

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting - September 21, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. The minutes of the meeting held on July 14, 2001 were approved, with the following change under registration (last sentence): “A motion was made and passed that requires clubs to pay swimmer registration fees **with club checks only, NO personal checks will be accepted.**”

General Chair - Jim Steger

Caitlin Morgan from the Parkway Swim Club represented the US at the World Deaf Games in Rome, Italy this summer. The Splash TV shows were aired this summer over cable network. Anyone wanting to borrow a copy of the shows contact Jim. USA Swimming is concerned about the recent loss of more men's swimming programs in some Division I schools. Chuck Weilgus, president of USA Swimming, has indicated that the national organization will start becoming more involved in the attempt to combat this trend. Kay Lynne Firshing would like to be sure everyone knows she is no longer with Kirkwood-Webster YMCA. Send meet information to her at St. Louis Spirit Swimming. She has also arranged for ASCA classes, Levels 1, 2, and 3, which will be offered the weekend of December 8-10. Contact Kay Lynne at 314-772-7122 for more information or e-mail her at joe-kay@swbell.net. Thanks to Bill Price for the new Ozark web site design and maintenance. Continue to send meet results from Ozark and out of town meets to Ruth Steger. When you attend an out of town meet, please ask the host team for a disk with **Ozark** results, not individual team results, as these can be put on the web site more easily. Jim was unable to attend the USA Swimming convention due to severe disruption in transportation services. Many delegates and USA Swimming officials missed the convention, so many issues were not settled. Leo Letendre, Claire Letendre, and Gussie Crawford were there. The USA Swimming web site has convention information. Gussie Crawford attended registration meetings, an officials committee meeting, Zone, and communications meetings. She stated there may be an increase in registration fees of \$25 per swimmer. The 2004 Olympic Trials will be held in Long Beach, CA, and time standards were distributed to the delegates. Leo Letendre reported on a new rule for club swim practices that is addressing the unacceptable number of catastrophic spinal cord injuries that occurred last five years (89) due to diving in shallow water. *When teaching starts to beginners*, the water depth must be at least five feet. A set of guidelines will be sent to clubs for teaching racing starts as soon as they are available. No injuries from racing starts occurred during meets. Several stroke rules were changed, officials' recertification problems were discussed, and the survival of the sport of swimming was discussed. Claire Letendre reported on the athlete representative's meeting, which was informal due to so few athletes attending.

Registration - Gussie Crawford

Registered athletes- 2,947

Registered non-athletes- 250

Registered clubs - 24

These are final figures for 2001 registration.

New figures for 2002 so far are: Athletes- 106, non-athletes- 10. One club has applied for membership and was accepted by vote- Clayton Shaw Park. TCAY has a new contact person and address: Nancy Miller; 62 Pondway; Alton, IL 62002; 618-462-4444.

Please send **club checks only** to pay registration fees, do not send personal checks, per Ozark rule.

Finance- Priscilla Zenk

The financial statement was distributed. The proposed 2002 budget was distributed, discussed and unanimously approved. The only major change was a decrease in the amount budgeted for senior travel expenses.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

An officials' clinic will be held at the Rec-Plex on Saturday Oct. 6 at 9am. Another clinic is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parkway Instructional Center. A clinic will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 with the time and place still to be determined.

Top 16 - Kim Byars

No report.

Outreach/Club Development - Ruth Steger

USA Swimming has asked Laurie Smith to attend the coaches' convention, all expenses paid, to discuss Ozark's Outreach efforts. Ozark is one of the few LSCs to have an active outreach effort. There will be a fund-raising fun meet held at the Bridgeton Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 10. Beginning swimmers are encouraged to attend this meet, where there will be no timing and no DQ's. This type of meet was held last season with much success and positive feedback from parents, swimmers, and coaches. Another will be held in the spring at the Center of Clayton. Swimmers do not have to be a member of USA Swimming to participate.

Database/Records

Continue to send meet results to Kim Weiss for the database. Ruth Steger will post Ozark and out of town meet results on the website if results are sent to her with a sanction number and a CL2 file with Ozark results. Thom Bick volunteered to take over as Records chair.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks. Bill is continuing to update the web site. Please send him anything that would be helpful in making the site informative and useful. Make sure that any information sent to him has first gone to the proper committee for approval. Clubs are encouraged to send meet information via e-mail in a file (.doc and .pdf files preferred) to Bill and he will post it on the web site. This will make meet information available to many more teams and could cut down on mailing expenses. Coaches should send Bill contact information so he can update a list of all Ozark club coaches and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. A motion was made and passed to give Bill money so he can purchase the Adobe Acrobat Reader software to facilitate getting information on the web site.

Senior Chair - Jack Young

No report.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

Several proposals were discussed. The proposal brought up at the last meeting to require Ozark championship meets be co-hosted was discussed by a sub-committee and technical planning. A proposal was made by the committee to require championship meets be co-hosted if two or more teams bid on the championship meet, or if four or more teams bid on the two Division II meets. A motion was made to accept the proposal and passed unanimously. Technical planning has developed criteria to decide which teams will be awarded the meet after the bids are placed, and priority will be given to bids that come in already submitted as co-hosted meets. Clubs may co-host by sharing equally in the work and revenue or splitting these unequally. An information sheet was distributed that can be used as a guideline for clubs when deciding how to share in the work of hosting a meet. Jim Steger appointed a sub-committee to deal with problems resulting in co-hosting meets. Committee members will be the Admin. Vice-Chair, Officials chair, and the Financial Chair. If a club is not satisfied with the decision made by the sub-committee on how to resolve the problem, the club may then take the issue to the Board of Review. This last item will be voted upon at the next LSC meeting. The next proposal of the committee was to require that a host team be responsible for supplying timers at their meets. Two timers need to be at each lane. For distance events that are swum before or after the session, the swimmer must supply his or her own timer. For distance meets, the host team must supply one timer per lane with the swimmer supplying the other. A motion was made to accept this proposal and after discussion was passed with one

dissenting vote. Host teams may still request volunteer timers from the stands, and are encouraged to use other means to find timers if they do not have enough parents to help, such as seeking groups from the community who are looking for ways to volunteer, or asking another team to help time and then timing for that team at one of their meets. Another suggestion was to “pay,” out of the meet revenue, a smaller team to time that may not host meets of their own. There was discussion of high meet fees and the rising cost to swimmers of entering meets. Jim Haliburton said his committee would look into this problem and make a recommendation on future meet fee structure. **Reminder:** Meet information letters must be submitted to Brian Kupferer or Jim Haliburton so a member of technical planning can review the information. Jim Steger also needs a copy of the meet information letter before the sanction number is issued. Submit this information at the same time a sanction number is applied for.

Masters - Leo Letendre

No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

A vacancy has occurred on the Board of Review. Dave McCrary was nominated to fill the position and was unanimously elected. A motion was made and withdrawn to assess a \$25 fee on all returned individual checks. The next two meetings have been scheduled at the Parkway Instructional Center for **Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 11, at 1 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Attendance

Todd Grigereit, Jim Halliburton, George Thompson, Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Pricilla Zenk, Ruth Steger, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, Mo Stewart, David McCrary, Jason Cravens, Bill Price, Leo Letendre, Kim Weiss, Phil Link, Janet Statler, Paul Murphy, Craig Myles, Claire Letendre, Jamie Ellington, Nick Rudich

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings