

The meeting of the CASL Board was held on October 16, 2003, with the following members present: David Stone (President); Henry Tharpe (President-Elect and CCAC); Chris Varnell (Treasurer); Jeanette Carroll (Registration Secretary); Renee Leavens (Recording Secretary and SM); Ron Snider (CAT); Christy Charman (CGCC); Rick Brackett (CYF); Peggy Shelton & Kristie Perry (RB); Mike Patrick (RG); Nelda Welsh (RS); Bruce Rogers (STH).

David Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 6:37.

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. Rogers - Accept agenda as presented; Second – N. Welsh; Vote – Approved.

Minutes from the September 18, 2003, meeting were read.

Motion – P. Shelton – Accept minutes as read; Second – H. Tharpe; Vote – Approved.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers:

Treasurer – C. Varnell reported receiving an email from former treasurer Cyd Davis saying \$500 has been paid to Shorter College for Casey McMillen, the male winner of the Jennifer Fugate Award. The Money Market Account balance is \$10,045.50 and the checking account balance \$1,754.62. David Stone gave the post office box key to Chris Varnell so he can collect the bank statements in the future. C Varnell will look in to receiving the statement online or will fax a copy of the statement each month to D. Stone.

Motion – B. Rogers – Update the signature card at the bank to remove past officers including C. Davis, B. Dann, and B. Rogers, and add new officers, C. Varnell, H. Tharpe, and D. Stone; Second – H. Tharpe; Vote – Approved.

Registration Secretary – No Report

President – David Stone handed out a list (copy attached) of committee assignments for 2003-2004. He reported the need to look at various committees and bring them up to date.

For instance, since there are cross over responsibilities between the membership and dual meet committees, perhaps they should be combined into a single Registration/Operating Committee. One suggestion was that an automatic audit be triggered if any meet is within 25 points. In order for this to happen, the registrar would have to promptly receive meet results from home teams. This whole idea including penalties and team notification needs to be looked at over the winter for possible action in January or February. R. Brackett discussed the idea that we need to de-emphasize meet auditing and policing by the Board and put that responsibility back on the teams.

The By-Laws Committee needs to address sending of meet results to the Registrar in a

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timely fashion. They also need to make the change allowing minutes to be sent by email, saving time and postage.

The publicity committee perhaps needs to change to more of a promotion and expansion committee. The Chattanooga Advertising Federation takes a project each year to benefit a non-profit group. They put together a complete advertising campaign, including print media and public service announcements. Since we've lost some exposure in newspapers this could really help us. We could use exposure and recognition in the spring before signups. Lafayette has a great facility and maybe they would get involved again. B. Rogers suggested making contacts between now and the January meeting to see if a well known coach is available for the spring clinic. In the past few years we had high profile coaches from the SEC schools, but maybe we should try a different approach and look at getting a coach from a second tier school, since many of our kids attend and compete at such schools.

The awards committee needs to get the banners done early so people can see what they are competing for.

The Ad Hoc Coaches Clinic/Training Committee will include Charles Todd. As a year round coach (CCAC) he can offer valuable insight and ideas. This group needs to look at separating the coaches and Board meeting held in May.

The Ad Hoc Diving Committee needs to get diving exposed to every team. This past season divers came primarily from ERYF and CAT, but there have to be kids from other teams that are interested. Perhaps diving exhibitions could be held at all dual meets to expose more kids to the sport. If liability keeps swim teams from promoting diving, perhaps there is a way to solve that problem. Perhaps looking at changes in the competition rules would allow growth or promoting a separate league.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – No Report

Dual Meet – No Report

Publicity – No Report

Membership – No Report

City Meet – We have received from Peggy Grall and the City of Chattanooga a new Warner Park rental agreement (copy attached). Major changes include doubling the rental price from \$1000 to \$2000, responsibility for restroom cleaning, and inclusion of WP members to swim at no cost. This season there was no progress toward the WP team joining the CASL as a full fledged member. Perhaps they need to join the fun league. Our February meeting is the time for new teams to join CASL for the upcoming season. That may need to change to January so we don't hold up schedules being finalized. There need to be scheduling options in case an existing team folds before the next season.

Henry Tharpe reported that Pete Scarborough ran city meet the last time CCAC was the host team and he will run it again in 2004. The two of them could meet with Peggy Grall and try to work out differences in the WP rental agreement. Maybe WP could swim free "if the WP

team is a full member of the CASL.” The problem with this is that P. Grall said some time ago, those swimmers could and should pay so they have a vested interest in the team.

Motion – B. Rogers – Authorize the City Meet Committee to negotiate the best agreement possible in order to rent the Warner Park facility for city meet; Second – M. Patrick; Vote – Approved.

Awards – No Report

By-Laws – No Report

Coaches Clinic – No Report

Diving – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA. With the completion of the agenda, The President called for the question at large regarding a call for adjournment. Motion to adjourn – B. Rogers; Second – N. Welsh; Vote – Approved.

President D. Stone closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Leavens, Secretary