

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting – January 13, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on September 27, 2003, were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

The USA Swimming web site is being redesigned. The new design will have links for clubs and individual swimmers. ASCA tests and convention registration will be available on the new site..

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

As of January 13, 2004, membership/registration statistics are:

Registered athletes- 2227 athletes

Registered non-athletes- 208

Transfers - 143

A motion was made and passed to accept the following clubs for membership: TCAY, SCCY, UCSC, and Team Genesis.

Treasurer-Priscilla Zenk

The financial statement was distributed. Mike Grammar reported on the audit committee meeting. Ozark's financial records were reviewed. The committee recommended that coach's contract wages be kept below \$600 per year if possible so that a 1099 form need not be submitted, and that the bus services be put out for a bid to try to cut down on this expense. Currently bus expenses are almost 20% of the budget. The audit committee recommended that the audit be approved by the House of Delegates. A motion to do this was made and passed.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

High school times for conference and state meets can be official times for USA Swimming if two officials are at the meet watching the swim. There will be two USA Swimming officials at the state meet in February. Ozark has 95 officials. Seven clinics were held in 2003. The committee anticipates clinics will be offered in March, May, September, October, and November of 2004. The dates will be announced later. Each official must be registered as a member of USA Swimming for 2004.

Top 16/Database/Records - Kim Weiss

Meet results should be e-mailed to Kim for the Ozark database, and a hard copy should be sent for Top 16 times. .Kim's e-mail address is: **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Lynn Welsh also needs meet results for the database for USA Swimming. Send a CL2 file after each meet to her at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Kim distributed Top 16 certificates.

Outreach/Club Development - Ruth Steger

Priscilla Zenk is taking over the financial duties of outreach. Coaches with outreach swimmers are responsible for sending results from the Team Manager program to Priscilla to show that a swimmer was at a meet, no later than 10 days after the meet was held. If she does not get this information, the cost of entering the meet will be deducted from the team's escrow account. A written policy was distributed and will also be posted on the Ozark web site.

Operations Manual - Terry Harms

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The policy and procedure manual is complete.

Athlete Representative- Andrew Langenfeld

No report.

Age Group Chair – Mark Imig

The Age Group committee met recently and discussed the Ozark Championship and Ozark Challenge meets. The Kurasik award point system was reviewed. There will be no opening ceremony at the championship meet. Team places 1 through 10 will receive awards, paid for by Ozark. Ozark Challenge late entries were discussed. Meet information will be available on the Ozark web site soon.

Senior Chair – Dave McCrary

Travel reimbursement will be done using meet results. Academic All-American applications are on the USA Swimming web site for swimmers with a 3.5 GPA who swim at the Sectional meet and are sophomores or older in high school.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

No report.

Safety – Bob Wotring

Report of Occurrence forms **must** be turned in after an incident to insure secondary insurance coverage for any injuries. Forms are available to download from the Ozark web site. Three copies must be sent, one to Bob, one to USA Swimming, and one to the insurance company. Pool site surveys will be continuing this year. Water depth, pool length, and backstroke flag placement are being measured. Results will be posted on the Ozark web site and any restrictions on diving starts will be noted. Meet directors should be aware of any restrictions placed on their facilities and publish that information in their meet letters. A reminder detailing the new diving rules will be sent to each club.

Overachievers – Gere Whipperman

No report.

Old Business

MSHAA update: Dave Stevens reported on the progress of MSHAA rule reform. Legislation (Bill 920) has been proposed that disallows any interference with an athlete's pursuit of his or her sport if that sport is an Olympic one and would stop the prohibition of dual participation in a high school and club sport. Representative Gina Walsh will introduce the bill this session with a number of co-sponsors. Anyone wishing to e-mail her to show support for her bill should send a message as soon as possible to **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Addresses of local representatives can be found at **Error! Bookmark not defined.** MSHAA will begin an internal inquiry into ending restrictions on dual participation in individual sports.

New Business

The following board positions are up for re-election at the next meeting: General Chair, Administrative Vice-Chair, Secretary, Financial Vice-Chair, Senior Vice-Chair, and 2 Members-at-Large. Anyone interested in running for election for an Ozark board position should contact Mike Tchoukaleff (**Error! Bookmark not defined.**), who has agreed to chair the nominating committee. Volunteers for the nominating committee are also needed. Contact Jim Steger or Mike to volunteer.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Attendance

Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, Bill Price, Kim Weiss, Brian Perkins, Pricilla Zenk, Mike Tchoukaleff, John Peterson, Lynn Welsh, Terry Harms, Dave Huffman, Al Meyers, Karen Smiley, Mike Grammar, Bob Wotring, Jere Whipperman, Ruth Steger, Steve Franklin, Ron Hughes, Phil Linck, Todd Grigereit, Mark Imig, Terry Harms

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings