

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting June 17, 2008

The Board met June 17, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA with the following members present:

Ron Snider (President), Dale Tillman (Vice President), Stephanie Malone (Secretary), Donnie Rains (Colonial Shores), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Janet Pickett (Signal Mtn.), Buck Meyer (CAT), James Belvill (Fairylane), Amy Foley (CAT), Jack Bryant (Mosby), Trisha Nebel (Calhoun), Les Rowe (FTO), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), and Cheryl Alfano (Ridgeside).

Mr. Snider called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Snider asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Ms. Nebel made a motion to accept, with a second received from Ms. Pickett vote was taken and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

The minutes from the board meeting of May 29th, were reviewed. Mr. Snider asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Rowe made a motion to be accepted as written. The motion received a second from Ms. Nebel and vote was taken, and passed unanimously the minutes were approved as written.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers and Committees:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson was not present. No update was given.

City Meet Report (Scenic City) – Ms. Tillman will make sure information regarding city meet is posted on the website. Tent spaces will be assigned again this year. A shuttle will be provided.

Registration Secretary (Jeanette Carroll) – Ms. Carroll was not present.

Unfinished Business:

Recruiting officials -

Mr. Caukins had expressed concerns in recruiting new officials. Mr. Tharp feels that this will be an ongoing problem. Ms. Tillman suggested we advertise to graduating seniors and college students that CASL officials are paid for their time. Another suggestion was to offer additional clinic dates. If you are a USA official you do not have to attend the

clinic provided by Mr. Caukins. Please remember that alternates are now paid. If you use an alternate during a meet be sure they fill out the officials card with name and address after the meet.

Transfers – A few transfers came to Mr. Snider after last meeting. Jennifer Wilson had been a diver only for Stuart Heights and scored points and was transferring to Country Club as a swimmer and diver. Our rules currently state that swimmers and divers follow the same rules. Ms. Wilson will have to sit out the 4 meets. This brought up another topic of the separation of Swimming and Diving. This topic will be brought up for later discussion.

Ms. Tillman suggested she would like to see the by-laws changed in regards to transfers. Ms. Tillman feels that a swimmer should be allowed to switch teams without penalty every 2 years. The actual percentage of swimmers team switching is maybe 2%. Mr. Tharpe feels a better approach might be that if both teams agree to the transfer then the swimmer should be able to transfer without penalty. The goal of CASL is to promote swimming. Mr. Myer felt that this was not the mood of the board in regards to the last meeting when transfers were discussed. Mr. Snider concluded that at this time there will be no change in transfers.

Review procedures – Mr. Meyers feels that the rules in the CASL handbook are not spelled out and that is a cause for a lot of confusion. Mr. Raines stated that the section in question (scoring a dual meet) were very precise. The problem was due to new people being trained. Mr. Snider agreed that in some areas of the rules there is a lot of room for interpretation. Mr. Meyer agreed but stated that it does not solve the problem.

Safety – Mr. Snider is currently working on the safety manual. The goal is to have the manual complete by the end of the season. Every rep has been e-mailed a contact list. If any teams need additional information please feel free to contact Mr. Snider.

Lightening – The length of time to stay out of the pool is 30 minutes after every lightning strike or thunder. The rules state there is a maximum 1 hour delay for a meet.

Divers – All divers must be registered with USA diving to compete in meets.

Also mentioned was that fact that East Ridge did not have backstroke flags for the short course part of their meets; Mr. Snider will make sure they have some flags for next season.

Pool Reps were reminded to check with the other team's pool rep prior to the meet and be sure and know the conditions of the pool you are visiting.

Fugate handouts – All present received a copy of the Fugate Nomination Form. The vote will take place at our next meeting. Mr. Tharpe reminded that every team needs to be sure and nominate every senior from their team who qualifies.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

The topic of special need swimmers was brought up by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Tharpe agreed that this was a case to case situation. There are many variable to consider. Any team with any special need swimmers please feel free to come to the board and all options will be considered.

The Signal Mountain Rep reminded everyone that the entries for the Signal Mountain Developmental Meet were due this Friday, June 20th.

ADJOURNMENT

Following completion of the business brought before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Rowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Mr. Rains, after which a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 on Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

Submitted,
Stephanie Malone
Recording Secretary