

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.
**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 18, 2007**

The Board met at 6:30 p.m. in the library at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church with the following members present:

Ron Snider (President), Dale Tillman (Vice President), Stephanie Malone (Secretary), Corinne Henderson (Treasurer), Mark Wiley (Past President), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Brent Rogers (Fairylane Club), Les Rowe (Fort Oglethorpe), Regena Young (Red Bank), Buck Meyer (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Kristin Fuller (Mosby Park), Mike Patrick (Ringgold).

Mr. Snider called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Snider asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Motion was moved and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

There were no minutes from the board meeting of September 20th, because no quorum existed. Mr. Snider asked to wave reading of the minutes from the August 16th meeting. Motion was moved to be accepted as written. The motion was accepted by Mr. Rowe and received a second from Mr. Rogers vote was taken, and passed unanimously.

Prior to the Disposition of Agenda, Mr. Snider asked everyone to introduce themselves for the new members present.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the officers:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson gave everyone updated copy of finances. We are still waiting on money from Dalton in reference to the city meet.

Registration Secretary's Report. Ms. Carroll was not present.

Unfinished Business:

2008 Calendar (registration, start date, dual meets, city meet, diving)

Ms. Henderson asked that meets begin earlier this year. East Ridge had many problems with rainouts and other issues.

The following are the 2008 dates that were tentatively agreed upon.

City Meet – July 25th & 26th

Meets Begin - Thursday, June 5th

Meet Dates for June 2008

5th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 26th No meets on June 30th. Everyone was in agreement that swimmers and their parents enjoyed having no scheduled meets during the week of the 4th of July.

Meet Dates for July 2008

7th, 10th, 14th, 17th

Mr. Wiley stated that all coaches need to be aware that make-up dates do not have to be on a Monday or Thursday. Ms. Young agreed with this but added that officials need to be notified.

Regarding the schedules for the division it was decided that this could wait until the next meeting. This would give the pool reps the opportunity to check with their teams. There are many teams that have pool issues in regards to the time they can use their pools. Mr. Sinder handed out a form that was a representative of a fair and mathematical way of pairing up the teams in the red division. The red division is the most complicated due to the fact of having 6 teams. The motion was brought forth in regards to using this new format and received a motion from Mr. Tharpe and a second from Mr. Wiley vote was then taken and passed unanimously.

In regards to using the template for the red division it was agreed upon that better records needed to be kept. Due to home advantage and concessions for the teams. This area regarding record keeping will be looked at in more depth within the next few months.

Rules and Regulations (reword of 19 year old, transfers)

An unsigned letter was received in the CASL Post office box in regards to Meredith (Moo) Dement. The letter stated that CASL needed to watch the age of the swimmers allowed to swim in the city meet. The letter stated that Moo was 19 this past summer and was allowed to compete in the city meet.

The Age Limit to Compete in the CASL City Meet will now read -

“You may swim the CASL City Meet the summer after you graduate from high school and are no older than 19 as of December 31st of that year.”

“Exceptions may be brought before the board and will be reviewed on an individual basis.”

The new rule was brought to a vote and received a motion from Mr. Tharpe and second from Mr. Wiley and passed unanimously.

New Business:

2008 goals/priorities - A few of the goals for the upcoming CASL year are in regards to safety and the promotion of CASL.

Mr. Sinder would like to see CASL have another successful year. Also, that the board members and pool reps will work together on the issue of Safety. CASL needs to address every aspect of Safety. We have to be responsible and awareness needs to be addressed. Safety will be a main topic for the January meeting.

Committee Members

By-Law Committee – Dale Tillman – Chairperson
Kristin Fuller (Mosby Park)
Henry Tharpe (Dalton)
Buck Meyer (Cleveland)

Publicity - Mark Wiley

Safety Committee - Buck Meyer – Chairperson
Mark Wiley (Red Bank)
Regena Young (Red Bank)
Henry Tharpe (Legal advice)

Awards - Les Rowe - Chairperson

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Tillman brought forth the idea of a forum that is used currently with another club she is involved with. This forum would not take the place of meetings. However, this forum gives those involved an area to comment on upcoming areas of interest. This would help in the area of safety and with regards to dates, schedules, changes in rules and many other areas. Ms. Tillman will check on the cost and time to host this forum. Mr. Wiley has checked and found the software download to be free. More information will be forthcoming in this area. In regards, to the Pre-Season Clinic Mr. Sinder will check with John Woods (Scenic City Aquatic Club) first and see if they would like to handle.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The next meeting of the board will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Submitted,

Stephanie Malone
Recording Secretary