

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting – September 28, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2002, were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

Safety training requirements for coaches were reviewed and the USA Swimming Coaches Safety Curriculum, 2002-2003 Requirements and Equivalents, was handed out. Safety training for swim coach's certification classes will be held at the Center of Clayton on October 12, 2002. Anyone needing the classes should contact Patty DeForrest by October 10 at 314-290-8510. Coaches must have current safety cards to be allowed on deck at the next swim meet. Clubs must be careful to make sure swimmers are properly registered with USA Swimming before entering them into a meet. Exception reports will be run before all meets and any swimmer not registered will not be able to swim.

Convention Reports

Jim Steger: The dues increase was passed. USA Swimming fees will be increased by \$15 next year then increased by \$1 per year for 10 years. A rule was passed that a swim club may operate for a period of one year, then must undergo USA Swimming's Club Leadership Program. A dual meet between the US and Australian teams will take place next spring in Indianapolis. A few tickets are still available. Ron Van Pool was elected president. There will most likely be more direct contact between USA Swimming and swim clubs and a fewer number of LSC representatives to the convention in the future. The final recommendations of the governance study are due in early 2003.

Claire Letendre: Attended athlete meetings and functions. There will be a Junior Championship meet during the summer of 2005. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Central Zones there will be one large meet in Indianapolis in August 2003.

Gussie Crawford: Attended Outreach, Club Development, Registration, and Governance meetings. The registration committee is working on a welcome packet for all newly registered swimmers. A pilot program was recently completed with much positive feedback from parents and swimmers.

Dave McCrary: There will be a Junior Championship meet added to the schedule in the summer of 2005 for swimmers 18 years and under. The format has not been established. There will be a club championship meet in the spring in the long course meters format. The new time standards were distributed.

Bill Price: At the Age Group committee meeting, training and retention for late maturing swimmers were discussed. A nutritionist discussed the use of supplements and believes the only safe and possibly effective one is sports drinks. Club promotional materials are being developed, and the possibility of reduced-cost equipment packages is being explored. Randy Jullian is the new Central Zone representative.

PJ Keller: Attended the meet evaluation committee and was voted chairman. Meet evaluation forms will no longer be used; evaluations will be done by random interviews by USA Swimming officials. The combined Central Zone meet next summer in Indianapolis will have a 4 day format with approximately 2,000 swimmers. The qualifying times are still AAA times. It is expected the meet will be faster and more swimmers 15-18 years old will attend.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

The final 2002 membership/registration statistics are as follows:

Registered athletes- 2,831

Registered non-athletes- 232

Registered clubs – 24

Year-to-date statistics:

Registered athletes- 291

Registered Non-athletes- 4

The following clubs have applied for membership and were approved:

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Centralia YMCA, HEAT, St. Louis Spirit Swimming

USA Swimming is still requiring paper registrations. The electronic registration by disk is not working properly. When registering transfer swimmers, please include the last date the swimmer represented his or her former club.

Finance- Craig Myles

The financial statement was distributed. There is a balance of about \$6,000 for the end of the fiscal year. The 2003-2003 budget was proposed, reviewed, and approved.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff (Jim Steger reporting)

Official's clinics will be held October 5 at the St. Peters City Hall beginning at 9:00 AM, October 10 at the Parkway Instructional Center beginning at 6:30 PM, November 22 at the Saluki Turkey Trot Meet, and in December, possibly at the Sugar Creek swim office. Any official wanting to work the Sectional Meet in St. Peters in March should request an application from Mike. The Sheridan Swim Club is very grateful to Bruce Neimeier and Terry Harms for stepping in and running their meet this summer after the sudden death of the meet referee's father.

Top 16 - Kim Byars

Top 16 certificates were distributed. Forms to report NAG times are available to download from the USA Swimming website.

Outreach/Club Development - Laurie Smith/Ruth Steger

A proposal from the committee to make outreach money available to pay for meet fees for the Central Zone, Sectional, and All-Star meets was voted on and approved. Ruth cautioned clubs to not use donated money to directly benefit individuals if the donor expects to use the donation as a tax-deduction. USA Swimming Publication 557 states "Donations to either amateur athletic organization are deductible as charitable contributions on the donor's federal income tax return. However, no deduction is allowed if there is a direct personal benefit to the donor or any other person other than the organization."

Database/Records

Continue to send meet results to Kim Weiss for the database. Results need to be sent only to Kim. Her e-mail address is **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Please make sure that you include the complete name of the meet and the sanction number. DO NOT send Kim a meet manager file. She only needs the results. Ruth Steger stills needs the Meet Manager file sent to **Error! Bookmark not defined.** before a meet so that swimmer registrations can be checked.

Operations Manual - Terry Harms (Jim Steger reporting)

Volunteers are needed to put together the final version of Ozark's operations manual. PJ Keller volunteered. The bylaws are now available on the Ozark website. A copy is available for \$10 through Jim Steger.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

The Ozark Championship Meet qualifying times were distributed. The committee is recommending that for classified, or time standard meets, the national ABC time standards be used, instead of Gold, Silver, and Bronze time standards, to prevent confusion. For the Division I Championships, qualifying times will still be calculated. The LSC will again attend the All-Star Meet, to be held in Lawrence, Kansas on January 18 and 19, 2003. Applications to attend the meet are on the Ozark website. Bill will post updated club contacts and information, time standards, and meet information on the website. Clubs can import the time standards to their Meet Manager files. Send all information to be posted to Bill.

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PJ Keller reported on the Central Zone Meet held in August. He presented the team's third place trophy to the LSC. The trophy will be on display in the front patio window of Gussie Crawford's home. There were 76 swimmers on the team this year, with 16% of swims finishing in the top 3, 40% finishing in the top 8, and 70% in the top 16 places. A motion was made and approved to require all Zone payments to be made by a team check in the future.

Senior Chair – Dave McCrary

The requirements for being named an Academic All-American were reviewed. A swimmer needs to be a high school sophomore or above, have a 3.5 GPA, and swim in the Sectional Meet. Dave feels that many more Ozark swimmers are eligible than applied, and encouraged coaches and clubs to let athletes know about this process. Application forms are available on the USA Swimming website.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

The meet schedule for this year is completed. There are more large meets that will accommodate different levels of swimmers. Teams will rebid for meets for next year. The Boys and Girls Club meet has been cancelled due to problems with the facility. Sugar Creek Swim Club is still looking for a facility to hold its December meet. Rockwood's Halloween Howl meet will be held only on Saturday and Sunday due to a facility conflict. The current policy for meet entries allows Ozark teams a one week head start. Meets may fill and close this year so teams are encouraged to get meet entries in early.

Safety – Jim Steger

Bob Wotring is the new LSC Safety Chair for Ozark. USA Swimming is strongly encouraging clubs to have a written policy stating that there will be zero tolerance for any type of harassment. Clubs must have the written USA Swimming water depth policy on file at their facilities. This policy was distributed. The LSC has ordered safety jackets for clubs that hold meets so that a safety official can wear the jacket at all times. A safety marshal must be on deck at all times during the meet and a second safety marshal is recommended for separate warm-up/warm-down pools. A portable defibrillator should be available along with someone who knows how to operate it properly.

Masters - Leo Letendre

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A proposal was made by Nick Rudich that the LSC begin to offer seasonal USA Swimming memberships. If these are offered, the by-laws will have to be changed. Nick volunteered to write a proposal to present to the HOD at the next meeting.

Election Results

Member-at-large- Lynn Welsh, to replace Paul Murphy who stepped down.
Board of Review- Dave Huffman, Terry Harms, Kay Lynne Firshing, Rich Byars, Laurie Smith, Bob Winters, Craig Myles

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The next meeting is scheduled for January 7 in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Attendance

Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Ruth Steger, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, David McCrary, Bill Price, Kim Weiss, Phil Link, Jason Cravens, Craig Myles, Laurie Smith, Jerre Wipperman, Kim Byars, Kay Lynne Firshing, Jack Dibee, Nick Rudich, Rich Byars, Todd Grigereit, Mo Stewart, Jim Halliburton, Linda Mabry, Jan Wehl, Brian Perkins, Claire Letendre, Bob Winters, Alice Oates, Rudolph Oates.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings