

CASL Meeting at the Downtown YMCA 10/20/2005

Board members present:

Donnie Rains, President (Colonial Shores), Henry Tharpe, Past President (Dalton), Chris Varnell, Treasurer, Mark Wiley, (Red Bank), Jay Cooper (Signal Mtn), Leslie Rowe (Ft. Ogelthorpe), Mike Patrick (Ringgold), Ron Snider (Mosby Park), Ronnie Kimball (Country Club), Missy Smith (Stuart Heights), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA).

Also present was Laura Pitman from the Baylor Swim Club.

Mr. Rains called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm with a legitimate quorum present.

Motion to accept agenda made by Mr. Wiley and 2nded by Mr. Tharpe.

Minutes were ready and motion to approve was made by Mr. Tharpe and 2nded by Mr. Thomas.

Reports of officers:

Treasurer – *Chris could provide details here*

Both recipients of the Jennifer Fugate Award are attending UTC and have written thank you notes to the Board.

Checks for reimbursement of overpayment of registrations fees during the season were distributed by Mr. Varnell with an apology for the delay.

Registration Chairman Jeanette Carroll was not present for a report.

Unfinished business: City Meet being held at Warner Park vs Baylor School
Mr. Rains had a recent meeting with Peggy Grall of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation. Speaking on behalf of the City, Mrs. Grall noted that the use of the pool for City Meet was not so much a financial concern as it was a visibility issue – they need people using the park.

As for the security of guaranteeing that the meet could be held at Warner Park on the rotating years, the contract negotiations remain on a year to year basis. However Mrs. Grall assured Mr. Rains that it would not specifically create a negative factor for the CASL.

Mr. Rains then stated the pros for having the City Meet at the Baylor Pool to be the guaranteed event at an indoor facility, the comparable congregational area for swimmers and families, and the fact that the set up will be a great deal easier to manage. Mr. Snider questioned the possibility

of having a greater variety of food concessions and Mrs. Pitman agreed that it would certainly be addressed.

Some discussion followed as to team polls that were taken and the overall feedback received from the idea of moving the location every third year.

A vote was taken and six out of nine teams represented agreed to allow the Baylor Swim Club to host the 2006 City Meet at the Baylor School Pool.

The votes were as follows:

1 against – Stuart Heights

2 abstain – Country Club and Ringgold

6 for – Red Bank, Ft. Ogelthorpe, Signal Mtn., Dalton, Mosby and Hamilton YMCA.

Donnie – the numbers are correct – but I thought you allowed Laura to vote for Colonial Shores ?

July 21, 2006 is the potential date for the event, it will be “set in stone” by January. The dual meet schedule will be set by March.

New Business:

Mr. Rains spoke about his goals for the coming season as being:

Publicity – one item being the need for the city meet sign up packets to be available at registration which is generally mid May.

Committee Signups – Mr. Rains will email the board prior to the January meeting regarding the committees, their functions and their need for chairmen. Mr. Cooper, new to the board this year, asked that he be added to the publicity committee because he had a close contact with a person working at the newspaper.

Updating the Website – Bruce Rogers would appreciate a replacement for this responsibility. Mr. Tharpe recommended that we acknowledge appreciation to Bruce for all his hard work and find a new webmaster.

Mrs. Kimball suggested that the board devise a plan to update the information as quickly as possible because we need to provide links to those potential swimmers who are looking for a winter or year round program.

There was a discussion about the purpose of billboard advertising. This was an avenue of publicity that was introduced in the spring of 2005 and put on hold because there was not enough time to complete the job in a timely fashion. The conclusion at this meeting was that a commitment for space would be okayed by Mr. Snider and Mr. Tharpe would make the contact for

the design workup and we would have the advertising in place by April or May at the latest.

At this time Mr. Snider handed out a package of information he had put together as a possible proposal for a benefit event for T C Thompson Children's Hospital with a 5000 touch swim relay, the purchased attendance of an Olympic swimmer, and the sponsorship of a prominent local business. *Donnie – this is where Ron needs to fill in the details.*

The last item of new business was regarding the check signing procedure which is currently in place for the treasurer. Mr. Varnell stated that last year this situation, having a second signee, did not present a problem. This year the situation is incredibly challenging due largely to the fact that the 2nd signee lives and works in Dalton. Mr. Varnell's recommendation for the security of the bank account would be to have one signature for any check written for \$750 or below and two signatures for any check written for any amount above \$750. This would apply for Mr. Varnell's term of office only. Apparently there was an issue with several of the officials signature cards this past summer and the length of time it took to get their checks in the mail. This issue would be resolved with the one signature proposal.

A motion was made to accept Mr. Varnell's recommendation by ???? and 2nded by Jay Cooper – *I think.*

Mr. Varnell stated that a revamping of the banking arrangement with AmSouth is in the works and there will no longer be any charges for the CASL account. The three signees on the account would eventually be Chris Varnell, Donnie Rains and Bobby Dann.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by a motion from Mr. Tharpe and 2nded by Mr. Wiley.

The next board meeting will be held at the Downtown YMCA on January 19th. Happy Holidays to all!