

**Ozark Swimming Inc., House of Delegates Meeting
October 1, 2005**

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. The minutes from the January 27, 2005 were approved.

General Chair - Terry Harms:

Olympic Trials will be held in Omaha, Nebraska in 2008. J. Wipperman has resigned from the position of Over Achievers. The Central Zone Meeting for 2006 will be held in Oklahoma City, Aug.3 -6 and in Topeka, Kansas Aug.7-12 in 2007.

Money collected for Hurricane Katrina will go directly into the general fund. The Select Zone Camp will be held on May 14-21. Swimmers will be selected based on IMX scores.

Fina has made two rule changes. For backstroke starts your toes may now be above the water and for breast stroke there can be one dolphin kick in the pull out.

The Central Zone would like to see people run for National positions in USA Swimming. You can contact Arlene or Eric at Central Zone for open positions.

Be sure that the information in your data base for Meet Manager is the same information that is given at time of registration so that the information USA Swimming has matches the information that you have on Meet Manager.

Convention:

Mike Tchoudaleff - Rules Committee:

On Oct. 20,2005 FINA will meet to review USA Swimming wording and interpretation of the two new rule changes for backstroke and breast stroke.

FINA also has a new rule that no one over the age of 60 can officiate at a swim meet. There are new certifications for officials. N1 for local official, N2 for National level official and N3 for Championship level official.

Lynn Welsh - Swim:

When hosting a meet all four names must be submitted for relays or the times will not be able to be entered data base. Times can be proved against SWIMS database. If we want High School Conference times included in SWIMS database they must be requested. Some type of request form would be needed. These swims would be an observed swim which would need two USA officials to observe the swim at the High School Conference or State meets.

Gussie Crawford - Workshops:

Electronic registration will not be release until all the bugs have been worked out. Please remember that the swimmers full legal name needs to be on their registration. On the application for transfer a paragraph will be added about fulfilling your financial obligation with one team before transferring to another.

Sean Mathews - Athlete Rep:

The athlete reps had discussions on how to shorten the Zone meets and where they would like to see the money raised for Hurricane relief go.

Rudy Oates - Coaches:

He attended the session with Dave Salio where they talked about the need to “turn-up” practice, in other words, make them more challenging. Rudy also attended a Disability workshop and felt that everyone should be aware of the Americans with Disability Act and that meet information should have clear information about swimmers with disabilities.

Dave McCrary - Sr. Committee:

Handouts were given on how to create a web account on USA Swimming, the IMX Xtreme Challenge and Virtual Club Championships (VCC).

The Zone Camps and National Select Camp will use the IMX scores to choose swimmers.

USA Swimming now offers, Club Recognition, which is based on a business plan model that will allow Clubs to be recognized for there business plan and not just fast swimmers. You can check it out on the USA Swimming web site.

Alice Oates - Outreach: Grant Writing: Club Recognition:

Alice advised everyone to check out the Club Recognition on USA Swimming’s web site. She attended a presentation on Outreach that discussed the benefits of diversity. USA Swimming should have a Diversity Coordinator by Nov. 2005. She also attended a workshop on Grant Writing for clubs.

Mark Imig - Age Group:

Mark talked about the importance of educating parents. He discussed the retention of male vs. females in swimming. There is 2.5% better retention of males to females. A discussion was had at the convention to try to encourage clubs to have more fun meets,

and how to make the Zones meets more efficient.

John Lubus - Marketing:

A handout was given covering various ways to market your swim team. John willing to meet and work with individual teams should they request it.

John Petersen – Safety:

Claims forms need to be turned in promptly when an incidence occurs. And we need to make sure the Safety Marshals are doing what they are supposed to do at a meet.

If anyone would like more information on the Convention workshops please contact the person who attended the workshop you are interested in.

Committee Reports:

Gussie Crawford - Registration:

There were 2,725 registered Ozark swimmers in 2005, with 268 non-athletes, 24 clubs and 171 transfers. Currently there are 871 registered swimmers, 66 non-athletes and 7 clubs and 36 transfers for 2006.

A motion was passed to accept the 7 clubs that have applied for renewal. The 7 clubs are, CSP, CUTS, BSC, HEAT, SEAL, PKWY, MMT.

Financial Report:

A 2004-2005 final report was given. **A motion was passed to approve the 2005-2006 budget.**

Discussion was held concerning Ozark helping with the cost of awards for the Short and Long course Championship meets. A further discussion of awards being paid for by the LSC will be held at the next meeting.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff:

A clinic was held Oct. 11 with more to come in Nov. and Dec. The new backstroke and breast stroke rules are currently in affect.

Mark Imig - Age Group:

Seventy five swimmers and nine coaches attended Zones this year. The 13/14 girls 200 free relay broke the record.

Dave McCrary - Sr.:

The sectional qualifying times have been updated. Sectionals will be held in OKC this winter and UMC in the summer.

Nick Rudich - Technical Planning:

A new proposal concerning Co-hosting of meets will be voted on at the next meeting. Any questions should be directed to Nick Rudich.

Ozark Hall of Fame:

A recommendation for the Ozark Hall of Fame was presented. **A motion was made and passed.** A final presentation will be made at the next meeting.

A motion was made to reinstate Swimmer of the year. It was tabled to the next meeting until more information was available. Coach of the year will be the coach submitted by Ozark to ASCA.

Safety - Bob Wotring:

A safety coordinators workshop was held on Sept. 29, 2005 at Crestview Middle School. There will be more classes held throughout the year.

There were 13 incident reports filed last year. Sixty two percent of incidents occur at meets with thirty six percent at practice. A reminder that a minor child had until they are 18 plus 2 years of file a law suit. The report of occurrence is the only record that that accident occurred.

Bob will be retiring from his position at the end of this year.

Overachievers:

New Overachiever person is Beth Paskoff. She would like to know how many teams are doing meets this year.

New Business:

Jeff Allee from Splash Central gave a presentation on a web based application for swim teams.

Next HOD meeting will be January 17 or 19, 2006. A place to hold the meeting is needed.

Motions Passed October 1, 2005:

Motion was made and passed to renew seven clubs memberships: CSP, CUTS, BSC, HEAT, SEAL, PKWY and MMT.

Motion was made and passed to approve the 2005-2206 budget.

Motion was made and passed to establish a Ozark Hall of Fame, and the General Chair appoint five people to the committee.