

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting October 17, 2002

The meeting of the CASL Board was held on October 17, 2002, with the following members present: Terri Simms (President-Elect); Cyd Davis (Treasurer/STH); Renee Leavens (Recording Secretary/SM); Karen Hancock (CAT); Rick Brackett (CYF); Joey Holland (ERYF); Beth Griggs (HC); Peggy Shelton & Kristie Perry (RB); David Stone (RG); Larry Alexander (GCAC); Ronnie Kimball (CDC). Bruce Rogers was present as a guest.

Terri Simms, President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 6:35.

A quorum was established by roll call.

The President-Elect called for orders of the meeting

The President-Elect presented the proposed agenda for the meeting.

Motion – R. Brackett – Accept agenda as proposed; Second – B. Griggs; Vote – Approved.

Minutes from the September 19, 2002, meeting were read.

Motion – R. Brackett – Accept minutes as read; Second – D. Stone; Vote – Approved.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers:

Treasurer – C. Davis passed out a report showing the 2002 budget amounts and the 2002 actual amounts. She noted that the receivable has been collected in full.

Registration Secretary – No Report

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – No Report

Dual Meet – D. Stone brought up for discussion the idea of changing the age groups the swimmers compete in. The new groups would be 18 and under, 14 and under, 12 and under, 10 and under, 8 and under. This is the way the GRPA (Georgia Recreation and Parks Association) rules read. You may swim up for a meet, but every event you swim in that meet you must swim up. To put it another way, a participant may compete in only one age group in any meet. This gives the coach the opportunity to get kids swimming which is our objective. Where under the current CASL rules the coach would have empty lanes, under the proposed change the coach could put younger swimmers in those lanes competing for points. The coach could swim up as many athletes as he wants. On the lineup the coach could asterisk any swimmer that is swimming up. This would alert the scorers table and the officials. This change would apply to City Meet also. This change could be abused if a coach bumps an available swimmer in favor of a stronger, younger swimmer. Also, a meet could be lengthened if a young swimmer competes in an older group even though his time is considerably slower. We would have to depend on the integrity of the coach to not put a child where he doesn't belong. We could limit a child to bumping up only 2 age groups. This could also effect diving. Pool reps should talk to their respective teams and coaches and be

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prepared to discuss this at the January Board meeting. The Dual Meet committee will then meet and bring a proposal to the February CASL Board meeting.

Second, D. Stone brought up for discussion the idea of holding our coaches to a minimum standard of CPR training and safety. The GRPA has such a minimum standard. The Red Cross offers an eight hour course with successful participants being certified for one year. They also offer a four hour recertification class. The idea is that we don't want unqualified people out there handling our kids. We want to make sure whoever is on deck, can handle a water related injury. The CASL is concerned but the burden is on the individual clubs. We could make this class available but optional. We could perhaps phase this in as a requirement. Pool reps should survey their teams and be ready to discuss at January meeting. The By-Laws committee will check with the Red Cross and the YMCA.

The Dual Meet Committee will also address the idea of each pool cordoning off a walkway for officials along the sides of the pool. They will also put pool opening times, warm-up times, and meet start times on the dual meet schedule. No meets will be scheduled Thursday, July 3, 2003. If desired, teams may use that as a rain date.

Publicity – R. Brackett reported the committee is planning for the clinic to be held in May 2003. They are making contact with the University of Florida, University of Alabama, and University of Kentucky. They are exploring development of a quick reference media guide to be distributed to each team and will investigate hiring someone to write articles. They will also investigate maintaining the website.

Membership – No Report

City Meet – Tonight we need to set the 2003 City Meet date because the City of Chattanooga is already setting their Warner Park schedule for next summer. Larry Alexander and GCAC, host team for 2003, need to get their contract with the city. People seemed to be satisfied with last summer's time frame. Holding City Meet the third weekend in July still allows people a two week vacation before going back to school. First meets would be scheduled for June 5, 2003.

Motion – R. Brackett – Hold City Meet July 18th and 19th, 2003; Second – D. Stone; Vote – Approved

This committee will continue to work on the City Meet Handbook and will coordinate all aspects of City Meet with the host team.

Awards – A thank you note was received from Megan Carroll, the female 2002 Jennifer Fugate Award winner. This committee will 1) Develop criteria (size, style, etc.,) for Dual/City Meet trophies, 2) Consider new City Meet trophies such as banners and 3) Consider 10-year service awards.

Financial Administration –No Report

By-Laws – The use of a prosthetic device by any league participant is referred to this committee. They will investigate what the US Swimming guidelines are concerning whether such a device is an aid or assistance. The Board will wait to hear from the committee

whether this needs to be addressed with a change in the By-Laws or whether the current By-Laws address this matter sufficiently.

Reports of Special Committees:

Diving –No report.

New Team Development – No report

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

The next meeting will be Thursday January 16, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA.

With the completion of the agenda, The President-Elect called for the question at large regarding a call for adjournment. Motion to adjourn – C. Davis; Second – J. Holland; Vote – Approved

President-Elect T. Simms closed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Leavens, Secretary