

Minutes
Southwest Ohio Swim League
General Meeting
October 1, 2008

Attendance and introductions – Everyone was asked to check the roster and make changes. Everyone introduced themselves.

Devotion - Claudia Multer

Minutes – May meeting – We did not have a May General meeting. The last general meeting was held fall 2007.

Treasurer's report was given later as Dave Johnson was tied up in traffic.

Bill Whatley – Mike presented a memento to Bill Whatley. Bill is leaving to coach in Tunis, Tunisia, Africa. He leaves a great void as he has given 20 years of service to the league. The entire league wishes him well in this new venture.

Long course 2008 – We made notes of changes we would like to see for long course 2009 – we have a committee working on the changes

Write up rules for time trials

Switch relays so no 400 relays on same day

Rotate officials – this will require more officials so we can rotate out

Write up job descriptions – i.e. Marshall – certified official –

All officials meetings 45 minutes before meet begins

Timers in the hall

Start now for Officials

Officials committee – Steve Rohr resigned – Anne Albert has been appointed as chairperson. Officials committee will be responsible for assigning all officials for championships. This will give them a purpose and will make the decisions a committee responsibility. Francis Parrish has been appointed a member of the committee.

Officials

- We are asking everyone to attend a refresher this year.
- You will receive a card with 2008 on it. Meet referees are asked to have everyone show their card in their official meetings. You cannot officiate at our league championships if you have attended a refresher. You can work invitationals, but asking to show cards will reinforce that we want everyone to attend.
- We will adopt the relay exchange format of other organizations. An O is a good exchange and an X is a bad exchange. The referee will initiate the move to compare sheets. A hand over the heart is an indication that you have no calls.

Changes for sectionals and league championships – we have a request for 13-14 200 stroke events to encourage participation in those events. Mike has appointed a committee to work on it.

Sectionals

Meet	Number	Lanes
South Sectionals	355	6
Central Sectionals	435	8
North Sectionals	486	6
SC Championships	950	18

Miami County will move from the north sectionals to help balance numbers better.

Sectionals and league championships - A committee has been appointed to incorporate the new events into the league championships.

Discussion of contingency plan for champs. There was no way to plan for the blizzard that we had last winter. We are considering looking into www.onecallnow.com. It would be one way to reach more people at one time.

Zones – Meet info is posted – new penalties for late fees– new qualifying times – **Send in registration right away – no charge**

Nationals – Qualifying times are posted. Several changes - Claudia has the report.

- No wristbands for coaches, swimmers and officials
- All registration is at the Hall of Fame
- All registration – one day – Sunday, April 5, 2009
- Diving will be contested in two days at 10 am
- Fees are up slightly. Part of the swimmers surcharge and admission go to Hall of Fame
- We are encouraging swimmers to visit ISHOF
- Proof of time – we will still randomly pick 15% of the teams for proof of time. If all the times for a selected team are in SWIMS proof of time is done for that team.
- We will be swimming A, B, C finals for all prelim/final individual events

Masters – One week after short course – April 16 – 19, 2008. We will require a printout from membership chairperson instead of a sheet signed by executive director. We plan to take the cruise up the intercoastal again.

Records – Dave will post the form for records on the web. If you have the records in your meet, you can also use the Hy-Tek printout for records.

SWIMS and approval – Our times are in SWIMS. Nationally, they are working on requiring times be uploaded in 7 days. We are still working on getting times uploaded in a speedy manner.

Treasurer's report - We presently have over \$60,000 in our account. We typically need about \$20,000 to cover expenses before we take in entry fees.

Elections - the nominating committee proposed the slate below

Chairperson – Mike Leonard

Vice-chairperson – Toby Boedeker

Treasurer – Dave Johnson

Secretary – Claudia Multer

Annual fee – Bill Whatley moved that we waive the annual fee. Second by Chris Konerman. Unanimous approval.

Stroke films – Dave Johnson moved that we reimburse up to \$270 to any team who purchases a series of stroke films. Second by Toby Boedeker. The motion received unanimous approval. Make your purchase and then send a copy of the bill to Dave Johnson, 204 Ardmore Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504

Meeting adjourned.