

Ozark Swimming, Inc., House of Delegates Meeting  
September 25, 2004

The Meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm.

### Convention Reports

Mary Liston- (Senior Swimming) Location of the 18 and Under Team Championship Meet will be Irvine, California, two days after Nationals. This meet is not a return to the old Juniors. Recommended passage of event change to allow top level distance swimmers prelim-finals in Olympic distance events: women's 800 and men's 1,500. There was resounding support from athlete and distance event coaches. Changed relay order to even length of days at Nationals. Mary talked to Randy Julian (Zone Rep) regarding offering CLBMS (Club Leadership Business Management School) required by new teams. It is recommended for existing teams as well. It has now been set up in Ozark it is available on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm. This is offered to Board Members and Coaches only. Rockwood will provide the room to host this workshop which is free and open to all member clubs. It was recommended that Ozark pay for a meal for those in attendance. Nick Rudich will send a flyer. There was discussion regarding background checks. It passed 191/190 in favor of testing all members who come in contact with athletes. Therefore, the Board of Directors is directed to develop and distribute a program for background checks with the goal that the program is brought to 2005 HOD for approval.

Bruce Niemeier- attended Board of Review Meeting where it was discussed that some responsibilities of National be put on the Local Swim Committees. Safety Seminar- basically there was nothing new with safety. At a Drug Nutrition Seminar there was talk of expanding and adding additional information on drug and nutrition, which is currently available on a link on the USA swimming website.

Cassie Luhrsen- Athlete Representative- It was discussed to set an age range for athlete representatives. Background checks were discussed as well as the drug and nutrition website. Athletes should check the USA website for the 800 number if there is any doubt.

Alice Oates- Reported to the Age Group Meetings. There was a lot of discussion on the responsibilities of the LSC Age Group Chairs. There was concern pertaining to the need for job descriptions, limiting the busy work. There was discussion on growth and development as well as retention of USA swimmers (especially boys), the need for camps and including disabled swimmers. The Age Group time standards were passed out for 2005-2008, always faster, with 50% change in times (mostly in 11-12 age group).

Randy Oates Sr.- Coaches Meetings had emphasis on background checks. There was talk on starting swim schools to improve Age Group program and treating clubs as a business.

Laurie Smith- Outreach Meetings- She was asked, at the convention, to present some of Ozark's ideas that had been incorporated.

The discussed goals: (1) reminding swimmers to check the ethnicity on USA forms (2) encouraging disadvantaged swimmers to use the discount (reduced fees). An outreach camp for next year was discussed, along with a regional meet for minorities at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, ages 13-17. She has notes from her meeting if anyone would like a copy.

Jim Steger- Discussed possibility of getting everyone in Local Swim Committees to use same method in establishing time standards. There was discussion on Hy-Tek and development of process where the final meet information data cannot be changed. Top 16 times are developed every four years and based on 20<sup>th</sup> place (would include approximately 35-40 swimmers). Mike Tchoukaleff was named Central Zone Chairperson.

#### General Chair's Report /Registration Terry Harms

Don Roberts passed away in May.

Terry reported for Gussie who was away at an AAU convention. 2004 Registration: 2,607 athletes, 2899 Registered USA, 36 seasonal athletes 255 non athletes & 22 clubs.

A rule change was proposed: all board members must be USA non athlete members, however it was defeated, but will probably come back to the house.

Present Registration for 2004-2005: 422 athletes, 5 non-athletes, and five clubs. There was a motion to accept 5 clubs: Parkway, Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team, YOSI (YMCA of Southwest Illinois, Seals (Southeastern Aquatic League), HEAT (Hazelwood Elite Aquatic Team). Motion was passed.

USA swimming has a lot of new swimmer and parent information available on the webpage that may be downloaded. Clubs and coaches should encourage swimmers and parents to utilize the information.

There is a three person group that is heading up facility development and pool programs. Information is available on the USA-S website. This is a very good source and can save substantial dollars on new pools and updating existing facilities.

There was discussion as to approval for two observers for the HS state meet, covered by insurance. Terry will take care of this matter.

Air quality was discussed. A referee can call a meet due to poor air quality; however, this has been put on hold because there are currently no feasible means to determine air quality. A hand held instrument is being developed to register air quality and minimum standards will be established.

Financial/Treasurer's Report  
Priscilla Zenk, Mike Grammar

Budget distributed for year ending August 21, 2004. The new budget was proposed at \$63,100. More money will be needed due to 18 and under National Championship Meet. The cost of zones may need to be added to the swimmers. Motion for the 2005 budget was passed.

Officials – Terry Harms  
Mike Tchoukaleff is attending AAU Convention

Officials Training Set up for two dates: Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Rec-Plex, and Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at Crestview Middle School at 6:30 pm.

It was presented at the convention that a new certification standard be adopted for nationally ranking of officials. It will require officials to officiate outside of their LSC's and at intermediate level meets in order to move up.

Safety - Bob Wotring

Safety- Bob Wotring- Bob said he would contact safety coordinators to post schedule and get clinic together for Safety Marshals. This past quarter there was only one occurrence that was submitted to Ozark and USA swimming. It was stressed to have incident reports filled out. There was talk about the need for additional training/care for asthma related occurrences.

Age Group Mark Imig

There was a proposal to sunset the Age Group Committee and Senior Committee and then create the Technical Planning/Club Development Program. This would require amendment to the by laws. It was asked to write up a proposal and identify the affected sections of the Bylaws. The proposal will then be sent out to the LSC so that everyone would have a voice if there were any questions. It was suggested that Nick Rudich be appointed to the head of that position. In 2006 this position will be a voted in position.

The Technical Planning chair is currently appointed by the General Chair and it was recommended to Terry Harms to appoint Nick Rudich to that position. There was a discussion to put the vote for the Age Group and Senior Chairperson in 2005 and Officials and Technical Planning Chairperson in 2006. It was decided that the proposal should be put in writing to the General Chair.

Awards were discussed and there was discussion on keeping the awards uniform for Short Course and Long Course Championship Meets. This cost would be incurred by Ozark. Terry suggested putting something in writing since the budget was already approved.

### Technical Planning

The 2004-2005 meet schedule was sent out for an approval vote, via email, in August. The schedule was approved by a unanimous vote of the respondents.

### MHSHAA- Dave Stephens

In reference to dual participation in swimming and diving, the election will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> with ballots going to the principals of 700 schools (even those without teams). The principals will designate who will complete the ballot & they will need to be returned by the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. If passed, on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, this new policy would be effective immediately.

### New Business

CSP Ozark Swimming Hall of Fame- proposal from Terry Freerks. It was decided that more information was needed. Jim Haliburton and Bruce Niemeier volunteered to be on a committee.

Event Fee Proposal- Nick Rudich proposed a fee increase to meet fees to run \$2.00-\$5.00 (\$5.00 maximum), effective January of 2005. The motion was passed with one “no” vote.

The FINA World Short Course Championship will be held October 7-11 in Indianapolis at the Conseco Fieldhouse. Information is available on the web.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Attendance:

Jim Haliburton, Mark Imig, Lanette Imig, Laurie Smith, Mitch Lewis, David Stevens, Randy Oates, Alice Oates, Brian Perkins, Jim Schott, Nick Rudich, Matt Gardner, P.J. Keller, Jeff Vernace, Clay Holar, Cassie Luhrsen, Mike Grammar, Priscilla Zenk, Allan Meyers, Lynn Welsh, Jerre Wippermann, Bruce Niemeier, Jim Steger, Terry Harms

Respectfully submitted, Lanette Imig

Motions passed by Ozark HOD

9/25/04

Registration/Membership- Terry Harms

There was a motion proposed and passed to accept 5 2004-2005 Ozark Club Registrations: Parkway, Clayton Shaw Park Swim Team, YOSI (YMCA of Southwest Illinois, Seals (Southeastern Aquatic League), HEAT (Hazelwood Elite Aquatic Team).

Finance Priscilla Zenk

The 2004-2005 budget was approved.

Nick Rudich

Motion was made and passed to allow meet fees to run \$2.00-\$5.00 (\$5.00 maximum), effective January of 2005.

Via email vote, motion passed approving 2004-2005 meet schedule.