All American, 10 years past graduation. Proposed to modify this "Consideration" category to open up the HOF possibility to outstanding athletes who may not fit the "Automatic" criteria.
 3. Discussion—what happens to athletes who move from school to school? Currently must be all 3 state titles be achieved in the same classifications?
 - a. Doesn't matter for HOF, just win three times.
 4. Last May we looked at the idea of having to earn a minimum of 5 state titles for HOF status to insure participation in 3 years of the state meet. We discourage HOF status for super club athletes who have not shown a commitment to high school participation.
 5. The Board supports the consideration of the new criteria of :
 1. **Automatic HOF**- Top 5 All American ranking, a minimum of 3 state titles with at least one state title per year in any individual event in 3 seasons, and 10 years past graduation.
 - a. Coaches are responsible for submissions, with photo of athlete while he/she is still in high school included in the submission

2. **HOF Consideration standard**- 2 state individual titles, All America listed, participate in at least 3 state meets (any state) at least 2 in Washington
 - a. The Board will review the submissions for HOF Consideration and make the final decisions
 - b. Mike: what is the final number of inductees? Open to the Board's decision
 - c. Each inductee is \$110
 - d. Deadline for submissions? Dan proposed the deadline of the end of the school year in due time for fall WISCA Board consideration and notification of the recipients so they can attend the HOF ceremony.
 - i. The Board requires at least 12 months for the applications to be considered. By March 1 of a year the wish to be considered twelve months ahead of the year they would be eligible for consideration (10 years after graduation).

f. COACHING H.O.F.

1. **Automatic**- 5 state team state titles in Washington State girls or boys or both
2. **Consideration**- minimum of 25 years of coaching in Washington State and listing of coaches criteria- state titles, state individual titles, All American listings, district titles, dual meet record, State Coach of the Year award, service/contribution to the sport in this state
 1. Longevity is to be commended

6.) Review of 2010-2011 State Meets

Mike/Eric/Jeff Lowell on the phone

- a. WIAA needs feedback on the state meet protocol
- b. The goal is to have everything run the same for both genders.
- c. The Board commended the 2 day meet over the 2.5 day meet proposal. The true rotation was commended that is; early, midday, evening sessions rotate from year to year.
- d. Tom raised the concern of having swimming and diving qualifications occurring simultaneously. This is a grave disservice to athletes who compete in both disciplines and juggling them between diving and swimming competitions is arduous for the athletes. Consideration was given to rotating the diving and swimming competition so swimmer/diver combo athletes are not scheduled to compete at the same time for both disciplines. Example: the 4A diving could be scheduled during the 3A swimming etc. This proposal will be considered by the WIAA.
- e. Scoreboard pool for prelims and center pool for finals was received positively.
- f. Audio sound system with both diving and swimming simultaneous competition surfaced some problems and hearing details was challenging. This will smoothed out next year.
- g. Jeff has proposed a prelim/finals timeline that is not too rushed (like many felt this years was too swift) that still moves along at a reasonable pace.
- h. Decision was made to allow a standard amount of rest (5 minutes) after each relay through the event schedule plus the longer break after the 50 Free.

7.) NISCA Convention 2012 at KCAC

- a. Each year the NISCA National Convention is held at the same location as the men's NCAA meet. This is an amazing experience that is both fun and incredibly informative. This past spring the convention was held in Minnesota and Arvel McElroy (NISCA National President) appreciated the hotel hospitality suite room for the NISCA coaches.
- b. Next year the 2012 NCAA meet and NISCA convention will be in Seattle at KCAC in March. WISCA will plan to host this Convention for next year at Doubletree at South Center. There is some consideration of shortening convention to Thursday through Saturday. The NISCA leadership is interested in finding out what local coaches are interested in hearing/ learning about from NISCA presenter at the Convention. Topics they are considering: Building swim

programs, how to effectively manage limited pool time, strategies for large teams, practical team issues, and fund raising. We can continue to brainstorm ideas for topics for 2012 conference speakers to address.

- c. At the 2008 NISCA convention in Seattle, the hotel hospitality suite for WISCA state coaches and meet national high school coaches was very much appreciated and it allowed those present to spend time socializing and networking with some legendary coaches from around the nation.
- d. The WISCA Board enthusiastically supports attendance at this 2012 for WA coaches. It is important for our local coaches to see the bigger national scene of high school swimming
- e. WISCA is open for contributing to the on deck work force at the NCAA meet; officials and timers.
- f. WISCA could investigate possibilities of getting clock hours for the conference participants.

8.) **Dick LaFave Commendation Award**

Mike

- a. First recipient this year is Dave Winthrow; the plaque was shown to all present.
- b. Change of procedure in announcing the recipient; first year announced 3 times at the state meet. The winner is announced at the girls state meet; award is presented at the boys state meet and the recipient can select which classification meet to receive the award.

9.) **WISCA Website**

Eric

- a. WISCA site is a much different format this past year- easier, more efficient. Mark Budos(Newport) helped Eric manage the database.
- b. Some coaches forget their passwords and then re-enter a new registration account which causes problems.
- c. Eric plans to work on updating the H.O.F. page.
- d. Posting the dual meets on the WISCA site was successful; scanning cards is not acceptable; submit the full meet.
- e. The breakdown of listing by district was helpful
- f. Some coaches are failing their responsibilities to report all state times and post meet results to the WISCA website. Most are reporting, so those who fail to do so are very apparent to all.
- g. Newspapers were allowed access to view top times. More information about our sport and the success of our kids, the better
- h. Board and Dist Reps need to challenge all coaches to post times and results; no excuses.

Brad Daly – raised the concern of the divergent timing of the district meets in light of the state meet lineups. Do certain districts who have their district meets later (1 week before State) have an advantage over earlier district meets by getting to see what athletes are competing in before their own lineups are due? Districts decide the timing. Not many coaches switch out of state events based on other teams' entries.

10.) **Committee Reports**

Eric

Treasurer:

- a. The accounts are solid and in good status.
- b. Boys program sales at the State Meet went much better; 20% of sales go to KCAC and some to WIAA- workers tend to not get a large sum of earnings.
- c. Biggest expenses for WISCA are plaques for swimmers, coaches and HOF.
- d. \$8000 is needed for the future purchase on new award display cabinet at KCAC.
- e. Maybe we can get sponsors to help with this purchase (Team Unify? Colorado timing? Sylvia's)
- f. Food for coaches at the State meet was greatly reduced this year.
- g. Some coaches request more than one heat sheet for coaches finals.
 1. If you have a large team/coaching staff just go to see Jeff Lowell at the announcer stand and request extra heat sheets.
- h. Eric mentioned again that he would be open to Mike Kelly crafting a letter on behalf of Eric's tragic loss of his wife's passing that could be placed on the website.

Scholarship

Rob Serviss was not present and did not have the scholarship info prepared for our review at this time. Finalists will be looked at our next meeting

Hall of Fame

*previously discussed above

11.) **Open Forum**

Mike

- a. Due to the four hour meeting, there were no topics for Open Forum.

Adjourned 3:04 PM

Next WISCA meeting

May 14th, 2011 at Federal Way, KCAC