

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2008

The Board met on Thursday, January 17th 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), Corinne Henderson (Treasurer), Mark Wiley (Webmaster), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Caroline Bentley (Fairyland Club), Regena Young (Red Bank), Buck Meyer (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Kristin Fuller (Mosby Park), Janet Pickett (Signal Mountain), Cheryl Alfano (Ridgeside), Ronnie Kimball (Chattanooga Golf & Country Club/Diving), Cathy Forsthoffer (SCAC/City Meet Director).

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 Ms. Bentley and received a second from Ms. Pickett, vote was taken, and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

Mr. Snider asked if the minutes from the last meeting were correct. Mr. Meyer asked that the board review the passing of the meet schedule of the Red Division. Mr. Meyer did not agree that a vote was taken and passed. However, according to the minutes a vote was taken and passed. The board members that were present at the meeting where the vote was taken also remember a vote being taken and passing. Then Mr. Meyer asked that the motion be rescinded. Mr. Meyer felt this vote needed to be reviewed and does not feel that the outline given would be fair. Mr. Snider asked Mr. Meyer is he would like to make a motion to rescind. Mr. Meyer brought forth the motion to rescind and received a second by Ms. Bentley. Then a vote was taken and the motion to rescind was defeated by a vote of 7 to 3. Then Mr. Snider asked for all of those who wanted to move ahead and keep the Meet Schedule for the Red Division in place and accept the minutes as written, this was accepted by Ms. Henderson and received a second from Ms. Tillman and was passed by a majority.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson gave everyone updated copy of the finances. The balance in our account is \$9,310.16. Ms. Henderson asked if she could work on getting a procedure in order to update how the officials were paid. The postcards that have been used in the past tend to get lost and this delays paying the officials. Ms. Henderson will get all information together for this update and let Pool Reps know the new procedure. This did not require a motion because no rules were changed.

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 is currently working on, “CASL/Days gone by” and will have at the February meeting. Mr. Wiley will post on the website a generic flyer that teams may use in promoting swimming and the Chattanooga Area Swim League.

Awards - Less Rowe was not present.

City Meet Director – Cathy Forsthoffer was present from Scenic City Aquatic Club. Ms. Forsthoffer confirmed that the city meet would be at Warner Park this year. Ms. Forsthoffer said they are working with Warner Park and will have a back-up parking plan in place since there is construction of a new softball stadium. The back-up plan would have parking at Engel Stadium and a shuttle running to the pool. If this is the case there will be a diagram available. Ms. Forsthoffer will keep CASL posted as details involving the city meet as they become available. Ms. Forsthoffer will check on the date for the diving portion of the city meet. Mr. Wiley asked that the city meet information be ready when teams register.

Unfinished Business:

Dual Meet Committee Members

Blue Division – Missy Smith and Charles Todd

Red Division – Ronnie Kimball and Stephanie Malone

White Division – Brent Rogers and Kristen Fuller

Mr. Snider asked that the schedules for each division be ready by the next meeting if possible and if not no later than the March meeting. Mr. Snider will e-mail a copy of every pool rep and their information so that the committee members can check and see if there are any conflicts with teams and hosting meets.

Rules and Regulations (reword of 19 year old, transfers)

The Age Limit to Compete in the CASL City Meet will now read -

“You may participate in CASL, including City Meet, as either a swimmer or diver, the summer after you graduate from high school and no older than 19 as of December 31st of that year.”

“Exceptions may be brought before the board and will be reviewed on an individual basis.”

The new wording was put to a vote and received a motion from Ms. Henderson and second from Mr. Meyer and passed unanimously.

Age-Up Rule

The question was how many swimmers you can age up in a meet. There is no limit and that is currently way the rule reads. Ms. Bentley felt that this rule was very helpful with their team last season. Ms. Tillman stressed that the pool reps tell their coaches about this rule and be sure they understand the rule completely. No changes were made regarding the Age-Up Rule.

Website Forum

Website Forum is still in the works and Mr. Wiley will have information as soon as it becomes available. We are currently waiting in a change with our server.

New Business:

Focus on Safety

Regarding the K & K insurance every team needs to be sure that they have CASL as an additional insured. This would also cover the board if needed. Mr. Snider is working on a Safety and Facilities handbook. This handbook would be available to everyone. The handbook would include diagrams of the pool, parking, restrooms, and lane assignments, sitting for visitors, directions to the pool and contact information. Also included would be the depth of the pool. Mr. Snider feels that every pool rep should understand every aspect of the pool. Ms. Young will work on the bacteria information for this handbook. Mr. Snider will have additional information at the next meeting.

Focus on Success and Recruiting Ideas

Mosby Park has been very successful according to Mr. Snider. They keep in mind that 1/3 of the swimmers are competitive and you simply need to have a good coach for those swimmers. The other 2/3 of your swimmers need to be taken care of. They need extra attention. Mosby Park keeps in touch with their team year round and they target age groups they need. Mr. Snider reminded everyone that the biggest area that every team needs to keep in mind is home schoolers.

Signal Mountain has also been very successful and they will provide ideas at the next meeting.

Future of Diving

Mr. Snider believes that diving needs to be separate. Mr. Snider firmly believes that if diving is separate it will grow and be more popular. Last year was a start. There are

many teams with no diving. Ms. Henderson we need to continue to help promote diving. A Tuesday night dive night was suggested. Ms. Tillman will be sure that John Bonds will be at the next meeting so we can move forward with diving.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

Safety will be top priority as we prepare for the new season. We need to be sure that every Pool Rep understands their responsibilities. We also will work to promote CASL 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, February 21, 2008.

Submitted,

Stephanie Malone
Recording secretary