

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 16, 2006

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

Donald Rains, president (Colonial Shores); Chris Varnell (treasurer)(Red Bank); Jeanette Carroll, registration secretary; David Nagle, secretary (Signal Mountain); Mark Wiley (Red Bank); George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA); Corinne Henderson (East Ridge); Regena Young (Red Bank); Laura Pitman (Baylor Swim Club); Jay Cooper (Signal Mountain); Stan Kupiszewski (Cumberland Youth Foundation); Henry Tharpe (Dalton); Ronnie Kimball (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club / diving); Mike Patrick (Ringgold); Les Rowe (Ft. Oglethorpe); Pam Fleenor (Fairlyland); and Amy Foley (Cleveland Aqua Tigers).

Mr. Rains called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Rains asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Mr. Wiley moved that the proposed agenda be accepted. The motion received a second from Mr. Tharpe. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the board meeting of January 19, 2006, were reviewed. Mr. Rains asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Wiley noted one change at the bottom of page 3 in which the motion was for "tentative" dates for the City Meet. Mr. Wiley moved that the minutes be accepted as revised. The motion received a second from Mr. Rowe. A vote was taken, and the motion unanimously carried, and the minutes were approved as revised.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Varnell reported that the operating account contained \$7,583.37 as of December 31, 2005. He further reported that the money market account contained \$4,574.34 as of December 31, 2005.

Mr Varnell reported that one check (one for \$220 payable to Cleveland Aqua Tigers) had been negotiated since the last board meeting and that two other checks remained outstanding. There was another outstanding check for \$199.50 payable to SideTrips for the ISP/domain name.

Mr. Varnell noted that the bank sends statements quarterly instead of monthly. He also reported that the existing bank account will be changed to a new account.

Registration Secretary's Report. Ms. Carroll reminded everyone that applications will be accepted until the end of May. She will distribute pre-registration packets at the meeting on April 18. Registration will be improved this season due to her having a facsimile machine at her residence.

Mr. Wiley moved for the Chattanooga Area Swim League to pay up to \$250.00 for the purchase of a new facsimile machine and supplies for Ms. Carroll's residence. The motion received a second from Mr. Tharpe. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rains added that he intends to obtain a new facsimile number and adopt a new procedure.

Ms. Carroll reported that she has available a new waiver form for divers which has been adopted and used by U.S.A. Diving. Mr. Wiley stated that he will place that form on the CASL website.

Ms. Carroll urged the members to finalize the dates for the pre-registration meeting (tentatively set for April 18) and the registration meeting. Mr. Rowe urged members to have their teams have the packages to Ms. Carroll by April 18.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – No report of this committee was given

Dual Meet – No formal report of this committee was given, but the 2006 dual meet schedule was discussed as described below.

Publicity – No formal report of this committee was given, but this topic was discussed as further described below.

Membership – No report of this committee was given.

City Meet – No formal committee report was given, but the board discussed this issue in excruciating detail as noted hereinbelow.

Awards – No report of this committee was given.

Financial Administration – No report of this committee was given.

Bylaws – No report of this committee was given.

Reports of Special Committees: No reports were given.

Other reports of the officers: No reports were given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. City Meet. There was a thorough discussion about the date for the 2006 City Meet. Mr. Rains opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Pitman reported that the Baylor Swim Club is hosting the Bullfrog Meet July 8-9. Sectionals are scheduled for July 15-16. The Georgia Senior State Meet is scheduled for July 21-22. Southeasterns are scheduled for July 28-29 in Moultrie, Georgia. Mr. Rains emphasized that the board needed to set dates that are best for the league as well as considering what Baylor Swim Club can handle.

Mr. Patrick estimated that the conflict in schedules will affect 45-60 swimmers on the Ringgold team. Mr. Rowe estimated that the conflict in schedules will affect 30-35 swimmers on the Ft. Oglethorpe team. It was also estimated that the conflict will affect 25 swimmers on the Calhoun team. Mr. Patrick suggested that the City Meet for the Chattanooga Area Swim League not be set on July 21-22. Mr. Rowe believes that many of the swimmers on the Georgia teams (he estimated half) will opt to attend the Georgia State Meet rather than the Chattanooga Area Swim League City Meet. He conceded that any decision that is made will be good for some swimmers and bad for some swimmers. He observed that the swimmers will have the opportunity to swim somewhere and that they will have to choose where they would like to swim on that weekend.

Several alternatives were suggested and thoroughly considered. Mr. Tharpe suggested the possibility of having the CASL City Meet July 28-29. He expressed concern, however, that some school systems in the area may begin school the first week of August. Ms. Henderson obtained information during the meeting and reported that schools in Georgia will begin on August 4 this year. Mr. Rains observed that having the CASL City Meet on July 28-29 will allow the teams ample time to complete the dual meet schedule. Ms. Young mentioned that moving the meet to the weekend of July 28-29 may be difficult for coaches of some teams.

Mr. Rowe suggested the possibility of having the City Meet in the evenings during the week rather than on the weekend. Mr. Rains stated that the City Meet consists of six sessions (four preliminary sessions and two sessions of finals) and that each session takes four hours to complete considering over 800 swimmers. Ms. Kimball cautioned that it may be a hardship on some families to attend the City Meet in the evenings during the week and then travel to Moultrie, Georgia, for the meet on the weekend. Mr. Cooper suggested the possibility of having on Monday night (July 17) the sessions that are usually held on Friday morning and Friday afternoon if all lanes of the Baylor School pool are used; the sessions usually held on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon can be held on Tuesday evening (July 18) using all lanes of the pool; and then Finals would be held on Wednesday evening (July 19). Timers for that scenario would not be a problem since every team supplies timers. The pool would need 24 blocks. All available officials would need to be utilized. Ms. Kimball added that the diving competition could be held during the daytime hours. Mr. Tharpe offered use of the pool in Dalton for diving, if necessary.

Dr. Kupiszewski noted that the three-night idea has merit but that such a dramatic change will confuse parents and that they would be unlikely to accept it very well. Ms. Fleenor agreed that it would be difficult to change the format that has been used for years. Mr. Rains observed that such a proposal could logistically be done at the Baylor School pool but that running two pools would likely confuse parents. Mr. Rains suggested that one Friday-Saturday or the other be selected for the City Meet. He added that any weekend selected may cause problems with the scheduling of vacations by families. Placing the City Meet later than July 21-22 may also cause problems with coaches who are college students who must return to their own schools and will increase the overhead for every team, including coaches who will expect more pay.

Following an exhaustive discussion, Mr. Rains requested that a motion be made. Mr. Wiley moved that the City Meet for the Chattanooga Area Swim League be held on July 21-22. The motion received a second from Mr. Cooper. A vote was taken. Mr. Patrick and Mr. Rowe voted *against* the motion. All other members present voted in favor of the motion. Therefore, the motion carried.

B. Publicity Update. Mr. Rains reported that he had spoken with Mr. Mark Sosna this week and that they will have the board sizes by the end of this week. He will send that information via e-mail to Ms. Angela Hayes who has advised Mr. Rains that she has the preliminary artwork ready. Mr. Rains was confident that this task will be timely accomplished.

C. 2006 Dual Meet Schedule. Mr. Rains directed the members of the Dual Meet Committee to begin their work on preparing the schedule for the dual meets. Ms. Fleenor accepted the responsibility for finalizing the schedule for the White Division, which she expects to delegate to someone else. Ms. Young and Mr. Wiley accepted the responsibility for finalizing the schedule for the Red Division. Ms. Missy Smith was given *in absentia* the responsibility for finalizing the schedule for the Blue Division. Mr. Rains offered direction to those involved in preparing the schedules. He suggested contacting the pool reps for every team in each division and requesting input. Ms. Foley reported that the Cleveland Parks and Recreation Agency has requested that the Cleveland Aqua Tigers host home meets during the

first two weeks of June and attend away meets during the second two weeks of June.

Mr. Rains stated that the dual meets may begin as early as June 1. Mr. Cooper reported that the Signal Mountain Developmental Meet will likely be held on June 24. Mr. Rains expects to have the tentative schedule for the dual meets by the March board meeting.

Ms. Carroll added that she hope to have registration no later than Thursday, May 25. That is the deadline to register teams, not the deadline to register swimmers.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Official Training Session. Mr. Rains reported that he has not been able to reach Mr. Bill Caulkins. Mr. Rains expects to report at the March board meeting the dates for the training sessions. Mr. Rains and Mr. Wiley explained that every team must have two trained officials who will have to act as officials at dual meets if one or more of the regular officials do not attend or are unable to officiate. Coaches of teams are not considered as trained officials. Individuals are automatically qualified if they have been certified by U.S. Swimming. If a team does not have a trained official at a dual meet and a regular official does not appear or cannot officiate, then the other team at the dual meet is permitted to use its own official, and the team which does not have a trained official is not permitted to object to or challenge any decisions made by the other team's trained official.

B. Coaches' Clinic. Dr. Kupiszewski agreed to discuss with Mr. Stan Corcoran the availability for a clinic for coaches to obtain certification. Every team must have a coach with certification for lifesaving, such as Red Cross CPR or Coaches Lifesaving Certification. Being a certified lifeguard is an acceptable alternative. Each coach should have his or her card available for copying at the registration meeting. Mr. Wiley and Mr. Tharpe urged establishing of deadlines for completion of the certification and penalties for teams which fail to comply.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Pitman raised the issue of a kickoff for the swim season. She volunteered to contact one more coaches for Division I-A college swim teams and lure one to Chattanooga for the kickoff. Mr. Rains confirmed that the Chattanooga Area Swim League is definitely interested in that idea beyond a shadow of a doubt. He advised Ms. Pitman that the Chattanooga Area Swim League will pay the reasonable expenses of bringing a coach here for the kickoff. Ms. Pitman suggested that the coach offer a stroke clinic on a Saturday in mid-to-late May before the dual meet season begins.

Unfinished business was summarized.

Mr. Wiley added that he need updated information about pool reps for every team.

ADJOURNMENT

Following completion of the business brought before the board, Mr. Wiley moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Dr. Kupiszewski, after which a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 on March 16, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nagle, recording secretary