

**Minutes of Ozark Conference Call
January 31, 2007**

Conference Callers came on line a little before 8:00pm. Terry Harms, Gussie Crawford Dave McCrary, Mike Tchoukaleff, Mark Imig, Dale Anderson, Mike Grammar, Dave Stevens, Karen Smiley, Rob Peglar, Priscilla Zenk, Barb Friedhoff, Mitch Lewis, Bill Price, Julie Kirtchman, Bill Hillmer, Lynn Welsh, Laurie Smith, Nick Rudich, Ernie Paskoff

Called to order 8:03

Background screening. Many Ozark coaches have already done so, but be sure to take care of yours in the open period, or the assigned Ozark period.

Pride the Movie. Coming to theatres March 23rd. Encourage everyone to attend.

Club Recognition Program. Is starting soon, check USA swimming website for details.

Academic All-American applications are available now. Encourage your swimmers to apply.

Nominating committee needed for May elections. Age Group chair, Treasurer, Registration, 2 At-Large members. Karen Smiley volunteered for committee, Mike Tchoukaleff, Dale Anderson, Ernie Paskoff, Nick Rudich.

Finance - Priscilla had the treasurer's report approved in the consent agenda. Mike Grammar explained a couple of question points.

Senior - Dave Stevens reported on plans to rewrite travel reimbursement policies due to change in US Open vs. Nationals. Will report when a plan is in place. Also reminded everyone of Grand Prix meet at Mizzou Feb. 16-19

Registration Report – Gussie Crawford

2310 athletes, 238 non-athletes, 76 coach, 74 officials, ?? other, 23 clubs, 123 transfer

Outreach / Hall of Fame – Laurie Smith

Athlete: Vicki King, Bill Stapleton, Mark Dean, Tom Jager. Contributor: Don Roberts

Masters Athletes: Ardeth Mueller, Penny Taylor

Discussion to add Mike Tchoukaleff to the initial induction list. Mike asked to be listed next year. Discussion of holding a reception to honor the inductees during the Ozark Championships.

SWIMS – Lynn Welsh

Reminded everyone to apply for observed swims at HS Conference meets. Terry Harms reiterated that observing officials must follow the USA Swimming protocols. Please get requests to Lynn as soon as possible. Dale Anderson asked whether YMCA meets will now be entered into SWIMS. Mike T. will check into whether officials may work simultaneously as a YMCA official, and as the USA Swimming observer. All teams are reminded to complete membership reconciliations.

Safety Chair – Sarah Scholten

Trying to create a Safety Marshal training curriculum, taking about 20 minutes to train the marshals at each team. Lengthy discussion regarding the roles of the referees, vs. meet directors, safety marshals, etc. She can be contacted at: slnurse@sbcglobal.net if your club wants training.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

87 current officials, 15 apprentice. 2 officials on-deck were recently found to not be current members. This jeopardizes insurance. We have been short on officials at recent meets where, technically, we should have cancelled due to lack of numbers. Please encourage your teams to encourage more people to train as officials. Terry Harms indicated that this is a nation-wide problem. Some discussion followed regarding refereeing by committee, vs. having the referee be present for every minute of every session. The problem is inconsistency in policy. If using two or more referees, they should meet ahead of the competition so that they are “on the same page”.

Delay of meet. Karen Smiley encouraged establishing a policy defining Delay of Meet to keep the standards equal across all Ozark meets.

Age Group – Mark Imig

Long Course Champs will be going to Q1 times to get its size back under control.

Technical Planning – Nick Rudich

Next year’s schedule will start work after Sectionals. Midwestern will be proposing a move of Spring Sectionals during 2008.

Athlete Chair**Old Business**

Age Group committee recommended that overachiever awards still be used, but in a more “user-friendly” format that utilizes the award labels printed by meet manager.

New Business

Mark Imig mentioned that some of our records were actually set by athletes while representing their HS or College team. We will consider a policy that the athlete must be representing their Ozark USA Swimming club, rather than their HS or college. Discussion failed to provide a consensus.

Surcharges for meets. Barb Friedhoff asked whether Ozark would waive the swimmer surcharge and splash fees associated with hosting Sectionals. It was determined that Ozark waived the fees in 2003, so the same courtesy was extended.

Next Meeting:

April 28, 1:00pm at Richmond Heights Community Center

Motion to adjourn at 10:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Dave Stevens