

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting – April 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2003, were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

Anyone wanting to send an amendment to the rules and regulations committee of USA Swimming must do so by May 15, 2003. Send to Don Hart at **Error! Bookmark not defined.**. Mike Tchoukaleff, Gussie Crawford, and Laurie Smith were honored by USA Swimming for their contributions and volunteer work. Claire Letendre, Ozark athlete rep, had an article published in the latest issue of Splash magazine. Leo Letendre has been working to revise some of the policies of the MSHSAA. The election today will include two 1 year terms. Craig Myles has resigned as Financial Vice-Chair with one year of the term left, and the Administrative Vice-Chair needs a one year term to put the election for this position in line with the bylaws.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

As of April 11, 2003, membership/registration statistics are:

Registered athletes- 2,656

Registered non-athletes- 234

Registered clubs – 21

Gussie will be attending a meeting in Chicago about changes to the registration process. New software may need to be purchased. Club Safety Coordinators need to be registered as non-athlete members of USA Swimming... A motion was made and passed that **at the discretion of the host team, payments made by teams that have had checks returned due to insufficient funds for previous meets may be required to pay for entries by money order or cashier's checks.**

Treasurer-Pricilla Zenk

The financial statement was distributed.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

There are 98 officials in Ozark. A list of officials and their e-mail addresses is posted on the Ozark web site. If any of these e-mail addresses are wrong, please let Mike know. There are no clinics scheduled at this time. Let Mike know if there is any interest in scheduling a clinic.

Top 16 - Kim Byars

Coaches should fax their Top 16 times to Kim as soon as possible. Her fax # is 618-724-4324.

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

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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

The policy and procedure manual should be ready soon. If there are any new committee chairs they should contact Terry so the policy and procedures can be reviewed to make sure that all are correct and current.

Athlete Representative- Claire Letendre

Ten nominations were received for the new athlete reps. The requirements for the position were reviewed, and the coaches of the nominated swimmers will make sure the swimmers meet the requirements and want to serve. Ballots will be available at the summer meets to be held at the Rec-Plex, Queeny Park, and Clayton Shaw Park.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

The Age Group Committee met and is proposing two changes to the method of determining Ozark Q times. Motions were made and passed that **The formula used to calculate the qualifying times be changed to add .1 second instead of .2 seconds for every missing position above 26th place, and The qualifying times after 2003 will not get slower.** Another motion was made and passed to **Change the 400 IM at the Ozark Championships on Sunday morning to timed finals with the fastest 8 swimmers in each age group swimming during the finals at night.** Meet results will be posted on the web site for about one to one and a half years, then will be removed to conserve space on the site. A new meet will be added next year called the Ozark Challenge. This will take the place of the Division II Championship Meet and will be for all swimmers who do not have the championship meet Q times. It will be held one week before the Ozark Championship meet, and swimmers achieving the Q time will be able to enter the championship meet the following weekend.

PJ Keller reported on this summer's Zone Championship meet, to be held in Indianapolis. The meet is expected to have more than two thousand swimmers, and has been changed to a full four day format. The Ozark team will leave Wednesday night and return late Sunday night. There will only be space on the bus for approximately 100 swimmers, and these spaces will be filled on a first-come basis. Any swimmers with qualifying times who apply for the team after the bus is filled may get to the meet by private transportation. Applications to coach the Zone team are on the web site, and swimmer applications will be available in late May.

Senior Chair – Dave McCrary

US Open and Spring National reimbursements will be made by the treasurer after the forms are submitted. Swimmers who participated in the Sectional meet, have a GPA of at least 3.5, and are sophomores or older in high school are encouraged to apply for Academic All-Americans. Application forms are available on the USA Swimming web site.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

The committee met several days ago and finalized the schedule for 4 meets for next year. The Ozark Winter Championships will be held on December 12-14, 2003, the Ozark Challenge Meet will be on February 21-23, 2004, the Ozark Championship Meet will be on February 27-29, 2004, and the Ozark Long Course Championship Meet will be held on July 30- August 1, 2004. There was a motion made and passed that **The HOD approve this schedule and that there will be no other meets held in the LSC during these weekends.** Any other weekend is open for clubs to bid on to hold any kind of meet they would like. Bids are due by May 15 and meets will be awarded on June 15, 2003. When bids are submitted, clubs should be sure to describe the meet very specifically, including the time standards to be used if any,

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and what age groups will be included. The HOD will be asked to approve the meet schedule via e-mail when it is finalized.

Safety – Bob Wotring

No report.

Masters - Leo Letendre

There were problems with the bulkhead at the Master's meet held at Washington University recently. Check the web site for information about the progress being made on changing the MSHSAA Rule 235.

Old Business

Nick Rudich investigated the way 26 LSC's handled meet entry policies and found that only one LSC had a policy requiring teams to adhere to certain entry rules for their own meets. He recommended that Ozark not adopt any meet entry policies at this time.

Leo Letendre has not had a chance to work on the surcharge issue yet. He still needs help with this, since so far only Pricilla Zenk and Dave McCrary have volunteered to work on it with him. Anyone wishing to work on this issue should contact Leo.

New Business

The Sectional Meet held at the Rec-Plex in March went smoothly. There are orange vests that can be used for the safety marshal available for purchase for those clubs who host swim meets. Contact Jim Steger if interested. There is also a portable strobe light available if any club would like to borrow it for starts at a meet.

Election

The election results are:

Treasurer – Pricilla Zenk

Finance Vice-Chair – Mike Grammer (One year term)

Administrative Vice-Chair – Terry Harms (One year term)

Registration and Membership – Gussie Crawford

Age Group Chair – Mark Imig

Member-At-Large – Bruce Niemeier, Nick Rudich

Jack Young had to step down with the election of Mark Imig, therefore Brian Perkins was appointed to take his place as Member-At-Large because of the number of votes Brian received in the general election for that position.

The next meeting will be scheduled for September.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Attendance

Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, David McCrary, Bill Price, Kim Weiss, Phil Link, Kay Lynne Firshing, Nick Rudich, Todd Grigereit, Brian Perkins, Claire Letendre, Leo Letendre, PJ Keller, Chris Brown, Pricilla Zenk, Mike Tchoukaleff, John Peterson, Lynne Welsh, Terry Harms, Dave Huffman, Bruce Niemeier, Paul Murphy, Jason Cravens, Al Meyers, Karen Smiley, Mike Grammar, Pricilla Zenk

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Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings