

Midlakes Annual Fall Meeting
Wednesday October 11, 2006
7:00 pm @ Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

In attendance:

Board members: Linda Fairchild, Michelle Lemke, Connie Flaten, Abby Hall, Cindy McGee, Sharon Simas, Penny Yantis, Jeanette Stevens

Membership: Eric Bartleson and parent reps from all clubs in good standing except the following: Seattle Tennis Club, Columbia Athletic Club at Pine Lake, Norwood, Mercer Island Country Club, and Samena. Attached is a copy of the sign in sheet verifying those in attendance.

Guests: Chris Heaton

B. By Law changes were presented by Joan Wold and read by Cindy McGee as follows:

1. Article VI, #E to be changed to:

Officers of the Midlakes Swim League shall serve for a term of two years per election by the general membership.

Michelle Lemke moved that the changes be adapted and it was seconded by Linda Fairchild.

Joan called for a vote: motion carried.

2. Article V, #A to be changed to:

The Board of Governors shall be composed of Midlakes officers, Awards & Records, Stroke & Turn Official, Past President, Webmaster, Division Reps, Water Polo Reps, Diving Reps and Coaches Reps.

Christine Hiller moved that the changes be adapted and it was seconded by Michelle Lemke.

Joan called for a vote: motion carried.

Operating Plan changes were discussed. It was decided that since they were minimal that they be posted on the website prior to the Spring Meeting and voted on at that time. Members requested that changes and updates be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Joan opened the floor to discussion over the issues with post season meets, specifically the 500 at A-Champs. Linda Fairchild summarized the information she gathered regarding the 500. The following are some of the parent reps comments & concerns:

- Swimming the 500 lengthens the Senior Prelims
- There were approximately 77 entries in 2006
- The late meet results from the time the meet starts and facility logistics...which can change from season to season.
- Swimming the 500 should be up to the swimmers and coaches not the league
- Numbers of swimmers in this event fluctuate from year to year
- It is not a true Midlakes event since it is not included in a regular dual meet
- Some how we need to make sure the event is not abused in order to make points
- The 500 should have time constraints
- Timers need to know in advance that Sr. Prelims run late due to the 500
- 500 swimmers should provide their own timers
- We should not deny our swimmers the opportunity to swim this event
- A-Champs should only include the same events as dual meets
- This event seems to be an extension of the year round swim clubs; deleting it would promote a summer league mentality.
- This event gives swimmers more opportunity to swim A-Champs
- Year round sprinters lock up the opportunity for summer swimmers for most events; this long distance event gives more options
- The league needs to promote the importance of B-Champs
 - o Re-word A/B Champs to Division Champs & League Champs

C. Approval of Officers:

It was determined by the new By-Laws that were voted on this evening that it was necessary to vote in Cindy McGee as Secretary. She was voted in unanimously.

D. Treasurers Report

Jeanette distributed a Balance Sheet. She will provide a detailed breakdown to any who request it. She explained that the previous account was closed and moved to the Kingsgate Branch. Balance sheet confirms that each division of Midlakes (Water Polo, Dive, Swim) is able to cover their costs. The league needs to look at equipment and repairs needed for the future. Jeanette is pursuing the purchase of Directors and Officer Insurance for the Board. She is also revamping the process of our Non-Profit status which is in question. The questions raised about the Water Polo numbers were explained: \$2,096 of the 2006 income was actually fees from the 2005 season.

E. 2007 Season Schedule

The proposed season schedule was distributed (attached). The dates are tentatively based on a Saturday July 21st A-Champs. If this date changes the schedule will be adjusted.

Ballots were passed out and the date of A-Champs was voted on.

July 21st – 28 votes

July 22nd – 5 votes

July 30/31 – 0 votes

Joan asked if any of the pools would like to take this time to volunteer to host championship meets. The following clubs volunteered:

Fairwood – Senior Prelims

MIBC – Jr. Boys Prelims

MICC – Jr. Girls Prelims

MSC – will consider co-hosting A-Champs

F. 2007 Division Alignment

The proposed season alignment was distributed (attached). There were no questions or concerns. Joan explained that the 4 teams in proposed Division 5 were contacted and none opposed the new alignment. Newport Yacht Club did request on cross divisional meet.

G. Proposed SPLASH donation

Sharon Simas and guest Chris Heaton presented information on SPLASH.

Joan proposed that the League present SPLASH with a \$20,000 donation for start up costs including marketing campaign, consultants & administrative costs. The SPLASH organization will report progress back to Midlakes. The proposal was moved, seconded and carried.

H. New Business

Joan asked that parent reps come prepared to the Spring Meeting with information regarding volunteering for Championship meets.

MICC asked for help with Jr. Girls Prelims. They have a great facility but are weak in the volunteer area.

Overlake noticed that the new schedule did not give them any “A” home meets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cindy McGee

