

**CASL** Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
May 17, 2007

**ATTENDEES:**

Mark Wiley, President  
Ron Snider, Vice President (Mosby Park)  
Dale Tillman, Secretary (CYF)  
Corrine Henderson, Treasure (E. Ridge)  
Jeanette Carroll, Registration Secretary  
Les Rowe (Ft. Oglethorpe)  
George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA)  
Amy Foley (Cleveland)  
Buck Meyer (Cleveland)  
Cheryl Alfano (Ridgeside)  
Regena Young (Red Bank)  
Michael Mathis (Chatt Golf & Country Club)  
Brent Rogers (Fairlyland Club)  
Jason Meszaros (Dalton)  
Henry Tharpe (Dalton)  
Janet Pickett (SM)  
Donnie Rains (Colonial Shores)  
Trisha Yebel (Calhoun)

**I. PRELIMINARY:**

**A. Call to Order/Quorum/Finalize Agenda:** Mark Wiley called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. It was determined that a quorum existed. Mark asked that the board review the proposed agenda. There were no proposed changes to the agenda, therefore a motion to accept the agenda as written was made, received a second, and passed.

**B. Reading/Approval of Minutes:** Mark Wiley asked the board to review the minutes from the April 19, 2007 meeting. Mark asked if any changes were proposed. No changes were noted. A motion to accept the meeting minutes as written was made, received a second, and passed.

**II. DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA - REGULAR ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

**A. Reports of the officers:**

- 1. Treasurer** reported a cash balance of \$10,825.60
- 2. Registration Secretary** reported that all teams have their team registration packets. **\$150 team fee that was collected every year is being waived this year. The intention is for that \$150 to be used toward each team paying for lifeguards to be present at each dual meet.**

## **B. Unfinished Business:**

**1. Pool Safety & Insurance:** Mr. Tharpe reported that the current plan is for the committee to meet with Ms. Dye (former YMCA safety person) to discuss min safety recommendations. At this point the committee is considering the development of a list of safety equipment/staff that must be present at each pool as well as the development of a uniform checklist to be used by the pool reps, meet officials, and lifeguards prior to starting the meet. There was some discussion about the development of a uniform emergency action plan to be used by all facilities during a dual meet. There was also discussion regarding a requirement that ALL coaches (not just head coaches) be required to go through Safety Training for Swim Coaches. Mr. Tharpe emphasized that the safety issue is a balance between 3 things: safety of the swimmers, financial burden of safety measures, desire to keep summer swimming fun. At the very least, starting block inspections and min pool depth requirements are going to have to be revisited at each CASL facility. Coach Meszaros mentioned that some facilities may have to give consideration to doing starts off the side of the pool as opposed to the blocks, or even in-the-water starts. The committee will report back at the next meeting and there will be more discussion on safety issues/recommendations. **There was a motion made to require each host team to supply and pay for a qualified lifeguard to be on duty during dual meets. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously**

**NOTE: All teams should take note of the cover page of their K&K insurance policy and make sure that under “Additional Insured” that CASL is listed with the CASL address, which is:**  
PO Box 4250  
Chatt 37405-0250

Mr. Rains said that board insurance was approx \$600+ per yr. There were some questions as to whether or not the insurance covered meet officials. Mr. Rains was going to check on that and report back.

**2. Rules and Regulations for 2007:** there was some discussion on the proposed rule change to allow swimmers to move up one age group for individual events during a dual meet. The details of the rule change (section F) are as follows:

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

**Dual Meets:** a swimmer may compete in the next higher age group provided they are not taking the place of an eligible swimmer in that age group who is present at the meet. Once a swimmer has been declared as moving up to the next age group, they must swim all individual events in the higher age group for the duration of the meet. Relay participation is not effected. Therefore, a swimmer who moved up an age group for individual events may return to their appropriate CASL age group for relay events. The team coach or pool rep must inform the scoring table which swimmers will be competing in a higher age group prior to the start of the meet. Penalty for failing to comply with this notification will be the deduction of all awarded individual points the swimmer in question may have earned for that meet.

**City Meet:** all swimmers will compete in their appropriate CASL age group, which is defined by the swimmer’s age on June 1st.

## RELAY EVENTS

Dual Meets and City Meet: a swimmer may compete in a relay in their appropriate CASL age group OR they may compete on a relay in the next higher age group (provided they are not taking the place of an eligible swimmer in that age group who is present at meet). However, they can not do both. For example, a swimmer may not swim on the 11-12 free relay *and* swim on the 13-14 free relay in the *same meet*. The team coach or pool rep must inform the scoring table which swimmers will be competing in a higher age group prior to the start of the meet. Penalty for failing to comply with this notification will be the deduction of all awarded team points for any relay the swimmer in question may have participated.

The spirit of the rule change is to allow more kids to swim in the meet who might not be participating under the current rules. This rule change is going to be implemented on a 1 year trial basis. At the end of the season it will be re-evaluated. **A motion was made to allow swimmers to compete in the next higher age group, based on the above wording. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously**

**3. City Meet handbook:** Mark is still working on this. He has a draft of the handbook and will forward what he has to Coach Meszaros for input since Coach Meszaros will be the 2007 City Meet Director.

**4. Webmaster:** Mark proposed that CASL pay someone to update the website and take care of the email list. It was suggested that CASL pay up to \$600 for the season for such service. **A motion was made to allow for the payment of webmaster services not to exceed \$600 for the season. The motion was second and passed unanimously.** Mark will report back at the next meeting as to who has taken on the webmaster responsibility.

**5. Training Dates and Locations:** This information is currently posted on the CASL website.

**6. Coaches Meeting and Registration:** This meeting will be held at 6:30pm on June 5, 2007 at CYF.

### C. New Business:

**1. Meet Start Times:** each team supplied their dual meet start time. CYF, Signal Mountain, Dalton, and CGCC submitted a meet start time of 5:30pm. All other teams have a start time of 6pm.

**2. Transfer Letters:** Mark asked that everyone bring their transfer letters to the June 5th meeting and to make sure that the transfers were legitimate. Those requesting transfers for reasons not deemed legitimate would be subject to the 4 meet ineligibility rule.

**3. Diving:** There will be a series of min-diving meets this summer. Please refer to the attachment for the schedule. The purpose of these mini meets is to increase the opportunities for novice and intermediate divers to gain skills through participation. Signal Mountain Diving will be hosting the mini meets. Any USAD registered divers from any swim team in CASL that does

not have a formal dive team may come to these mini meets with prior notice to the host club. These mini meets will count towards qualifying for the city meet and there is a \$1.00 fee per diver per mini meet. Questions can be directed to Deborah Mynatt 423-903-5685.

### **III. COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA**

**A. Miscellaneous:** Coach Meszaros mentioned that the City Diving meet would be held at the Dalton High School pool. He also said that City Meet information would be out soon.

**B. Adjournment:** Following completion of the business brought before the board, a motion was made at 8:04pm that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second, after which a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. SCHEDULE DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**A. Next Meeting:** There will be a departure from the normal meeting day of Thursday beginning next month. From here on and until the conclusion of the summer swim season, meeting will be held on Tuesdays. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 6:30pm at CYF.** While the YMCA is undergoing renovations the CASL Board Meetings will be held at CYF.

Submitted,

Dale Tillman  
CASL Recording Secretary