

Minutes of Ozark Meeting May 12, 2007

Called to order at 1:05p.m. Dave McCrary asked all clubs having email notification issues to see him to ensure no more problems. Consent agenda was approved via email. Minutes of the last meeting were contested by Karen Smiley because Laurie Smith (a non USA Swimming member) participated in the teleconference. Minutes will be accepted, but it is noted for the record that Laurie Smith was not “legally” representing Parkway Swim Club, Ozark Outreach, nor the Ozark Hall of Fame Committee.

In Attendance: Erik Strom, Mary Liston, Bill Price, David Stevens, Dave McCrary, Lynn Welsh, Priscilla Zenk, Mike Tchoukaleff, Kim Weiss, Nick Rudich, David Ninneman, Gussie Crawford, John Petersen, Mark Imig, Rob Peglar, Karen Smiley, Jillienne Schilling, Ernie Paskoff, Kay Lynne Firsching, Patrick Bever, Tracey Webb, Cory Miller, Sean Matthews, Rudy Oates, Kara Viorel, Ricky O’Mara, Dale Andersen, Nancy G. Miller, Sarah Scholten, Mike Grammar

General Chair’s Report – Dave McCrary. We need a new Hall of Fame Committee of 5 people. (1 athlete, 1 Hall of Famer, and 3 other individuals) Ardeth Mueller and Mark Dean Mark Imig, Jillienne Schilling, Ernie Paskoff, Mary Liston. Nominations for a new Junior Athlete Representative: Daniel Miller of CSP was nominated from the floor. Athletes will be able to vote thru their home clubs, with votes to be turned in at the Saluki, Rec-Plex and Parkway meets this summer. Athletes must sign their ballots to ensure that they do not vote multiple times. USA Swimming needs an Ozark nominee for the 2007 Outstanding Service award, recognizing volunteer service to USA Swimming. The Hall Of Fame Committee will select the Outstanding Service recipient. ASCA and USA Swimming have asked us to name an Ozark Age Group coach of the year. The coach will be determined by a vote at the Ozark Long Course Championships from nominees emailed to Dave McCrary.

Finance - Priscilla Zenk Mike Grammar a \$5,100 loan was made (and repaid) as seed money for hosting Sectionals. Mike reported that a deficit situation will likely occur for this fiscal year, particularly for Senior travel reimbursements. Surplus money from previous years should be able to cover this deficit comfortably.

Senior - Dave Stevens reported on Senior Committee’s recommendations to rewrite travel reimbursement policies. Dave Stevens made a motion, and Gussie Crawford Seconded a motion that NCSA Junior National relay-only athletes have their current reimbursement limited to a flat \$50 reimbursement. Motion passed.

Registration Report – Gussie Crawford. Effective June 5, all coaches must have the cleared the background check. (3 still have not done so.) 2567 athletes, 253 non-athletes, 78 coach(75 background screened), 85 officials, other, 23 clubs, 144 transfers. 2008 USA Swimming registration forms will be out by July 15th. Do we want athlete addresses on the forms? Consensus was to leave addresses off for

privacy reasons. USA Swimming urges all to note their ethnicity on the forms, as well as listing parent's names. 2008 fees will be \$49 for year-round members. Make sure you have TM/MM 4.0 or later to make sure SWIMS database times get integrated.

Outreach / Hall of Fame – Laurie Smith was not in attendance and is not eligible to report.

SWIMS – Lynn Welsh clarified that she needs only basic MM files after meets, not the entire back-up file.

Safety Chair – Sarah Scholten reminded everyone to fill out forms for all injuries at practices and meets. All Safety Marshals must be members of USA Swimming. No parents allowed on deck unless they are timing – don't risk your insurance coverage! She suggested name tags or badges to ID who is really working. She is still encouraging training sessions for safety marshals this Fall. Injuries are down on the whole, and have tended toward older swimmers (which is unusual) recently. Dave McCrary requested as General Chair, and Sarah agreed to send him copies of all future accident reports.

Officials - Mike Tchoukaleff says we are really hurting for officials – probably only about 75. He referred to the sample recruiting letter he brought to the meeting for all teams to distribute to their members. He asked Technical Planning to consider prohibition of multiple meets on the same weekend. Some of the training and working requirements made of Ozark's officials was discussed. Some policies will be studied for potential revision.

Admin. Vice Chair – John Petersen sent out drafts of the policy manual and has received no comments. Dave McCrary said he would send it out again so everyone could take a look and give input. There have been no Boards of Review this year – and that's a good thing!

Coach's Rep. – Rudy Oates read some criteria to be considered for Age Group Coach of the Year consideration. Rudy encouraged us to come together as a group and work with the St. Louis Sports Commission for mutual benefit.

Age Group – Mark Imig had nothing to report.

Technical Planning – Nick Rudich reminded that all club's meet bids are due by June 1.

Athlete Chair – Sean Mathews/Cory Miller/Jillienne Schilling reiterated that they need nominees for Junior Athlete Rep. by Friday, May 18.

Old Business – Discussion from the last meeting (teleconference) regarding Ozark records set by collegiate athletes at collegiate meets. Mark Imig listed 6 male records that he felt research proved should be the rightful owners of the records. Bill Price moved and Erik Strom seconded that we correct/update the records. Motion passed.

New Business – Priscilla Zenk mentioned that embroidery problems with official’s shirts has necessitated a change. Ernie Paskoff will take over the shirt order/embroidery process.

Elections: All candidates were accepted by acclimation.

Treasurer: Priscilla Zenk (re-elected)

Registration Chair: Gussie Crawford (re-elected)

Age Group: Erik Strom (replacing Mark Imig)

At-Large Members: Ron Marion, Kara Viorel, Adam Celuch (replacing: Carl Larson, Jack Wideman, Al Meyers)

Board of Review: Ernie Paskoff, Karen Smiley, Jack Young, Mike Scott, Tania Hilmer (replacing: Clay Kolar, Mary Liston, John Petersen, Anne Solari, Craig Myles)

Next Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for October 6, 1:00pm at Richmond Heights Community Center

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Dave Stevens