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The meeting of the CASL Board was held on February 19, 2004, with the following members present: David Stone (President); Bobby Dann (Past-President); Renee Leavens (Recording Secretary); Ron Snider & Barry O'Neal (CAT); Jason Meszaros (CCAC); Donnie Rains (CS); Lisa Holland (ERYF); Doug Berg (FC); Steve Greene (FTO); Beth Griggs (HYMCA); Peggy Shelton & Kristie Perry (RB); Mike Patrick (RG); Nelda Welch (RS); Doug Torrance (SM); Missy Smith & Bruce Rogers (STH).

Danny Huffman was present as a guest representing the new Mosby Park Swim Team.

David Stone informed those present that Rick Brackett would not be present this evening. Rick's father was killed in an automobile accident Tuesday and his mother is in critical condition. He asked that we remember the family in our thoughts and prayers.

David Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 6:36.

A quorum was established by roll call.

The President called for orders of the meeting

The President presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Motion – D. Torrance - Accept agenda as presented; Second – M. Smith; Vote – Approved.

Minutes from the January 15, 2004, meeting were read.

Motion – B. Rogers – Accept minutes as read; Second – D. Torrance; Vote – Approved.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers:

Treasurer – C. Varnell is out of town. B. Dann reported the tax return was filed timely. A bill for \$250 was received, even though we were never charged before. B. Dann will ask if the fee can be waived. If not it will be accounted for as an administrative expense.

Registration Secretary – No Report

President – No Report

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – No Report. D. Stone read a letter from Larry Alexander of GCAC. He will be holding a meeting Monday, 2-23-04, at the Baylor Pool from 6-8 pm for anyone interested in becoming a US Swimming certified official. The cost is \$45 and this covers your registration, rule book, and a subscription to Splash Magazine. At the end of the meeting there is an open-book test. The CASL will reimburse anyone that passes the test and works 4 meets during the dual meet season.

Dual Meet – Mike Patrick (white division), Peggy Shelton (red division), and Missy Smith (blue division), have begun work on the season schedule. When to start the season is a big issue. The red and blue divisions are ok with a June 3rd start but the white division prefers to start

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June 7th. If the season starts on June 7th there can be no night off on July 5th. The committee will have the schedule available at the March meeting. The white division will have two possible schedules, one with Mosby Park Swim Team and one without (see discussion under By-Laws Committee). ERYF requests no home meets on Thursdays. SM requests no home meets on Mondays. CS requests their meets be mixed up rather than 4 away followed by 4 at home. The STH Invitational will be June 5th. The SM Developmental will be June 19th. The ER Diving Invitational will probably be June 26th. CAT will talk about an Invitational to be held on June 12th or 26th, but will defer to ER to pick their date first. The dual meet rain date will be Monday July 12th. The Bull Frog meet will be July 9th, 10th, and 11th, with the Georgia GRPA to be held the same weekend.

Publicity – No Report

Membership – No Report

City Meet – H. Tharpe is still trying to negotiate the contract for using Warner Park.

Awards – P. Shelton asked for clarification on who purchases the awards. In the past it was thought to be CASL buying the Dual Meet Season Awards and the Host Team buying the City Meet Awards, but there were mix-ups the last two seasons. R. Leavens will look through the minutes to see if any change was made and she will report the findings to P. Shelton in a few days.

Follow-up: On page 1 of the July 8, 2003 minutes, under the City Meet committee report, there was a motion made, seconded, and approved. "The CASL to pay for all team awards for city meet swimming and diving, and for the dual meet season awards." Discussion indicated the city meet host team was only paying for individual awards.

By-Laws – The committee has had various discussions and will present recommended By-Law changes at the March meeting to be voted on at the April meeting.

On 2-9-04 D. Stone was contacted by Danny Huffman about the possibility of bringing the Mosby Park Swim Team (MP) into CASL for the upcoming season. He brought the issue to the By-Laws Committee. Their concerns included, but were not limited to, time to completely inspect the facility, adequacy of parking, and how this would affect the dual meet scheduling process. They also recognized the need for a vote to waive the February 1st deadline for admission of a new team if that was the decision of the board. They posed the possibility of inviting MP to come in as WP did. They could participate in the invitationals, the developmental meet and city meet. Perhaps they could swim some exhibition dual meets with other teams and use this season to get their parents up to speed hosting a dual meet. They could get CASL insurance and then join the league as a full member for the 2005 season. The committee may even recommend this as the way for any team to join CASL in the future. D. Stone emailed Mr. Huffman this morning with the details of the By-Laws Committee discussion.

At this point in the meeting, Danny Huffman was introduced by President David Stone and asked to briefly explain his plans for the Mosby Park (near Cleveland, Tennessee) Swim Team and their desire to join the CASL. Mr. Huffman hopes the Board will work with a new team and perhaps waive the February 1st deadline. Tony Calvin is the supervisor of the Mosby Park (MP) Pool and felt it was under utilized. He offered it to CAT as an alternate site,

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but they declined. Danny Huffman is the pool manager this year and talked with Mr. Calvin about starting a new swim team.

D. Huffman is a former Head Coach of the Cleveland Aqua Tigers (CAT) so he is familiar with CASL. He hopes to bring in new swimmers and bring back swimmers who left the sport. He already has 35-40 names and hasn't advertised. He doesn't want to take swimmers away from the CAT; he wants to broaden awareness of the sport and participation. Cleveland recently made metropolitan status and is about 1/3 the size of Chattanooga, so he feels the area can definitely support another team. His focus will be to teach the fundamentals of swimming, water safety, and having fun. He expects his pool to be ready by May 1st. He will definitely have a team this summer and hopes the team can be a part of CASL.

Ron Snider and Barry O'Neal, CAT's assistant pool rep and president respectively, both spoke in favor of the idea. D. Torrance (SM) and L. Holland (ERYF) also expressed the hope this new team can participate in all the special meets even if they can't be a full CASL member this season. If MP joins as a full member, they would be in the white division (6 teams). The white division teams would each swim 5 meets instead of 8. They would swim one meet against each of the other 5 teams in the division. MP's preference is to join as a full member this season, but they also understand that as a provisional member they can get competition while we get the chance see if they are truly a viable team.

Motion – D. Raines – Accept Mosby Park into the CASL as a provisional member with limitations to be voted on at the next meeting and their pool to be inspected and meet specifications; Second – B. Dann; Vote – Passed.

D. Stone will get K & K Insurance information to D. Huffman so he may obtain the proper insurance before the next meeting. The By-Laws committee, and D. Stone, S. Daigle, R. Snider, will visit the Mosby Park Pool. R. Snider will work with D. Huffman to set up a day and time for the visit. He will inform D. Stone who will send out an email with the pertinent information. Everyone is invited to join the inspection visit, but especially white division teams may want to avail themselves of this opportunity since they would be competing there. The group will use the Facility Checklist (available on the website) as a guide for their inspection and will report the results at the next board meeting.

Coaches Clinic – Beth Griggs is working on this. She spoke with ER and SM about the steps they take to try and insure line ups are properly filled out. If Team Manager is properly used and the entry limits are set at 3 individual events and 2 relays, then there should be no problems. Be aware of exhibition swimmers though.

B. Dann reported the By-Laws committee may recommend a separate one hour clinic for teaching rules to the coaches. B. Griggs asked if the coaches would meet separately from the Board in May. This idea was discussed at the October 16th, 2003, regular Board meeting. Quoting from page 2 of those minutes, Reports of the Officers, President, "The Ad Hoc Coaches Clinic/Training Committee will include Charles Todd. As a year round coach (CCAC) he can offer valuable insight and ideas. This group needs to look at separating the coaches and Board meeting held in May."

All teams need to watch for information concerning certification classes that are now required for coaches.

Diving – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

The April meeting is currently scheduled for April 15th which is during Hamilton County Schools spring break.

Motion – P. Shelton – Hold the April meeting on April 22, 2004; Second – N. Welch; Vote – Approved.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA. With the completion of the agenda, the President called for the question at large regarding a call for adjournment. Motion to adjourn – N. Welch; Second – B. Dann; Vote – Approved.

President D. Stone closed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Leavens, Secretary