

**Minutes General Meeting
Southwest Ohio Swim League
September 20, 2005
Cincinnati Resource Center**

Meeting called to order by Mike Leonard, President

Introductions: All in attendance were asked to introduce themselves. We had good representations from most teams in the league. A roster was sent through the meeting with a note asking each team to verify the names on the roster.

Devotion: Claudia Multer

Minutes of September 2004 were recapped from memory. We did not vote to accept the minutes, as we had no copy in print at the meeting.

Financial Report – All teams have paid for Long Course. In September 2004 we had a balance of \$13,196. We presently have \$32,121. We have not ordered awards for this season yet.

Speaker - Bob Prangley gave our kickoff speech. Bob was a very successful swim coach at Hamilton West YMCA for 3 years. He is now a parent in the YMCA program. Bob stressed making swimming fun for the swimmer.

Rule changes – Pat Lunsford introduced the changes in rules for NCAA, high school and USAS.

Officials - Every official must attend a refresher course this winter. They will be offered at several locations. You may not work a major position at championships if you do not attend. If you need to be recertified you make the test after a refresher session. Sites for refreshers will be listed on the web.

Clinics – New clinic dates that we know.

October 8	Miami County	Swim Official
October 16	Springfield	Swim Official
October 22	Auglaize Mercer	Swim Official
Oct 26	Powel Crosley	Swim Official
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Late Oct	Blue Ash	Swim Official
Early Nov	Beavercreek	Swim Official

Refresher clinics –

October 8	Miami County
October 29	Blue Ash
October 16	Springfield

Others to be listed later

Bonus – if you need to renew you can attend a refresher clinic and take the online test to recertify.

Recap Long course – The executive committee discussed the meet and looked at suggestions to make it better. Basically, we are happy with Saturday and Sunday, and we knew that Friday would be long. No suggestions for changes. We are working on warm-up assignments. Changes will be noted in the meet information.

Safety Training for Swim Coaches – **We always have** a need for Safety Training for Swim Coaches. We are working on getting a session set up.

Coaches Certifications should be required for all meets. Toby will be able to issue them as certifications expire. He was held up last year as the format had to be accepted by the zone. Certifications should be carried with the coach at all meets. We need cooperation from meet directors. The league policy is that no coach will get a free heat sheet without his certification. Toby will post current coaches on web. He is prepared to issue certifications as you send in your certification updates. After November 1, the league policy should be enforced. That gives 30 days to get your information to Toby.

Swimposium is posted on the Kast-a-way site www.kastawayswimwear.com and on www.swyswim.org. Dates September 30, October 1, 2.

AA & A Champs – We will make minor adjustments to the order of events for Saturday. We will also build in some breaks. Bill has sent out some suggestions for changes in qualifying times. Motion to accept the qualifying times as presented by Dave Johnson. Second by Francis Parrish. Unanimously approved.

Zones –The zone committee has a new web site. It is www.glzswim.org. It will be a common place for information. The site is up. We are at Bowling Green in 2006 hosted by Toledo and Defiance. Bids for 2007 are due in December. We do have one bid for 2007 from Jon Reidler.

Short Course Nationals will be held April 4-7, 2006 in Fort Lauderdale. There are two changes in qualifying times. They are posted on the web site.

Masters – Date definite – May 18-21 – Fort Lauderdale. It will be a lot of fun and we are hoping for a better turn out that this past year. We really need to have 500 or more or we are in danger of losing the meet.

Long Course Nationals – August 1-4, 2006 – still working on time standards.

Hall of Fame – We need suggestions for Hall of Fame, both volunteers and officials. Please send suggestions to any member of the executive committee.

President's meeting. – Todd Washburn suggested a meeting of booster presidents or booster chairpersons. It would be a great place for exchange of ideas. Mike suggested that any leaders of parent groups contact Todd to get something organized.

Annual fee – The annual fee for each team is presently \$25. We waive it each year. We do not need the money. We do need to stress the importance of the annual meeting. The executive committee suggests that the annual fee for each team shall be \$100 per year. This fee will be waived for any team that has two representatives (one must be a staff person and one lay) in attendance at the annual meeting in September. This is to take effect September 2006.

Motion to waive the annual \$25 for the 2005-2006 season by Bill Whatley, second Bill Walker. Unanimous approval.

Bill Whatley made a motion to make the annual fee \$100. The fee will be waived for any team that has the two required representatives at the annual meeting. (One must be a staff representative and one a layperson.)

Web and Records – The website "www.swyswim.org" is the official means of communication. Look there for meet information. All meet managers should send a backup of the meet to Dave Murray for results to be posted on the web.

Elections – The nominating committee suggested the following slate. – Mike asked for nominations from the floor. Motion to accept the slate as proposed by Todd Washburn. Second by Pete Twiste. Unanimous approval.

President	Mike Leonard
Vice President	Toby Boedeker
Treasurer	Dave Johnson
Secretary	Claudia Multer

Mike asked if there were any items of new business from the floor.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Multer