

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting - May 11, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2002 were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

All USA Swimming phone numbers have a new prefix - 866. The main USA Swimming number is 719-866-4578. Clubs must be careful to make sure transfer swimmers are properly registered with USA Swimming. There have been some problems with transfer swimmers and their registrations this year. The exception reports are working fairly well to inform meet directors of any unregistered swimmers entered in meets. Clubs need to make sure **all** swimmers are properly and currently registered before entering them into meets. A proposal will be brought before delegates at the next USA Swimming convention in September to increase membership fees. All types of memberships will be subjected to the fee increase if the proposal passes except for outreach swimmers. In the future, more direction will likely come from USA Swimming regarding the supervision and business of swimming on the local levels, with the duties of the LSC's possibly phased out over the coming years. USA Swimming is planning on holding more regional clinics, donating equipment and training videos to clubs, allowing clubs to use logos and other promotional materials currently not available to clubs.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

2002 membership/registration statistics as of May 11, 2002

Registered athletes- 2,707

Registered non-athletes- 217

Registered clubs - 24

Finance- Priscilla Zenk

The financial statement was distributed.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

An officials clinic will be held June 8 provided there is enough interest. Please let Mike or Jim Steger know who is planning on attending. The clinic will be canceled if there are less than 6 people wanting to attend. Three new members of the Officials Committee were announced: Bruce Neimeier, Todd Gregereit, and Craig Myles. Any official wanting to work the Sectional Meet in Oklahoma City this July should request an application from Mike.

Top 16 - Kim Byars

No report.

Outreach/Club Development - Laurie Smith/Ruth Steger

The six new starting blocks have been installed at the Matthews Dickey pool. The club plans to host meets there in the future now that blocks are available. There was a fund-raising fun meet held at the Clayton Community Center on Saturday, May 4. \$149.00 was raised. Beginning swimmers **only** are encouraged to attend these meets, where there is no timing and no DQs. These meets have been held a number of times now with much success and positive feedback from parents, swimmers, and coaches. The next fun meet will be held in the fall.

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Database/Records

Continue to send meet results to Kim Weiss for the database. Most of these results are coming to Kim now, but please be careful when entering swimmers in meets. If the name and middle initial do not appear exactly the same each time, data cannot be merged and Kim is spending many hours with exception reports correcting names so the database is complete.

Operations Manual - Terry Harms

A revised version of the new policy for athlete members and their eligibility to compete in sanctioned swim meets was read and approved. A copy of the policy is attached to the minutes and is also available on the Ozark website.

Age Group Chair - Bill Price

Gold, Silver, and Bronze time standards for next year were calculated and will be published on the website in late August or early September. A few changes were made in the Long Course Division I meet, as discussed in the Age Group Committee meetings. There will be no 10 and under age group, younger swimmers who have the qualifying times may swim in the 12 and under age group. Qualifying times have been changed to Silver time standards and the program will mostly follow that used during the Short Course Division I Championship meet. All changes to the meet are published on the Ozark website. The committee is recommending that all Zone Team coaches receive payment for attending the Zone meet to encourage participation and compensate coaches for all the time spent at this meet, and there is enough money in the budget for this. A motion was made and approved to pay Zone team coaches. A proposal was made to add the 15 and over age group to the Division I Short Course Championship meet, and a motion to do so was made and approved by the HOD. Dave Stevens from HEAT asked for feedback from teams regarding the meet the team is scheduled to host over the weekend of July 4 th. The general consensus was that teams would not be attending this meet, therefore it will be canceled. HEAT will instead host a short course time trials on the Monday and Tuesday after the summer Sectional meet.

Senior Chair - Jack Young

No report.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

The new proposed meet schedule for next year was explained and the process of developing the schedule was reviewed. The committee tried to address concerns with last year's schedule and attempted to include more meets for senior swimmers, and have fewer meets overall but more meets that an entire team could attend. The committee will publish the meet schedule within two weeks and ask for bids by June 8 th. This schedule will be for 1 year, beginning this coming fall, then the next bid process will be for a 2 year schedule. Bids need to include a detailed proposal for the meet. Teams are asked to have their bids in on time, as there is not much time left for meet sanction and planning for meets coming up in the fall. This proposal was approved by the house of delegates.

Safety - Chris Berrien

USA Swimming will be requiring that all clubs have an Emergency Action Plan for each practice facility used by the club. Each club's safety official needs to make sure these are done and in writing. Bob Wotring from Rockwood has written emergency action plans for their facilities, if any club has questions or would like information about this please contact Bob, who has volunteered to help. Sixty percent of accidents occur during swim meets, and all accidents, no matter where or when they occur, must be reported in an accident report. Accident reports must be filled out by a representative of the swimmer's club and a copy sent to Chris Berrien and USA Swimming.

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Masters - Leo Letendre

No report.

Old Business

The proposal for a sanction and meet awarding committee was discussed. There were many questions and concerns. A motion to table the proposal was made and withdrawn. A motion was made and passed that for the purpose of awarding meet bids to teams, a technical planning bid committee, to be comprised of the members of the technical planning committee, will evaluate meet bids and award meets according to current criteria. It must be stressed that **a sanction will NOT be issued** by Gussie Crawford unless all required information is submitted to her along with the meet information letter. The required information is listed with sanction application forms.

New Business

A proposal was made by Kay Lynne Firshing to require that all meet information be posted on the Ozark website. This would make all meet information easily accessible in a timely manner to everyone and would save teams money on mailing costs. Teams would still have the option to mail meet information but would not be required to do so. Posting or mailing meet information may not be done until a sanction number is issued. A motion was made to accept the proposal and passed. Another motion was made and passed to require teams hosting meets to e-mail meet results in a Commlink file and Meet Manager file to Bill Price to post on the Ozark website. Coaches could then get meet results at a later time instead of waiting for a disk at the end of the meet, although the disk should still be made available if a coach would like it at the end of the meet, since Bill stated that it could be a day or two before results might be available on the website.

Jim Steger announced that USA Swimming requires all voting members of an LSC's house of delegates and all members of the board of directors be members of USA Swimming. Clubs need to make sure their LSC representatives and Ozark board members are USA Swimming members. All club board of director members also need to be USA Swimming members.

A representative of the St. Louis District YMCA thanked Jim Steger for attending the recent YMCA District meeting and informing those in attendance about USA Swimming.

Election Results

Jim Steger was elected General Chair by acclamation.
Holly Hutchings was elected Secretary by acclamation.
Craig Myles was elected Financial Vice-Chair by acclamation.
Dave McCrary was elected Senior Chair by majority vote.
Jack Young and Paul Murphy were elected Members-at-Large by majority vote.
A motion was made and passed to destroy all ballots.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the fall after the USA Swimming convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Attendance

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Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Pricilla Zenk, Ruth Steger, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, David McCrary, Bill Price, Kim Weiss, Phil Link, Jason Cravens, Paul Murphy, Craig Myles, Robert Wotring, Mike Tchoukaleff, Terry Harms, Flo Murphy, Walter Timm, Horace Young, Chris Berrien, Laurie Smith, Jerre Wipperman, Paul Murphy, Kim Byars, Clay Kolar, Kay Lynne Firshing, Jack Dibee, Gina Beach, Janet Criscione, Keith Anderson, John Peterson, Nick Rudich, Blake Bastien, and Erik Strom.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings