

Ozark House of Delegates
September 25, 2010 Edwardsville YMCA

Meeting called to order 3:12 PM

Members present: Ernie Paskoff, Bob Rettle, Karen Smiley, Steve Franklin, Ben Christiansen, Steven Sbon, Brett Rufkahr, Kim rice, Mike Johnson, Mary Liston, Jay Newton, Sally Cole, Jacques Thro, Max Byers, Debbie Catani, Nancy Miller, Dave McCrary, Alice Oates, Rudy Oates, Nancy Miller

New Board members were introduced.

New Team St Louis Tsunami presented for membership –
APPROVED

Tsunami is a parent run club, they began practice this summer at Webster. They have membership of 40-50 members and expect to remain a small club they are registered with AAU and USA

Monroe County YCMA (HTCY) needs to complete team registration, they were advised to coordinate with registration chair, Gussie Crawford.

A reminder committees are encouraged to meet and submit reports to the BOD to be discussed by teleconference

REPORTS:

Official's Chair, Karen Smiley – several clinics have been held, we are discussing the possibility of hosting a clinic the Thursday before the Club Championship meet in November. Jay Newton will coordinate with Karen.

Board of Review; A board of review hearing was conducted and the 7/23 ruling was discussed with the BOD via conference call. It

was the decision to appeal to National. Currently the decision is pending at the National BOR with a notice to be received by 9/30 as to their decision.

BUDGET: Ben Christiansen – the finance committee (Ben Debbie Catani, Bob Rettle and Mike Grammar – as consultant) met to prepare the budget. They discussed the splash fees increase and impact on the budget. Also the possibility of limiting Zone income from parents was requested. The Age Group Committee is to review this request in an effort to encourage more Zones participation. Max Byers, Athlete Rep, suggested revising the “uniform” as one alternative. The single occupancy at Convention is contrary to Ozark by laws. The decision had been made due to societal expectations and potential legal ramifications to the LSC – ie- sexual harassment by roommates. Delegates from Ozark who opt out of sharing a room have the option of paying the additional cost or asking their club to supplement the room cost. Delegates who are in a single room due to circumstances are not obligated to supplement the cost. A task force was formed to include Ben, Debbie and Nancy Miller, TCAY Coach, to investigate legal concerns specifically sexual harassment and recommend as to whether revising the bylaws is advised.

Background checks are now required for all non athlete members. The process has not been finalized yet. Information will be made available as it is released.

Ozark awards now being funded by the LSC in clued Club Champs, Division 1 and LC Champs. Accountability for money spent must be approved by Finance Committee. We are encouraged to look for price breaks when purchasing awards – buy in bulk. A policy is needed to identify the award money. A motion was made for Ben to write policy draft to be presented –
PASSED

Karen Smiley mad a motion that the “cost of membership” for BOD members not sponsored by a Club include the cost of background check in addition to the USA membership fee.
MOTION PASSED

SR Travel budget; Zones the uniform needs to be bid to keep cost for parents. Max noted that he was given the same shirt four years in a row and asked why they can't be different shirts with same LOGO.

The 2010 budget was presented and ACCEPTED by members present.

CONVENTIION REPORTS:

Bob Rettle: Noted that the 2012 Olympics should be our goal – get as many athletes to trials as possible, he attended the Chair meetings where the LEAP program was discussed. Bob noted that the first level needs to be completed by 10/31. Participation in this program is now mandatory and rewards are offered for compliance. Consequences for non compliance are also a possibility including withdrawal of Sanction privileges. At the Age Group meetings Open Water competition was encouraged. The Central Zones business meetings included discussion of Zones' Sites; Ozark will go to Topeka in 2011 for Age Group Zones. Sr Zones are in Indiana. The child protection act was the biggest issue/policy this year at convention. Article 305 of the Code of Conduct was adopted. It may be viewed on the USA website.

Mary Liston noted that now for one coach to travel alone with an athlete requires parental permission. Her convention report notes that the National Youth team will have more international experience. Also a swimmer can now stay on a team. The youth team currently has no money available to spend. OZ swimmer

Lauren Votava made this team. Conduct of the JR National meet is to be addressed. Pete Malone is no longer the chair. Dave Ferris is the new Chair.

Dave McCrary attended the swimming into college session. The DVD is to be added to the OZ website. He also attended the Scholastic All American Committee meeting. Ozark has 13 All Americans.

RUDY OATES attended the outreach clinic off site. There were 60 athletes trying to go too many to fit on the bus. The clinic was held at the Univ of Austin at Arlington Campus. There were several instructors. Rudy would like the Ozark Outreach Committee clinics be more publicized and to keep the focus of Outreach on Diversity – not race. Alice also talked about the need to support Outreach and the need for donations to make the program more successful.

Debbie Catani attended a Treasurer's Workshop in June for LSC's. She notes that Ozark's general accounting practice needs to be updated in the policy manual. Debbie and Ben are to investigate. The 1099 rule change makes a National Travel reimbursement policy necessary to assess reimbursement vs a stipend. Also the issue of splash fees paid for scratched swimmers needs to be addressed. Clubs are keeping the splash fees without listing them on the meet P&L. Some LSC's keep a percentage of splash fees rather than individual fees.

Jay Newton notes that the November meet info will be posted soon, He notes that due to university policy there will be an admission fee of \$1.00 per spectator due to budget issues in the State of IL

Meeting adjourned 5:15