

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 19, 2007

The Board met at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA with the following members present:

Mark Wiley (President), Amy Foley (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Ron Snider (Vice President), Jeanette Carroll (Registration Secretary), Stephanie Malone (Cumberland Youth Foundation), John Holloway (Colonial Shores), Les Rowe (Fort Oglethorpe), Michael Mathis (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club), Cheryl Alfano (Ridgeside), Regena Young (Red Bank), Barry O'Neal (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Buck Meyer (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Donnie Rains (Colonial Shores), Mike Patrick (Ringgold), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Janet Pickett (Signal Mountain), Bill Caulkins.

Mr. Wiley called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Wiley asked that the board review the proposed agenda, with one change. The change was to allow Bill Caulkins to speak during the Report of Officers. Mr. Rowe made a motion to accept, with a second received from Mr. Holloway vote was taken and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as modified.

The minutes from the board meeting of March 13th, were reviewed. Mr. Wiley asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Caulkins made a motion to be accepted as written. The motion received a second from Mr. Rowe and vote was taken, and passed unanimously the minutes were approved as written.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Bill Caulkins/Official Clinic. The Official's Clinic will be Monday, May 21st and Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 at the Downtown YMCA. This clinic is a great opportunity for parents to come and learn. There is no obligation and no fee for this clinic.

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. No treasurer's report. Mr. Wiley will check with Ms. Henderson about the continuation of purchasing the officials books and updated video as we have done in the past.

Registration Secretary's Report. Ms. Carroll informed that packets were ready and to be picked up before leaving. If you have any questions please feel free to give her a call. The new fax machine will be ready on May 1st. Please see packet for the new fax number.

Mr. Snider brought forth the question of the \$150.00 fee for each team. The fee has been used in the past for advertising. The suggestion was made to waive the fee this year since we had no expenses coming this year. Mr. Rowe made the motion to waive the fee and received a second from Mr. Mathis. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pool Safety & Insurance No new information from committee. Mr. Tharpe will get with Mr. Rains and look into having information for next meeting. Every team needs to bring their K & K insurance coverage to the next meeting. The depth of every pool was brought up and Mr. Rains said every team as of last summer was in compliance of the 3½ foot minimum depth requirement.

Unfinished Business:

City Meet Handbook. Topic was not discussed. Mr. Wiley is currently still working on a new outline.

Rules and Regulations for 2007.

Proposed Rule Change:

Strike the current section F (9) and replace it with the following:

A swimmer may compete in the next higher age group in individual and relay events, provided that they do not take the place of an eligible swimmer in that age group (for that meet). An ineligible swimmer could be due to a swimmer being swum up from their age group to fill a spot in the next higher age group. An available swimmer is one who is in attendance at any portion of the meet that day. The swim coach or pool representative must inform the scoring table that they have swimmers competing in a higher age group prior to the start of the meet. Penalty for failing to comply with these requirements will be the deduction of all awarded individual points and all relay team points on which a swimmer competed in the higher age group.

The main objective of the rule change is for more swimmers to be able to swim and if a team has holes in an age group it gives swimmers/teams a chance for relays.

Many ideas were brought forward. Mr. Holloway felt that some teams would be gaining advantages. At this time Mr. Wiley will continue to work on the wording and the proposed rule change would be brought up again at the next meeting for a vote.

Web Site – Webmaster - This area is still being looked into. It was agreed that we would need to pay someone for keeping the web site updated. Currently, Mr. Wiley has been updating but does not have the time to continue. Currently, various members of the board are checking into pricing.

New Business:

Guest on Pool Safety – Carol Noon Noblitt.

Mrs. Noblitt is the mother of Trevor who was hurt in an accident on June 29, 2006 during a meet in Cleveland. Mrs. Noblitt shared her story and concerns regarding safety and the league. Mrs. Noblitt provided everyone in attendance with written accounts of the night of the accident.

The question was asked, “have any safety measures changed or been looked into since last year?” Mrs. Noblitt wanted everyone to understand she was not here to pick on anyone but to urge that a safety protocol be put in place and followed for every team. The issue of safety needs to be taken seriously. We need to remember that this is summer swim and is fun and our goal should be to provide summer fun in a safe environment. The accident did occur at the pool in Cleveland but problems seem to be at many pools in our league. The blocks are not uniform, depth is different and a possible solution would be to have all swimmers start in the water.

The following are some of the safety measures that were discussed and will be examined by the Pool and Safety Committee. Mr. Caulkins asked to be a member of the Safety committee.

Backboards visibly present during meets

Lifeguards are on duty during meets

Safety Check List to be completed prior to the start of meets

Guidelines for Pool Rep

Guidelines for Officials

Mr. Rains made the suggestion that it should be mandatory for lifeguards at meets. We would ask teams to use the \$150 team fee (waived earlier) to pay for lifeguards. This idea was discussed last year. Mr. Tharpe and Mr. Rains will write this up and bring to the next meeting.

Mr. Caulkins feels that during warm-ups swimmers are every where and this is an area where injury could take place. Also, he suggested we look into over the top starts and possibly disallowing.

With regards to insurance, the board, deck officials and pool reps have no liability insurance. All of these areas will be examined by the committee. However, with regards to our K & K insurance, required by every team, it was highly spoken of by Mrs. Noblitt. Her experience with K & K was a very positive experience.

The accounts given by Mrs. Noblitt were emotional and the matter of safety will be at the top of the agenda as we begin this swim season. Mrs. Noblitt informed us that Trevor is doing well. He has gone back to swimming and will continue to be monitored for many years to come. Mrs. Noblitt also informed those in attendance she is more than willing to help to ensure that safety protocols are established and maintained by the league

Prepare to declare meet start times by next meeting. Mr. Wiley asked that all teams be ready to declare their start times by next meeting. Mr. Wiley will have a list of questions for transfers. All transfers will be done at the registration meeting in June.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

A proposal was made by Mr. Snider for the league to look into having new city meet records with regards to outdoor records and indoor records. Mr. Tharpe agreed. However, the question was how would this be tracked and why. Mr. Snider said that indoor records would be started

from last years meet since it was held indoors at Baylor. This will be addressed again at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Following completion of the business brought before the board, a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second, after which a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Submitted,

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For Dale Tillman, recording secretary