

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 28, 2008

The Board met on Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the following members present:

Ron Snider (President), Dale Tillman (Vice President), Stephanie Malone (Secretary), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Buck Meyer (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), John Holloway (Colonial Shores), Mike Patrick (Ringgold), Les Rowe (Fort Oglethorpe), Robin Crump (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club), Missy Smith (Stuart Heights), Amy Foley (Cleveland), John Bonds (Baylor Diving Club).

Mr. Snider called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Snider asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Motion was accepted by Missy Smith and received a second from Mr. Rowe, vote was taken, and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

The minutes from the board meeting of January 17th, were reviewed. Mr. Snider asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Tharpe made a motion to be accepted as written. The motion received a second from Mr. Meyer and vote was taken, and passed unanimously the minutes were approved as written.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson was not in attendance. A current report was given out and reviewed.

City Meet Directors (George Thomas & Robin Crump) – Parking information for the City Meet was given out. Parking will not be an issue. Scenic City will continue to update the board with City Meet information.

Registration Secretary's Report. Ms. Carroll was not present.

Safety committee (Buck Meyer) – Safety was addressed later in meeting. Committee still working on guidelines.

By-Law Committee (Dale Tillman) – Work still continuing on this committee.

Publicity - Mr. Wiley was not in attendance.

Awards – (Les Rowe) No update at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Diving/discussion on growth

Mr. Bonds addressed one of the main questions regarding safety and diving. Mr. Bonds stated that the statistics regarding injuries for diving are unsuppressed. The main cause of injury is unsupervised diving into shallow water.

Mr. Bonds would like to see every team have diving if their pool meets the safety standards. Mr. Tharpe reminded the board that diving will never be mandatory again under CASL. However, Mr. Tharpe said the board will continue to stay dedicated to generate more interest regarding diving.

Some other suggestions from Mr. Bonds regarding diving was that diving be limited to 30 minutes, no exhibition diving and each diver would be required to dive in two meets.

The teams that do not currently have diving teams were asked to check on interest with their teams. A suggestion was to add a question to the registration form asking if they would be interested in diving and would they be willing to pay an additional cost for the diving coach.

One of the main concerns regarding diving is the money needed to hire a certified diving coach. Many teams struggle in having enough money to pay just the swim coaches.

In summary declaring diving will continue to be optional per team. Mr. Bonds will continue to keep the board updated with Diving Clinics and possible diving coaches.

A motion by Ms. Tillman was set to get a survey asking about interest in diving in place. The motion received a second from Mr. Tharpe and was passed unanimously. The CASL board will continue to help promote diving.

Date for Diving City Meet/location – The Diving City Meet will be Wednesday, July 23rd. Mr. Bonds will check on location and will let the board know by the next meeting.

Vote on dual meet schedules – The Blue division will be ready next month. The meet schedules for the Red and White division were accepted and passed as presented. The motion to accept was made by George Thomas and received a second from Mr. Rowe and passed unanimously.

Focus on Safety: continued

In regards to the K & K Insurance all teams will be required to list CASL as an additional insured and that will be required at registration. Mr. Tharpe will work on and have the statement ready by the next meeting. This statement will be given to each pool rep at the next meeting. This statement will need to be submitted when teams file their K & K forms.

Mr. Snider and the safety committee are working on the manual that will detail each team and their pool along with health issues.

Safety will continue also as an open discussion every meeting. Members were given a category in which they will come up with ideas and keep notes. The notes will be forwarded to Mr. Snider and be copied and presented at the meetings.

Buck. Meyer	Pool Reps
George Hamilton	Coaches
Michael Mathis	Officials
Dale Tillman	Safety Check List
Ron Snider	Facilities

Example of Safety Check List –

Backboard in place

Lifeguard available

Stocked First Aid Kit

Water Test??????Debate on who is in charge of testing water before meet.

Mr. Snider will go and measure every pool for depth before the start of the season. Mr. Snider also extended an invitation to any pool rep to join him if they wanted.

Summer swim team success/report from Signal Mtn. – No report was given.

New Business:

Meeting Location:

Ms. Tillman will check and see if the next board meeting can be held at the newly remodeled Downtown YMCA.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

Safety will continue to be top priority as we prepare for the new season. Every team will work to promote summer swimming in the coming months.

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 on Thursday, April 3, 2008. The decision for no meeting in March was agreed upon by the board due to spring break. The location for the next meeting will be forwarded to the pool reps.

Submitted,

Stephanie Malone
Recording secretary