

Minutes
Southwest Ohio Swim League
General Meeting
September 23, 2009

7 PM - Call to order- Mike Leonard

Devotion – Anne Lawley

Attendance – Everyone was asked to check the roster and make corrections as needed

Roll call of teams – all teams present except Highland, Kleptz, and Miami County

Minutes from September 2008 accepted as mailed

Treasurer – Dave Johnson \$85,959.00 – Motion to waive annual dues – Bill Whatley – unanimous approval

Old business –

Long Course Championships –

- We added 13-14 200 stroke and 400 IM – It was a great addition to the meet – the meet committee chose to read names for all heats while the athletes were swimming – some objected – solution - put it in the meet information –
- Question - can we start finals earlier – NO - Miami needs time to clean between sessions
- Perhaps take relays out of finals – under consideration
- Costs – meet not paying for itself – do we raise the swimmer surcharge – we would rather watch it next year to see how we do –Motion - Bill Whatley – hold fees same as this year – Mary Jannides second – unanimous approval -
- Warm-ups for finals – taking suggestions – we know it is a problem – More later on this

League Sectional Championships

Proposal from the executive committee – offer one finals session for 11 and over at CY -

Participation would be optional –

All awards will be given at the 3 sites as it is done now

Special cap for swimming finals –

Finals will be scored separately

Discussion – could we do 3 sites – we did not pursue this idea

Cost is prohibitive –

Same competitors –

The original idea of 1 final session is good – most like it – need to work out bugs

What happens if the swimmer says yes swim and then does not turn up to swim – suggestion have an intent to swim – signed form –

We realize that finals will be difficult for the northern teams, but the majority of the group voted to go ahead

Motion by Bill Whatley– offer finals session for Sectionals at countryside – majority approved

A committee was formed to go forward on the idea

Brad Isham is chairing the committee with Mike Leonard, Bill Whatley, Claudia Multer, Eric Wentzel, Kim Peters, and Laurie Karr

The committee was asked to look into incorporating the 9 – 10 age group
Logistically, that would be difficult
Proposal from Mary Jannides -move north sectional to Trotwood if cost is not too great
More room – 8 lanes -
As we had no price to compare we have tabled this idea
CON – it is difficult for the younger swimmers to get out of the pool

League Time standards have changed a little – They are on the web - The tm file will be available shortly -events with over 32 swimmers tightened up- relay events with over 24 relays were tightened – we need to control the size of the championship meet at Miami

New Policy -- No photographers on deck for championship meets –

Zones 2010 –Bowling Green March 19, 20, 21 – watch the web for details

Short Course Nationals - Wednesday thru Saturday – the days were picked to avoid people traveling on Easter Sunday

Qualifying times have been posted

Working on registration problems – it will be one day starting at 8:30 AM – morning registration will be done in geographical sections – the afternoon will be open

Hotels posted – sign up now – the rooms are online – YMCA has negotiated some very good room rates

Long Course 2010 – College Park – time standards are posted – goal 1150

Most like the 1500 on Monday – stay the same

Possible move 800 free to last day

Move 50 back to spot for 800 free

Renumber both meets by day

Registration – must register online by December 1 -

League Calendar – check to be sure that you are posted on the web correctly – get your information to David Mail as he is the new webmaster

Reminder – we are asking all teams to number events by the day at their invitationals – i.e. –day 1 -101,102 103; day 2 – 201, 202, 203; day 3- 301, 302, 303 etc.

Virtual Meet – swim locally, compete nationally – October 17 -24 – We hope that many teams will participate – Australia has expressed an interest – the meet is now accepting meter times

Records - Keith Ferrara has taken over the job of records – he is verifying all records and bringing them up to date

Masters – April 15-18, 2010 Fort Lauderdale – masters has a new eligibility rule that allows program participants the ability to swim in the meet.

Swimposium – October 2, 3, 4, 2009 – The Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League will reimburse \$50 per person up to \$150 per team for those attending the Swimposium. You must submit your receipt of payment to be reimbursed.

League spending committee – Bill Whatley reporting

We had about 20 ideas – we welcome any new ideas that anyone would like to submit – we are looking for ideas that would benefit everyone in the league -email Bill Whatley. We have narrowed our emphasis down to 4 goals

- Continue support of video purchase
 - Ask owners for opinions of their videos
 - Compile a list of good videos
- Support Swimposium by offering to help with registration
- Recognition and reward graduating seniors
- Invite a motivational speaker to speak to the league

Assigning officials for championships – Anne Lawley – sectional meet directors will meet with Anne Lawley to assign workers for champs – try mid January – please ask officials to sign up early –

Rules – The Suit Rule goes into effect October 1 – see the web for complete description

Safety rule for all USA registered teams – In the spring USA swimming came out with a 10 step procedure for teaching swimmers to dive off starting blocks –USA swim teams need to follow the procedure and put the papers on file in case they were asked -

Trainings – principles – 3 opportunities for Principles

Saturday – September 26 – part of regional Training
October 2nd at the Swimposium
October 21- Powel Crosley

Swim official –

September 26 Regional Training
October 3 – Kettering (part of USAS clinic)
October 13 – Countryside
October 21 – Powel Crosley

Reminder – Every official must attend a refresher this season

Zones 2011 Ohio State

Zones 2012 – awarded to Powel Crosley and Blue Ash – site to be determined

Adjournment

Next meeting – Spring 2010