

The Board met at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA with the following members present: Henry Tharpe, president (Carpet Capital), Chris Varnell, treasurer (Red Bank), David Nagle, secretary (Signal Mountain), Sandy Daigle (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Angela Hayes (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Amy Foley (Cleveland Aqua Tigers), Leslie Rowe (Fort Oglethorpe), Mike Patrick (Ringgold), Nelda Welch (Ridgeside), Julie Tharpe (Carpet Capital), Donnie Raines (Colonial Shores), Beth Griggs (Hamilton Club), Bruce Rogers (Stuart Heights), Ron Snider (Mosby Park), Mark Wiley (Red Bank)

President Henry Tharpe determined that a quorum existed and called for orders of the meeting

The proposed agenda was reviewed. Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Mr. Raines seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers:

Treasurer's Report

1. Mr. Varnell reported that CASL had \$9,548.28 on hand as of September 30, 2004. That amount is \$1,400.00 less than the same time last year at the same time. He noted that the reduction of 80 swimmers and ten divers may contribute to the decrease. He also noted that two refund checks had not been negotiated, one by Colonial Shores and one by Carpet Capital. Mr. Varnell is still in the process of finalizing the budget. The decision was made that adoption of the budget will be deferred until the November meeting.
2. The signatories on the CASL bank account were changed due to the change in the officers. The recommendation was made to have four signatories on the account with every check to be signed by any two of them. Mr. Wiley made a motion that that change as recommended be made. Ms. Foley seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Registration Secretary's Report

Ms. Jeanette Carroll was not present at the meeting but has agreed to serve again as Registrar. Mr. Tharpe reported that registration last season went smoothly but that there were fewer swimmers.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Officials – No Report

Dual Meet – No Report

Publicity – No Report

Membership – No Report

City Meet – No Report

Awards – No Report

Financial Administration –No Report

By-Laws – No Report

Reports of Special Committees:

No reports

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The issue of reimbursing the Cleveland Aqua Tigers for the heat sheets at the City Meet was discussed. Mr. Tharpe reported that he had timely discussed the matter with Mr. Barry O'Neal, the pool representative of the Cleveland Aqua Tigers but pointed out that the board of Carpet Capital had not met before the issue arose at the August 2004 CASL board meeting. Mr. Tharpe asked that the minutes of the August CASL be clarified to state that the Carpet Capital board had not met to discuss the issue and make a decision. The statement in the minutes that Carpet Capital had declined to reimburse Cleveland Aqua Tigers is inaccurate. Mr. Tharpe further stated that Carpet Capital had decided to fully reimburse Cleveland Aqua Tigers for the heat sheets, and he handed a check to the representatives from Cleveland Aqua Tigers at the meeting; whereupon, Ms. Daigle withdrew the motion she made on behalf of Cleveland Aqua Tigers at the August CASL board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers

Discussion was had about election of a president for the next season. Mr. Rogers placed Mr. Raines' name in nomination for president and further moved that Mr. Raines be permitted to continue to represent Colonial Shores at CASL board meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rowe. A vote was taken, and it unanimously passed.

2. 2005 Goals/Projects.

- a. *Increase in membership.* CASL is in good shape financially even though the number of participants declined. Mr. Tharpe wants to increase membership across the league. Marketing may generate enthusiasm during the sign-up period. Mr. Tharpe suggested that advertising may help.
- b. *City Meet.* Several issues were discussed and need to be resolved, including:
 - host team fees payable to CASL
 - adjusting registration fees to be competitive
 - handbook; a draft was sent to Mr. Tharpe by Mr. Bobby Dann
 - CASL needs to maintain a good relationship with the Chattanooga Recreation Department because that department assesses the fees for use of the Warner Park Pool (the fee doubled last year from \$1,000 to \$2,000)
- c. *Pay scale for league officials.* This needs to be simplified, and the amounts need to be competitive.
- d. *Jennifer Fugate Award.* The board needs to further discuss possible changes in light of the fact that disparate numbers of males and females are nominated each year. Change may or may not need to be made. The Fugate family will be consulted about any changes.
- e. *Adjustment of divisions.* This will be timely completed.

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f. *Flipper Rule.* This issue arose in another swim league in which a swimmer who did not have the lower part of one leg used a flipper or swim fin during competition. A dispute arose as to whether that swimmer should be allowed to compete with the swim fin which might give him an advantage. The CASL board is not aware of any swimmer in CASL which uses a flipper or swim fin but believes that a rule should be adopted in case this issue arises in the future. *Lightning protection.* Mr. Tharpe urged all teams to obtain and use lightening protection. Mr. Rogers further recommended that CASL adopt uniform guidelines for termination of meets when a thunder storm arises. No action was taken on that issue.

3. Mosby Park Membership Request.

The board members reviewed Article III, section 1, of the CASL bylaws and confirmed that Mosby Park had met all of the requirements for membership. Mr. Snider brought a list of 77 proposed swimmers. Mr. Rogers moved to approve the request for membership. The motion received a second from Mr. Wiley. Further discussion was held in which Mr. Snider reported that Mosby Park participated in four dual meets, a "fun meet," a clinic, developmental meets at Stuart Heights and Signal Mountain, and in the city meet. He has identified 45 swimmers who are participating in winter swim. The team met its budget and is financially solvent. He expects the team to be more competitive next season. Parking at the Mosby Park pool is acceptable, but they need more room on the pool deck. The fence will be moved to make more room, and a new roof will be placed on the building. The City of Cleveland and area residents have been very supportive. Mr. Snider reported that children from low income families are permitted to swim without a fee.

The CASL board voted on the motion, and it passed unanimously without any opposition.

Ms. Daigle did request that the Cleveland Aqua Tigers and Mosby Park be placed in separate divisions for at least one year due to simmering discontent. Mr. Tharpe responded that that issue will be considered and that CASL will try to accommodate that request.

4. City Meet 2005.

The dates for the 2005 City Meet will be set at the November CASL board meeting. It will likely be held the corresponding week in July as it was held in 2004. However, Mr. Tharpe asked board members present to ask parents for input as to the dates of the City Meet, particularly considering the trend of schools beginning earlier every year.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Varnell moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Mr. Rowe. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tharpe announced that the next CASL board meeting is set for November 18 and will be held in the Community Room of the Downtown YMCA.

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Nagle, secretary