

Ozark Swimming

General Membership Meeting – September 27, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm. The minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2003, were approved.

General Chair - Jim Steger

There are a number of board positions up for re-election next spring, including General Chair and Administrative Vice-Chair. Anyone interested in running for election for an Ozark board position should contact Mike Tchoukaleff, who has agreed to chair the nominating committee. Lynn Welsh has volunteered to compile meet results and send them to USA Swimming for the database. E-mail meet results to her. Karen Butz will take over the job of running exception reports prior to meets to check for unregistered swimmers. She will give the report to the host club and any clubs who have swimmers on the exception report. Clubs can then correct the problem before the meet. Kim Weiss has taken the position of Top 16 chair. Send a hard copy of final meet results to her for any reportable times.

Convention Reports

Gussie Crawford: Registration workshops were held to work on problems with registrations using the computer systems.

Mike Tchoukaleff: USA Swimming wants to integrate disability swimming into traditional meets and new rules will be written to make this possible. Starts and relay takeoffs will be filmed at championship meets to verify officials' calls.

Terry Harms: New facility standards will be issued concerning air quality and exchange in indoor pools. Board of Review procedures were reviewed. There have been an increasing number of complaints coming before the board in the past 3 years. LSC's should try to handle complaints and problems on a local level as much as possible. It is mandatory for each club to have a safety coordinator that is registered with USA Swimming and is responsible for filling out and mailing Report of Occurrence forms for any incident that occurs at practices, meets, or any club sponsored event. Report of Occurrence forms must be turned into USA Swimming for any secondary insurance benefits to be paid. There should be a meeting before all meets to discuss safety and the responsibilities of the safety marshals. Due to liability, any non-registered swimmers practicing with a club (for example, learn to swim programs) must swim in a lane separate from the club's registered swimmers and with a separate coach. Supplemental insurance can be purchased by the club from USA Swimming to cover these swimmers. New rules for water depth will take effect in 2004. Swimmers must start from the water in any water less than 4 feet deep. Swimmers attending a meet without a coach must report to the meet referee or meet director to be assigned to a coach on deck. The host club should make an announcement to this effect prior to the start of warm-ups. Next year all LSC Safety Chairs will be encouraged to attend a safety workshop given by USA Swimming.

Mary Liston: Junior nationals will be held in 2005, the exact times and formats will be determined. Ideas for retaining boys in the sport of swimming were discussed. The importance of running USA camps at the LSC level was discussed.

Andrew Langenfeld: Attended athlete meetings and practices. Future championship meets were discussed and information was given about drugs and drug testing. A new junior athlete representative who is a current high school sophomore is needed to represent Ozark at the next convention, a year from now in Orlando. Nominations will be taken over the internet on the Ozark web site.

Jim Steger: The Indiana LSC will hold a meet for those swimmers close to Olympic Trial times, 2 weeks after the Sectional meet. Swimmers must have US Open times to enter the meet. The 2004 summer zone meet will be in Topeka, Kansas. USA Swimming posted a \$200,000 profit for its last fiscal period. The World Short Course Championships will be held in Indianapolis in the fall of 2004. Tickets will be on sale in October of this year.

Registration/Membership - Gussie Crawford

As of September 19, 2003, membership/registration statistics are:

Registered athletes- 158 athletes

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Registered non-athletes- 39

Registered clubs - 6

Transfers - 48

A motion was made and passed to accept the following clubs for membership: HEAT, CSP, RPLX, SEAL, BSC, and Flyers Aquatic Swim Team. Total registration statistics for last year are: athletes – 2,740, non-athletes – 255, clubs – 26, and transfers – 154.

Treasurer-Pricilla Zenk

The financial statement was distributed. The 2003-2004 budget was proposed and passed.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff

Thirteen new officials were trained at the last clinic. Ozark now has 13 Starters and 18 Referees. Nine of Ozark's officials have national certification. The officials committee met recently and set the requirements that officials work 5 meet sessions per year and that at least 2 of these are at a meet not hosted by the official's club. This does not include Ozark Championship meets. There will be an evaluation process for all officials in the future. Six clinics will be held by the end of the year. At this time, clinics are scheduled for October 4 at St. Peter's City Hall, October 28 at Rockwood, November 22 at Carbondale, and December 20 in Cape Girardeau. Details can be found on the Ozark web site. Mike will contact those officials who need to be recertified. Recertification needs to be completed by December.

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: weiss1208@prodigy.net.

Outreach/Club Development - Ruth Steger

There will be a fun meet held at the Center of Clayton on October 18 for beginning swimmers. Meet profits will go to Outreach.

Operations Manual - Terry Harms

The policy and procedure manual is almost complete. Copies should be available for clubs to pick up at the January meeting

Athlete Representative- Andrew Langenfeld

See convention report.

Age Group Chair – Mark Imig

The All –Star Meet will be a team trip for Ozark Swimmers with Todd Gabel as the head coach. The Zone Meet will also be a team trip; the head coach is to be determined. Coaches for these meets will be chosen using a point system. There will be at least one female coach on all Ozark team trips. If an athlete violates the athlete code he or she will not be able to travel with the team in the future. At the Ozark Challenge meet, swimmers and relays can be added at the meet. At the Ozark Championship meet, relays will be swum in the morning with the exception of "A" relays, which may be swum during finals at the request of the coach. Two USA Swimming Camps will be held for Ozark swimmers, one in December and one in January. Coaches meetings will be held before all team trips to let coaches know what is expected of them during the trip.

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Senior Chair – Dave McCrary

No report.

Technical Planning - Jim Haliburton

Dates for Ozark championship meets are set. Clubs bid on the rest of the free weekend dates to hold the meet of their choice. The schedule is posted on the Ozark web site. If there are any changes to a meet after the meet information is posted, the host club must let Jim Haliburton and Jim Steger know what those changes are. The sanction application for all meets needs to be sent to Gussie Crawford as well as to Jim Haliburton and Jim Steger. Saluki Swim Club and Parkway Swim Club both have an easy to use format for their meet information if any club would like ideas for writing their own meet information letters.

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. These addresses are on the forms. Clubs must have a Safety coordinator. If they do not have one named, or do not have a safety coordinator who is also USA Swimming registered, the club's application for membership will be rejected by USA Swimming. Clubs should also have safety marshals. Bob will set up a clinic for these safety volunteers so they will know what their responsibilities are. The majority (39%) of accidents occur in the water, and 23% occur on deck. 34% occur in the water during practice and 45% in the water during competition. 25% of all injuries occur in the 11- 12 age group, and 17% occur in the 13- 14 and 15- 18 age group. 9- 10 year olds account for 15% of injuries and the 8 and under age group for 14% of reported injuries. Pool site surveys will be continuing this year.

Overachievers – Gere Whipperman

For the upcoming season, new certificates will be available when a swimmer achieves a "BB" or an "A" time. "A" patches will be available on request and a stroke bar will be given when a swimmer achieves an "A" time.

Old Business

MSHAA update: Jim Steger reported on the progress of MSHAA rule reform. A rule has been proposed that disallows any interference with an athlete's pursuit of his or her sport if that sport is an Olympic one. Representative Gina Walsh will introduce a bill this session that would do away with the prohibition of dual participation in a high school and club sport. Anyone wishing to e-mail her to show support for her bill should send a message as soon as possible **Error! Bookmark not defined.** Kathy Waller of the Kansas City Blazers will meet with members of the new MSHAA board to discuss the problems facing swimmers in Missouri. Any personal stories about how the current MSHAA rules have affected swimmers should be sent to local representatives and Rep. Walsh.

New Business

Terry Harms proposed two new rules based on the USA Swimming upcoming rule changes. A motion was made and passed that starts and relay takeoffs must be done from the water in any water less than 4 feet deep. A motion was made and passed to include instructions for swimmers attending meets without a coach in all meet information. The statement should read: "A swimmer attending a meet without USA-S certified coach must report to the meet referee or meet director prior to warming up for each session in which he or she is swimming. The swimmer will be assigned to a coach on deck for each session of the meet that he or she has entered."

The Parkway distance meet will be rescheduled due to a conflict with another meet. The new date will be announced later.

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The next meeting will be scheduled for January.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Attendance

Gussie Crawford, Holly Hutchings, Dave Stevens, Jim Steger, Bill Price, Kim Weiss, Kay Lynne Firshing, Brian Perkins, Pricilla Zenk, Mike Tchoukaleff, John Peterson, Lynn Welsh, Terry Harms, Dave Huffman, Paul Murphy, Al Meyers, Karen Smiley, Mike Grammar, John Peterson, Bob Wotring, John Roland, Andrew Langenfeld, Jere Whipperman, Nancy Mc Donald, Jim Halliburton, Kim Glogoza, Ruth Steger, Linda Mabry, Gillian Allen, Eric Strom, Steve Franklin, Patrick Berer, Ron Hughes, Mary Liston, Rudy Oates, Alice Oates

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hutchings