

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

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The meeting of the CASL Board was held on March 18, 2004, with the following members present: David Stone (President); Bobby Dann (Past-President); Chris Varnell (Treasurer); Renee Leavens (Recording Secretary); Jeanette Carroll (Registrar); Sandy Daigle & Barry O'Neal (CAT); Henry Tharpe (CCAC); Millicent Flake & Laurie Brown (CGC); Christy Charman (CGCC); Donnie Rains (CS); Lisa Holland (ERYF); Doug Berg (FC); Steve Greene (FTO); Beth Griggs (HYMCA); Peggy Shelton (RB); Mike Patrick (RG); Nelda Welch (RS); Doug Torrance (SM); Missy Smith (STH). Ron Snider & Danny Huffman were present representing the provisional member Mosby Park Swim Team.

David Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35.

A quorum was established by roll call.

The President called for orders of the meeting

The President presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Motion – B. Griggs - Accept agenda as presented; Second – M. Smith; Vote – Approved.

Minutes from the February 19, 2004, meeting were read.

Motion – D. Berg – Accept minutes as corrected: on page 2, paragraph 2, Ron Snider is CAT's "assistant" pool rep, and also on page 2, paragraph 6, the By-Laws committee "may recommend" a separate one hour clinic; Second – M. Patrick; Vote – Approved.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers:

Treasurer – C. Varnell reported the Money Market Account had a balance of \$10,056.09 on 1/31/04, interest credited for February was \$1.92, leaving a balance of \$10,058.01 on 2/27/04. He also reported the operating account had no activity in February leaving a balance of \$758.66 on 2/27/04. Pending expenses are \$136 to rent the Post Office Box and \$100 for state registration. The 990 Tax Return has been filed. Chris will call Donnie Hutcherson to see if the preparation fee can be waived.

Registration Secretary – J. Carroll will hold a meeting for all team registrars on April 14, 2004, at 6:30, in room 316 of the downtown YMCA. Pool Reps please be sure to inform your registrar their attendance at this meeting is extremely important.

President – D. Stone reminded everyone about renewing their amateur sports insurance. He had copies of the renewal forms for K & K Insurance and reported they are also available on K & K's web site or by phone at 800-426-2889. Swimming is under the Risk Assessment Group. Be sure to list all locations where your team may compete including STH, SM, ER, CAT, MP, and WP. Minimum liability insurance is acceptable and proof of insurance will need to be given to J. Carroll in May when all registration materials are submitted.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – D. Stone reported Bill Caulkins will hold an Officials Training Clinic on May 18,

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2004 and again on May 19, 2004. The clinics will be held at the downtown YMCA from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Each participant need attend only one evening. Even if you've attended before, you should attend again as a refresher. Each team needs to have 2 people attend this course or be US Swimming certified.

Dual Meet – Mike Patrick and his committee circulated copies (see attached) of the proposed dual meet schedules. Time was given for these to be looked over.

Motion – M. Smith – Accept Dual Meet schedules as presented; Second – S. Daigle; Vote – Approved.

David Stone will ask Bruce Rogers to put the schedules on the website.

Publicity –C. Charman reported tentatively the swimmers clinic will be held Saturday May 8, 2004 at the McCallie Pool. She will contact the Sewanee coach to see if he is interested. We could save some money if the coach is from near Chattanooga.

Membership – J. Carroll asked if she should collect the \$150 team fee this season. Last season the fee was waived because there was no spring clinic. This season the budget will be break even if no clinic is held. Since a clinic is being planned, the \$150 team fee needs to be collected. She was instructed to also collect the \$10 team fee for every diving team. We will be notified in the registration materials if the US Diving insurance remains at \$30.

City Meet – H. Tharpe reported the contract for using Warner Park has been finalized. The cost was \$1000 last year and will be \$2000 this year. The host may need to go up \$1 on entry fees or perhaps do a facility surcharge of \$1 per swimmer. CCAC is already working on Tee shirts, concessions and awards. CASL pays for all team awards and the host team provides all individual awards. Pete Scarborough ran it the last time CCAC was the host and will do so again this summer. They are still looking for the elusive City Meet Manual.

The City also insists in the contract that the WP swimmers swim for free at City Meet. Several years ago CASL hoped to allow WP to develop as an expansion team. We reached out and helped them the first year by paying their insurance. We allowed them to swim in several meets (STH, SM, and City Meet) and paid their entry fees. CCAC even purchased a trophy for each of the WP swimmers after City Meet. They have not developed as a team and Peggy Grall has not attended the CASL meetings. If they were sincerely interested they would have a representative at this meeting. MP is accepting the responsibility to do all that is required to be a provisional team this season and hopefully a full member in 2005. WP has not done anything of that nature.

There are two separate issues here. First, the city insists that WP swimmers swim at city meet for free. The second issue is that they are not eligible to swim at City meet. They have not registered with the CASL as a team nor do they have any registered swimmers. They have not presented any proof of insurance. The CASL member teams are hereby instructed to send no invitations to WP for any special meets.

Awards – P. Shelton and Steve Greene are working on these.

By-Laws – The committee will present recommended By-Law changes at the next meeting.

Coaches Clinic – Beth Griggs and her committee have met and discussed. Tentatively the

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coaches clinic is to be held Tuesday May 25, 2004, at 6:30 pm at the downtown YMCA. No food will be served. The committee will conduct the meeting. They will invite those people they feel can offer instruction and will coordinate with them the information to be communicated to the coaches during the clinic. They would like to invite Head Official Bill Caulkins, a member of the By-Laws Committee, and Lisa Holland (to speak on the ER lineup program). The committee will report at the April Board meeting on the items they recommend be covered by these speakers.

The committee will also schedule with Stan Corcoran the three classes required for Head Coach (see CASL Rules and Regs Section D. 8) and get a core syllabus. They will look for offering the classes in mid-May and/or early June. Stan will want to know how many paid spots he can expect. If he can not work this out, perhaps Karen Loveless is available to teach the necessary classes.

Diving – Lisa Holland is the new pool rep for ERYF. They are planning for the ER Diving Invitational to be held on June 26, 2004. The CAT Invitational may be held on June 12, 2004. It is still under discussion. The GRPA District meet will be held at FTO on July 10, 2004.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Team Status for 2004 – C. Charman reported Margaret Chadbourne, a former Sewanee swimmer is looking for a coaching position. She works at Channel 9 and can be reached at 755-9129. Henry Tharpe reported Joey Fitzgerald, a Dalton High School Assistant Coach, is looking to coach this summer. He is a school teacher and can be reached at home 706-281-2629 or cell 706-537-8893.

Henry Tharpe reported CCAC is discussing changing their name to North Georgia or Dalton to address the issue of year round team versus summer team. It would just be a name change with no change in their recruiting area.

Chris Varnell and Peggy Shelton reported they found out this afternoon that the Red Bank Commissioners may try again this spring to shut down the Red Bank Pool. The next Red Bank Commission meeting is the first Tuesday in April at 7 pm. The issue concerns the ½ cent sales tax going to education.

Lisa Holland reported there are problems with the ERYF finances. They do expect to open the pool this summer and they will do the best they can, but they are taking things one day at a time.

Mosby Park Pool Inspection – The pool was inspected and the board notified by email (copy attached). Danny Huffman reported the necessary repairs have been scheduled. Two lights work and two others are scheduled to be repaired. Parents will be designated to help with parking. CS has a pattern for blocks that they will loan to MP. A MP parent owns a fabrication shop and is looking at the requirements for blocks. Lane ropes may be financed by a donation. They will also look at purchasing old ones from Baylor or CCAC. MP has had a Founders meeting, established a Board of Officers, written By-Laws, and raised \$3400 from donations.

Ron Snider is now pool rep for MP. He asked about what happens if the pool rep serves as an alternate official. It was explained the pool rep should designate an assistant pool rep to perform the duties of pool rep during that meet. MP feels being a provisional team this summer is a great way for a new team to join the CASL. They understand they may attend the board meetings but

have no vote this season. MP will contact any team that has a bye to see if they want to swim against MP. It was suggested that MP have the first couple of their meets away so they can see what details are involved in hosting a meet. D. Stone will talk with Bill Caulkins about officials at MP meets.

S. Daigle and B. O'Neal of CAT reported recruiting by MP is causing friction with some of the CAT swimmers and parents. A CAT parent was sent a letter from MP. CAT board members asked that MP remember their promise at the February CASL Board meeting that they would not lobby current CAT swimmers. Danny Huffman agreed to reiterate this at the next MP Board meeting. He went on to explain they sent flyers only to county schools because they understood CAT sends flyers to city schools. D. Stone reminded all parties to be judicious in their actions.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

The next meeting has been changed to April 22, 2004. D. Stone will contact B. Rogers to see if we can use the meeting room at the Ronald McDonald House. Lisa Holland will see if the ER Community Center has an available room. Watch your email for notice of location. With the completion of the agenda, the President called for the question at large regarding a call for adjournment. Motion to adjourn – H. Tharpe; Second – M. Smith; Vote – Approved.

President D. Stone closed the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Leavens, Secretary