

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 20, 2009

The Board met on Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown YMCA with the following members present:

Dale Tillman (President), Jim Chow (President Elect), Corinne Henderson (Treasurer), Stephanie Malone (Secretary), Jeanette Carroll (Registration Secretary), Les Rowe (FTO), Buck Meyer (Cleveland), Carol Noon-Noblitt (Ridgeside), Kristie Perry (Red Bank), James Bevill (Fairlyland), Michael Mathis (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club), Linda Brubaker (Ringgold), Ronnie Kimball (CGCC), Karen Snider (Mosby Park), Doug Fuller (Cleveland), Tony Swink (Calhoun) and Bill Caulkin.

Ms. Tillman asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Motion was accepted by Mr. Rowe and received a second from Mr. Caulkin vote was taken, and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

The minutes from the board meeting of June 16th, were reviewed. Ms. Tillman asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Rowe made a motion to be accepted as written. The motion received a second from Mr. Caulkin and vote was taken, as passed unanimously, the minutes were approved as written.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson handed out an updated report. Ms. Henderson noted that we have not received our portion from the city meet. Once the city meet check is received we should have approx. \$7,000.00 in the bank.

City Meet – Ms. Pittman was not present to give information on the city meet. Ms. Tillman said that there was 700+ swimmers in this year's city meet.

Safety – A child was hurt at the city meet while playing. The accident occurred before finals. The child cut his foot on the bleachers and it required stitches. No further word has been received.

Bylaws – All by-laws on the website are now updated.

Old Business:

Banners – The 2007 banners were on display during the city meet.

Safety Handbook – Ron Snider has all information. The Safety Handbook will be handed out at the next meeting in September.

Recap of City Meet & Fugate Award - The Fugate family was moved and very appreciative. The City Meet went well. Ms. Tillman made note of 7 issues that occurred.

New Business:

Proposed changes to city meet events/format – A committee was formed to look over the suggestions that were given to Ms. Tillman regarding changes to the city meet format. The Committee will consist of Carol Noon-Noblitt, Dale Tillman, Buck Meyer and Jim Chow. Mr. Caulkin also gave valuable insight to how the events came about and why they have changed over the course of the years. Listed below if suggestions that were handed out

Suggestions for City Meet

- Team reps have 48 hours after the psych sheet is posted to add or fix entries. Once this deadline is passed then there will be NO LATE ENTRIES. (There were problems this year with late entries)
- Eliminate 8 & under 100 free. Eliminate the 200 free for 9 & up.
- 8 & under 50 free is a timed final. 9 and up 100 free is a timed final.
- Eliminate the 8 & under 100 IM. Make the 9 & up 100 IM a prelim/final
- Add a 6 & under 25 yd back and 25 yd free event
- Change the order of events to the last event on Saturday is the 50 free
- No re-call for a false start at the CASL Swimming Championship meet. – (This was deleted.)
- Positive check-in for finals! Positive check occurs 30 mins prior to the start of the finals. Once the check-in period is over alternates will be substituted in where applicable and then that is it—no more changes to the heat/lane assignments for the finals sessions. (The league approached various ways of handling check-in and still there have been many problems. The only way this can work is by better communication)
- If you positively check-in for finals and do not swim it is a \$25 fine unless the meet referee determines that there was due cause
- Pool rep briefing immediately after the coaches meeting.
- Bring back the top 8 relays to Finals.

League divisions – The league will remain the same for another year in regards to the two divisions. Ms. Tillman passed out informational sheets going over the pros and cons of two division league vs. three division league. The information is listed below.

Two Division League

PROS

- One less meet each season which translates into less expenditures for officials
- With 7 meets you could arrange the schedule such that you have only 1 meet a week—means that families taking vacation may miss only 2 meets instead of 4.
- With only 1 meet per wk you could arrange the schedule such that only ½ teams swim on Monday and only ½ teams swim on Thursday in a given week. This would cut down on the number of officials you need per night. Also, it would allow folks an opportunity to be a spectator at other meets.

- For the weaker teams in the division you only have to face the stronger teams one time instead of two.
- Opportunity to get to know more people.
- Opportunity to get to swim against more people—more representative of what you see at the city meet.

CONS

- Level of competition is more stratified across the division (i.e. the level of Ft. O compared to the level of East Ridge was much greater than would have been if there had been a middle division)

Three Division League

PROS

- Teams get to swim each other both at home and away
- One more meet means extra concession revenues for the teams
- Teams in each division are more closely aligned with each other in terms of competitive ability.

CONS

- The weaker teams in each league get to be overwhelmed by the stronger teams not once, but twice.
- Number of swimmers you get to compete against is limited.
- Teams get stuck in routine of swimming the same teams every season with very little opportunity to get to know folks on “those other” teams.

Extra dual meet means more officials and more expense.

New officers – Due to time the new officers was tabled until the next meeting.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

In regards to registration Jeanette Carroll asked that guidelines be the same for every team. This brought up much discussion and will be looked at again at the next meeting. Ms. Carroll also provided updated numbers for each team. The league had 1,710 registered swimmers this year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, September 17, 2009.

Submitted,

Stephanie Malone
Recording secretary