

WSCA Board of Directors meeting

Shanghai, China, April 3-4, 2006

President Michael Ursu, Ralph Richards, Rohan Taylor, Osvaldo Arsenio, Larry Laursen, and John Leonard met for the WSCA Board during the World Short Course Championships in Shanghai.

The following items were discussed and actions taken:

1. FINA Coaches Education. – resolutions to ask the Coaches Commission to move the program forward in the following ways:
 - A. Testing and accreditation in three levels, novice, intermediate and advanced/international.
 - B. FINA Clinicians to teach and attendees to be tested in accordance with the above to provide uniformity.
 - C. FINA coaching manuals to be developed by 2007.
 - D. FINA testing materials to be available by July, 2006.
 - E. Language issues (e.g. translation into other languages) to be addressed by FINA in 2007.
 - F. FINA to use manuals in countries where no recognized program exists. Where recognized programs do exist, FINA and WSCA will extend reciprocity to all previously Certified Coaches.
 - G. Ask FINA to support the Gold Medal Clinic in 2006.
2. Gold Medal Clinic 2009 being considered by various groups in the United Kingdom. More information will be forthcoming from Brian McGuinness shortly.
3. WSCA to list on its website all available world-wide coaching materials, with price lists and links to sources for purchase.
4. WSCA to provide original “template documents” for those bodies that wish to form a national coaches association. These to be placed on the website.
5. The WSCA Board will always meet prior to the FINA Coaches Commission.
6. Gold Medal Clinic to be held in conjunction with existing Coaches Clinics within the host nation to avoid duplication of effort.
7. WSCA Membership is currently just in excess of 7000 coaches worldwide.
8. WSCA’s newest organization member is PASA, the Philippines, with Mark Joseph as CEO. Welcome from the WSCA Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned on Wed. April 5, 2006. JL