

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting – January 7, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on September 28, 2002, were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

Jim has been appointed to the USA Swimming Officials Committee for a period of 2 years. Claire Letendre was appointed to a task force set up by USA Swimming that will make recommendations on how to spend the extra money that will be generated because of the membership dues increase. Water depth rules have changed and a notice was sent to all Ozark e-mail contacts. All clubs need to make sure water depth is over 4 feet before starting blocks can be used and over 5 feet before starts can be taught. Water depth must be at least 3 feet 6 inches before swimmers can dive off the deck, depth less than this requires a start from in the pool. At the last meet there were 11 swimmers entered in the meet that were not registered members of USA Swimming. Clubs must make sure all swimmers are registered before they are entered in swim meets.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

As of January 7, 2003, membership/registration statistics are:
Registered athletes- 2,289
Registered non-athletes- 208
Registered clubs – 21

The 21 clubs that are currently registered were read.

There are still some transfer swimmers whose paperwork is not completed. Clubs need to finish this process and send the information to Gussie.

There was a discussion about uncertainties and problems with the meet sanction fees and the swimmer surcharge. A motion was made and passed to form a committee to consider revisions to the current guidelines. The committee will have 5-6 members and will report on their recommendations at the next HOD meeting. Pricilla Zenk and Leo Letendre volunteered to be on the committee.

Treasurer/Finance-Pricilla Zenk/Craig Myles

The financial statement was distributed.

Craig Myles reported on the findings of the Audit Committee that met and reviewed 2 years of transactions. Based on this review, the committee is recommending 3 changes: 1. Any expenses submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt. 2. Expenses must be submitted to the treasurer on a standard form which will include information such as date, purpose of the expense, breakdown of expenses, and with receipts attached. 3. Registration money sent to the treasurer should be accompanied by details about the number and types of registrations. A motion was made and passed to adopt the recommendations.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

There are 91 officials in Ozark. Eight clinics were held last year and frequently there were not enough people there to make it worthwhile to hold a clinic. Any official wanting to work the Sectional Meet in St. Peters in March should request an application from Mike. There are 19 officials signed up so far, more are needed. Meet directors need to make sure all officials on deck during a swim meet have current certifications.

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Top 16 - Kim Byars

USA Swimming announced that changes to the Top 16 program will be made soon.

Outreach/Club Development - Laurie Smith/Ruth Steger

There will be a fun meet held at the Center of Clayton on May 3 for beginning swimmers, in order to raise money for Outreach. Swimmers do not have to be members of USA Swimming and can stay and use the Center's pool for an hour after the meet ends. The cost is \$5 to enter.

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

Terry is still waiting for policy and procedure reports from some of the committees.

Athlete Representative- Claire Letendre

Claire attended a task force meeting in Colorado Springs. USA Swimming has approximately one million dollars to distribute, generated from the dues increase. The task force members made recommendations for the distribution of this money, these are posted on the USA Swimming web site. A final decision will be made at the next meeting in February.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

The Ozark web site's server has changed. Instructions for the meet sanction process are on the web site. The All-Star team has been selected and travel arrangements are on the web site. Also posted on the site is information about the Division II meet, Division I information will be posted by the end of the month.

Senior Chair – Dave McCrary

US Open reimbursements will be done after the spring Nationals. Some questions about reimbursement were discussed and Jim requested that detailed information about the reimbursement guidelines be written for the handbook

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

Jim Steger reported that next year's schedule will be ready in May and bid forms will be available then. A discussion took place about the 1997 policy allowing Ozark teams to submit meet entries one week earlier than teams from other LSC's. A motion was made and passed to revoke this policy. A motion was made and passed to form a committee chaired by Nick Rudich to examine problems regarding meet entries and to determine if there should be a new policy. A motion was made and passed that clubs with upcoming meets that are already sanctioned may remove the waiting policy for teams from other LCS's.

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Safety – Bob Wotring

The new water depth policy was reviewed. USA Swimming is requiring LSC's and clubs to have a written policy stating that there will be zero tolerance for any type of sexual harassment. Bob contacted Jim Devine from USA Swimming to help draft a policy for Ozark, which was read and discussed. Clubs may use the same policy. A motion was made and passed to adopt the policy statement Jim Devine is available for guidance with this issue or to answer any questions clubs may have regarding a zero tolerance policy.

Masters - Leo Letendre

An open water meet will be held in May and the Master's group is looking for a swim club to co-host so that age group swimmers can participate. All future Master's meets must be held in a certified pool.

Old Business

A proposal was made by Nick Rudich that the LSC begin to offer individual seasonal USA Swimming memberships from April 1 through August 15. The cost would include the USA Swimming fee plus one-half of the Ozark fee. Seasonal swimmers would be allowed to compete in any sanctioned meet below the Zone level. A motion was made and passed to adopt this proposal.

New Business

Each club needs to select an athlete representative for the athlete's committee. An athlete representative for Ozark will be elected this spring from this committee. The new rep must be able to attend the USA Swimming Convention in September and be 16 years old. Clubs should e-mail the name of their athlete rep to Claire Letendre at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** by February 15. Bill Price volunteered to set up an election on the Ozark web site.

The next meeting will be scheduled for May on a Saturday if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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 Wiperman, Kim Byars, Kay Lynne Firshing, Nick Rudich, Rich Byars, Todd Grigereit, Brian Perkins, Claire Letendre, Leo Letendre, PJ Keller, Bob Wotring, Pricilla Zenk, Mike Tchoukaleff, John Peterson, Lynne Welsh, David Huffman, Terry Harms, Fred Younghouse, Clay Kolar, Yvonne Hill, Tamara Kilgore

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings