

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2010

The Regular Board Meeting was held at 6:30 PM at the Downtown YMCA. Members in Attendance were: Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Linda Brubaker (Ringgold), Janet Pickett (Signal Mtn), Missy Smith (St.Heights), Jeff Carter (St.Heights), Buck Meyer (Cleveland), Carol Noblitt (Ridgeside), Michael Mathis (Country Club), Ronnie Kimball (Country Club), Stephanie Malone (CYF), George Thomas (Hamilton Y), James Bevill (Fairlyland), Les Rowe (Ft. Oglethorpe), Stephanie Huskins (Ooltewah), Jim Chow (Ringgold).

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order by President Jim Chow.

The Meeting Agenda was reviewed and finalized.

The previous meeting's minutes were unavailable. Will be obtained & reviewed at the next meeting.

Old Business

- 1) **Treasurer's Report** given by Buck Meyer. There is currently \$4161 in the account with another \$ 300 + in outstanding checks owed to bring the total to \$4540. We are still waiting for the check from Baylor for the City Meet.
- 2) **Bylaw Committee** – No Report
- 3) **Safety Handbook** – No Report

New Business

- 1) **City Meet Dates** – Henry Tharpe presented the 2010 City Meet dates as July 16 & 17. Dalton will host the meet at Baylor. Diving Meet date will be established.
- 2) **Season Dates** – The 2010 Season will begin the 1st week after Memorial Day.
- 3) **Bylaws Committee** – Mr. Chow asked for 2 people to be on the committee. Carol Noblitt will chair the committee. Stephanie Malone agreed to serve. One additional member is needed.
- 4) **Diving** – Missy Smith raised concern about the decrease in the availability of USA Certified Diving coaches for CASL. Ronnie Kimball mentioned the possibility of moving to AAU Diving. The expense of certifying & insuring coaches through USA diving seems to be hindering local programs. Question was raised as to the feasibility of continuing diving in the CASL. There are only 3 - 4 teams that still have diving teams. One option mentioned was to combine all teams under 1 or 2 coaches for practice, then compete for the diver's individual team in several "diving only" meets. Discussion was made of the difficulty of qualifying divers for the City Meet, even with the mini meets. The decision was made to table the discussion until we could talk to the Diving coaches about the future of Diving in the CASL.
- 5) **Coaches' Safety Training** –Carol Noblitt raised the issue of the safety training for coaches. The concern is that their current training does not address the needs of CASL. The training is aimed to more year-round travel programs and not specifically for the needs of summer league swimming. It was discussed that our coaches should have the basic Lifeguard Safety Training. Ms. Noblitt said she would talk to Stan Cochran about making the training

specific to CASL needs.

6) **Dual Meet Schedules** – Discussion was had over possibly returning to the 3 Division format for Dual Meets. It was mentioned that we had committed to go with the 2 Division format for at least 2 years, so we would continue this for at least this summer. The 3 Division format would be revisited for the 2011 season. The Division 1 schedule will be worked out by Missy Smith & Jeff Carter. The Division 2 schedule will be made up by Michael Mathis & James Bevill. Mr. Chow asked the schedules be done by the next meeting.

Division 1 teams for this summer are:

Dalton, St. Heights, Signal Mtn., Ringgold, Cleveland, Ft. Oglethorpe, Red Bank & Ridgeside.

Division 2 teams are: Hamilton YMCA, East Ridge, Fairyland Club, Mosby Park, Calhoun, Ooltewah, Country Club & CYF.

7) **Dates for Invitationals** – Dates were declared for several CASL Invitationals. St. Heights Invite– June 12, Cleveland Invite – June 19, Signal Mtn. Developmental – June 26 (Diving will be June 25).

8) Mention was made about the need to update the CASL forms and Handbook on the website. Mr. Chow will talk to Mark Wiley about this.

No further business was presented.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made & seconded by Les Rowe & Missy Smith. Meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be February 18, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Downtown YMCA.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pickett
CASL Recording Secretary