

# **CASL** Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

## **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting July 12, 2005**

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

Henry Tharpe, president (Dalton Dolphins); Jeanette Carroll, registration secretary; David Nagle, secretary (Signal Mountain); Julie Tharpe (Dalton Dolphins); Ron Snider (Mosby Park); Donald Rains (Colonial Shores); Missy Smith (Stuart Heights); Mark Wiley (Red Bank); Michael Mathis (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club); George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA); Stan Kupiszewski (Cumberland Youth Foundation); Lisa Holland (East Ridge); Angela Hayes (Cleveland Aqua Tigers); Ronnie Kimball (Chattanooga Golf and Country Club (diving)); Nelda Welch (Ridgeside); and Ted Lord (Colonial Shores).

Mr. Tharpe called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Tharpe asked that the board review the proposed agenda. No changes were offered by any member present. Mr. Mathis moved that the proposed agenda be accepted. The motion received a second from Mr. Wiley. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the board meeting of June 14, 2005, were reviewed. Ms. Kimball requested a change relating to the awards for divers, and that change was made. Mr. Rains and Ms. Smith advised that the potential protest between Colonial Shores and Stuart Heights never materialized, and they requested that mention of it be removed from the minutes, and that request was granted. Mr. Wiley moved that the minutes be accepted as revised. The motion received a second from Mr. Mathis. 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 was not present at the meeting but had advised Mr. Tharpe, and Mr. Tharpe thereupon advised the board members, that there was no material change in the financial condition of CASL and that he will offer a complete report at the regular meeting of the board in August.

Registration Secretary's Report. Ms. Carroll reported that the league had 1574 registered swimmers this season, which is 189 more swimmers than last season. The league registered 118 divers this season, which is 15 less than last season.

Ms. Carroll encouraged teams to properly complete and mail the postcards for the payment of officials. Mr. Tharpe and Ms. Carroll noted that the cards show an incorrect post office box address. She also encouraged teams to place the proper amount of postage on envelopes sent to her.

Ms. Carroll confirmed that refunds, as well as pre-pays, will be timely distributed.

She also reported that one team never provided the certification for the coach and another team never provided proof of insurance. Mr. Tharpe observed that since the dual meet season has concluded, that information is not required at this point, but he strongly encouraged all teams to comply with this very important requirement next season.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

Officials – No report of this committee was given.

Dual Meet – A report of this committee was offered during the portion of the meeting labeled Unfinished Business.

Publicity – No report of this committee was given.

Membership – No formal report was given, but the report of the registration secretary discussed issues relating to this committee.

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

Awards – No formal report was given, but issues relating to the Jennifer Fugate Award were discussed and decided at the meeting as noted hereinbelow.

Financial Administration – No report of this committee was given.

Bylaws – The report of this committee was offered during the portion of the meeting labeled Unfinished Business hereinbelow.

**Reports of Special Committees:** No reports were given.

**Other reports of the officers:** No reports were given.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Dual Meet.** Mr. Tharpe noted that there are no outstanding issues relating to this issue.

**B. By-Laws – Protest Status.** Mr. Rains reported that of the three protests made, two have been resolved, to-wit:

- Hamilton Club / East Ridge --- An ineligible swimmer swam for Hamilton Club. That meet will be rescored, but the result of the meet will not change.
- Red Bank / Stuart Heights --- An ineligible swimmer swam for Red Bank. There was no allegation that the wrongdoing was intentional. The meet will be rescored, but the result of the meet will not change, and the result does not change which team will stay in the Blue Division and which team will move to the Red Division.
- Signal Mountain / Stuart Heights --- Dr. Torrance has submitted a written response on behalf of Signal Mountain, and Mr. Rains

intends to distribute it to the members of the Dual Meet Committee. Mr. Rains described the issues as being serious and deep, and he added that he desires to resolve them quickly. It appears that the protest will not change the outcome of the meet, although there may be a change in the scoring. Mr. Rains noted the following issues raised in the protest:

- a. The Signal Mountain diving coach never turned in a lineup;
- b. The time of the diving portion of the meet was changed, and there was a disagreement about the right starting time;
- c. The scorer's table was not ready;
- d. The coaches of the two teams disagreed about a dive, and the disagreement became heated. Fortunately, the coaches have since matured and made amends.

Mr. Rains noted that the rules provide that the coach of the home team acts as the diving meet referee. Mr. Wiley mused whether it would be beneficial to have a neutral facilitator even if that person was not extremely knowledgeable about diving. Ms. Kimball pointed out that no one attended the diving clinics offered by Mr. John Bonds.

C. *City Meet.* Ms. Smith provided an update for the upcoming city meet.

- Mr. Wiley has taken care of the awards, except that Mr. Tharpe will personally take care the Jennifer Fugate awards (plaques and certificates). Ms. Smith asked that all teams bring disqualification slips to the meet for use there.
- Teams may not set up tents until 4:00 on Thursday. City workers intend to mow the grass that day, and they will not mow if any tents are set up.
- Over 800 swimmers have registered to participate in the city meet.

- The Hospitality Room will be available for 105 officials, coaches, volunteers, and others who will be provided three meals daily both days of the city meet.

Mr. Tharpe added (at the request of Ms. Welch) that teams should limit use of the picnic tables to one table per tent. Mr. Tharpe will recognize the officials in an appropriate manner.

- Ms. Smith emphasized the need for a handbook for the city meet, particularly as it relates to advertisements and sponsors.
- Late entries can be made on Friday morning before the start of the first event and should be made through the Clerk of Course. Ms. Smith and Mr. Tharpe emphasized the following rules:
  - a. late entries are allowed only if lanes are available for that event
  - b. no heats will be added for late entries
- Heat sheets are being printed and will be timely available.
- Warm-up schedules and lane assignments are posted on the website.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fugate Award --- Selection.** Mr. Tharpe reported of a pleasant conversation he had recently with Mr. Fugate. The Fugates are moving to Kentucky to be near an adult daughter (Amy, Jennifer's sister) and her children (their grandchildren), but they are still enthusiastic about sponsoring the Jennifer Fugate Award. The Fugates have arranged for the presentation to be made this year by Heather Beene Booker, the first cousin of Jennifer Fugate, who, incidentally, won the award in 1991.

Whereupon, seven swimmers were nominated for the 2005 Jennifer Fugate Award. The board members present voted by secret ballot with each team having one vote. The ballots were counted by Mr. Tharpe and Ms. Carroll, and two of the nominees were selected to win the award.

## **COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr Wiley suggested that the training for officials for next year be moved to after registration so that the teams will know which parents may be participating. He added that the time for registration may be moved to accommodate this idea.

Mr. Wiley also inquired which time a swimmer should submit for the city meet: the best time during the summer season, or the best time achieved during the year regardless of when it was achieved. Mr. Tharpe recommended that teams use whichever time is easier.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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David Nagle, secretary