

Midlakes Annual Spring Meeting  
Wednesday March 28, 2007  
7 pm, Newport Hills



The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

In attendance: Representatives from all clubs except Overlake; Midlakes Board members and Eric Bartleson.

#### **A. Call to Order and Welcome**

Joan Wold welcomed all and introduced the members of the Board who were in attendance: Jeanette Stevens, Cindy McGee, Ann Rhodes, Connie Sholdra, Penny Yantis, Sharon Simas, Susan Freeberg, Connie Flaten, Michelle Lemke, Deanna Crowe and our new Division IV rep, Kim Watkins.

#### **B. Treasurer's Report**

Jeanette Stevens presented the Treasurers report, distributed copies and went over the following information:

- IRS status - non-profit retroactive as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 1985
- We will be filing form 990 from now on
- \$3.00 per swimmer due from each club due June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Gave explanation for needing general liability insurance
- Explained the envelopes distributed to each club to send in insurance fees and insurance binder if not brought to the meeting.
- D&O insurance & Professional fees were added to the budget
- Line item (20,000) reflected the donation to Splash

#### **C. Diving**

Penny Yantis and Ann Rhodes presented diving information:

- They are currently working on the 2007 season schedule. The first meet will be the last week in June and Champs will be the last weekend in July
- All Midlakes swimmers qualify for dive and all efforts will be made to accommodate all who are interested.
- Dive schedule does not conflict with the swim schedule.

\*\* Penny Yantis was presented with flowers, a gift card and certificate in recognition for 11 years of service on the Midlakes Board\*\*

#### **D. Website**

Cindy went over the plan for the league to take over the management of the website from Big Finn. Plans to make the site more user friendly is the goal. Deanna Crowe will make it a goal to get the website redesigned by the end of April.

#### **E. SPLASH**

Sharon Simas introduced SPLASH Board member guests Ben Nueworth and Richard Bendicks who spoke about the goals for the organization.

Sharon offered the following information

- Website: [www.splashforall.com](http://www.splashforall.com)
- 1<sup>st</sup> major fundraiser: SPLASH-A-THON
  - 50-50 split with each club
  - Should be scheduled July 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>
  - Suggested that the splash-a-thon be incorporated into other scheduled events
  - Forms were handed out at asked that clubs respond by May 20<sup>th</sup> with the commitment form
  - SPLASH board members will work with the clubs to help set up the event if necessary

There was a motion to approve the SPLASH-A-THON plan by Michelle Lemke and seconded by Linda Fairchild. Motion was voted on and approved.

#### **F. 2007 Calendar Review**

Calendar was distributed and given a good once over. Other topics addressed:

- Stroke & Turn training required every other year unless official is USA certified
- Team Manager must be 4.0 for 2007
- Meet Manager must be 2.0 for 2007
- 'A' times to be e-mailed to Jeff Lowell
- Championship Awards and T-shirts to be picked up from MIBC on July 13<sup>th</sup>
- There are parking issues at MIBC
- Coaches training site and instructor needs to be found. Cindy will check with the staff at Juanita High School
- Questions were asked regarding what to do about making up missed meet.

#### **G. Proposed Operating Plan Changes**

Cindy asked if all in attendance had the opportunity to look at the changes that were e-mailed to the parent reps. Most answered affirmative.

Connie presented an overview of the changes:

- Most changes were cleanup...i.e. taking out references to meet cards
- New Appendix A text was read and explained
- Midlakes requires stroke briefing at each meet
- "hand on pool deck" has been taken out
- Backstroke turn - took out the work "continuous"
- Referee and Starter can be the same person

Someone noted that in Section F, #10 the word "within" need to replace "with".

There was a motion by Michelle Lemke to approve the proposed changes to the Operating Plan and seconded by Linda Fairchild. The motion was voted on and carried.

#### **H. President's Report**

Joan Wold announced that Debby Fry Wilson would not be able to continue as Vice President for the 2007 season due to a recent job change and that the position was open to any interested.

Joan announced that no change would be made regarding the 500 race as the board had determined that there was no compelling reason to make a change.

#### **I. Club Conduct**

Joan made several constructive suggestions/reminders:

- Remember to get MM file to opposing team on time as agreed upon
- Watch the number of swimmers at each meet. Make sure the parameters are in compliance with League standards
- Make sure that coaches are communicating regarding exhibition heats
- 'A' swimmers can only move up one age group
- Give 'B' swimmers maximum opportunity to swim each week
- Swimmer, Coaches and parents are expected to use good sportsmanship
- All clubs are responsible for making sure that the Division rep receives scores by e-mail in order to maintain win loss records for the season.
- Make sure that the scores are included in the results submitted to the website. The Host team is responsible for submitting results within 24 hours to the website
- The League needs to recognize record breakers...make sure that the appropriate form is submitted to the League
- A meet referee must be designated at each meet and they are responsible for conducting the meet stroke briefing.

## **J. Water Polo**

We were pleased to be informed that Eric Bartleson will be the "Commissioner of Water Polo" for the 2007 season. Eric announced that the first practice would be scheduled after A Champs. The season will be 4 weeks long. Championship games will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The website is [www.midlakeswaterpolo.com](http://www.midlakeswaterpolo.com).

## **K. New Business**

- Sharon Simas presented samples of the new awards, ribbons and medals, representing the new logo. She announced that the old medals will continue to be used until they are gone. If clubs are interested in ordering club ribbons with the new logo they can contact Hasty Awards or American Awards who already have the logo on file.
- Lynn Mathis from Phantom Lake announced a swim clinic sponsored by Phantom Lake that will accommodate 60 swimmers. She handed out registration flyers.

## **L. Adjourn to Division Break Out**

Membership broke into divisions at 8:15

Divisions reported the following clubs as Divisional Championship Hosts:

Division I - Newport Hills

Division II - Klahanie

Division III - Kingsgate Royals

Division IV - Either Phantom Lake or Kingsgate Monarchs

Division V - Woodridge

Respectfully submitted by Cindy McGee