

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting - January 22, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 2001 were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

USA Swimming distributed a questionnaire to all LSC Chairs regarding attracting new athletes and retaining current swimmers. At the first several Ozark meets of the short course season there were a number of unregistered athletes entered in the meets who subsequently swam. This is a problem since unregistered swimmers are not covered under USA Swimming insurance policies, creating major liabilities for both the swimmer's club and the host club. Jim talked with USA Swimming about this situation and it was suggested that Ozark institute a policy regarding unregistered swimmers. This will be discussed with the registration/membership report. Club membership registrations are coming in too late for Gussie Crawford to get them taken care of in time. **Clubs need to register by early December.** There is some concern on the part of some clubs that Ozark member clubs are not supporting Ozark hosted meets. Technical planning is responsible for the number and type of meets and coaches must bear the primary responsibility for this planning and for supporting host clubs. Jim announced that he will not be running for LSC president when his term expires.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

2002 membership/registration statistics as of January 21, 2002

Registered athletes- 2,412

Registered non-athletes- 199

Registered clubs - 24

MDSC was approved for membership. Gussie expressed her appreciation for the many hours of time that Jim Steger has donated to the LSC. A proposed policy on non-registered athletes competing in Ozark sanctioned meets was distributed and discussed. A motion was made to amend the proposal by removing the fine and it was seconded and passed. The amended policy was then approved. The meet referee will receive a report prior to the start of the meet that will list all non-registered athletes. Jim Steger reminded the HOD and all clubs that unregistered athletes and coaches **do not have insurance coverage.** 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.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

Officials clinics will be held this year on May 18, October 10, November 17, and December 14 with the time and place still to be determined. Ozark currently has 108 officials. Meet evaluation sheets are being developed, as are written policies for the development and registration of officials.

Top 16 - Kim Byars

No report.

Outreach/Club Development - Laurie Smith/Ruth Steger

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Enough money has been raised to purchase and install six new starting blocks at the Matthews Dickey pool. There will be a fund-raising fun meet held at the Clayton Community Center on Saturday, May 4. Beginning swimmers **only** are encouraged to attend this meet, where there will be no timing and no DQs. This type of meet was held last season with much success and positive feedback from parents, swimmers, and coaches. Register early, as this meet is expected to fill. Swimmers do not have to be a member of USA Swimming to participate.

Database/Records

The database will be ready to be used to prove times at the Division I Championship Meet. Teams should look at the web site to make sure that all meets they have attended and intend to use for proof of time are on the web site. Continue to send meet results to Kim Weiss for the database. Ruth Steger will post out of town meet results on the website if results are e-mailed to her with a sanction number and an attached file with Ozark results.

Operations Manual - Terry Harms

Procedures have been received and approved for Timing Devices, Senior Chair, Treasurer, and Outreach. The procedures for the Safety Chair and Age Group Chair have been received and are under review and Membership/Registration has just been received. Terry still needs written procedures from Officials, Masters, Technical Planning, and Top 16 Chairs.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

The committee met on October 6, 2001. Meeting minutes were distributed. The event order for the Division Championship meet was rearranged in order to distribute the long events more evenly over the three days and to keep Friday afternoon free of events. In the 10 and under age group the consolation heat during finals will be eliminated leaving only one final heat at night. The 200 FR will be on Saturday evening and the 200 MR will be on Sunday evening, for 11-12 and 13-14 age groups. All 10 and under relays will be held in the morning and relays will be held first in the finals session. A motion was made and passed to adopt the changes recommended by the committee. The committee is recommending that the formula used for calculating the Gold time standards be based in the future on the 26th place time instead of the 32nd place time at the Division I meet. This will be phased in gradually. The motion to adopt this change was made and passed. The committee recommended that the summer Division I meet have only three age groups: 12 and under, 13-14, and 15 and over, to better match the developmental needs of the younger swimmers in the LSC. This recommendation was approved by the HOD. The committee is still discussing the format of this meet and the possibility of adding a summer Division II meet.

Senior Chair - Jack Young

Jim Steger reported for Jack Young. The Senior meet planned for February at the Center of Clayton has been canceled and replaced by a time trials to be held at one of the Parkway pools. It is felt by many delegates that there is a problem in the LSC meet schedule due to a lack of an end of the season meet for senior swimmers without sectional qualifying times. Jim Steger suggested that those interested and concerned should contact the Technical Planning and Senior Chairs. The HOD approved a suggestion that the LSC bid for the 2004 Sectional Short Course Meet to be held at the Rec-Plex.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

Jim Steger reported for Jim Haliburton. There was a lengthy discussion of the meet schedule and some of the problems with the schedule that have become apparent now that much of the short course season has

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passed. Because many meets require that swimmers' times conform to specific time standards, many teams have been unable to take all their swimmers to one meet. There are few meets and no end of season meet for senior swimmers who do not have sectional qualifying times. Meets need to be shorter. The suggestion was made that Technical Planning review the meet schedule for next year and suggest some revisions to address the problems, and also to discuss how to increase participation in local meets by local clubs. It was felt that the senior committee and age group committee should be involved in this process and that all Ozark coaches need to become involved in helping to solve some of the problems. The proposal submitted by Jim Steger for the formation of a Sanction and Meet Awarding Committee, which was based on the responsibilities of the Technical Planning Committee as designated in the by-laws, was tabled for the next meeting.

Safety - Chris Berrien

Chris stated that he needs a committee of 4 or 5 to work with. Bob Wotring from Rockwood volunteered.

Masters - Leo Letendre

No report.

Old Business

The proposal for co-hosting meets was reviewed and approved. Anyone in need of safety training for coaches cards can contact Paul Murphy.

New Business

Leo Letendre from Parkway requested approval to make a few scheduling changes to the summer Sizzler meet. A motion was made to accept these changes and was approved. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 11, at 1 pm**, at the Parkway Instructional Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Attendance

Todd Grigereit, Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Pricilla Zenk, Ruth Steger, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, David McCrary, Bill Price, Leo Letendre, Kim Weiss, Phil Link, Jason Cravens, Paul Murphy, Craig Miles, Claire Letendre, Jamie Ellington, Thom Bick, Robert Wotring, Rudolph Oates, Alice Oates, Mike Tchoukaleff, Terry Harms, Flo Murphy, Dan McSkimming, Walter Timm, Betsy Martin, PJ Keller, Horce Young, Anthony Hughes, Terry Shetley, Bob Winters, Pricilla Lange, Chris Berrien, Laurie Smith, Cliff Andreas

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings