February 24, 2013
Ozark House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: St. Peter's RecPlex
Meeting start: 12:30 pm

ATTENDEES Bruce Dreyer, Mary Liston, Erik Strom, Amy Schulz, Jordan Kuper, Tom Lombardo, John Lynch, RJ McCoskey, Stefan Yarbrough, Todd Gabel, Sean Harrison, Morgan Dodge, Rudolph Oates, Alice Oates, Dan Dreisewerd, Laura Johnston, Sally Cole, Dan Broshears, Dan Northem, Erich Froeschner, Cece Etter, Tommy Christensen, Ben Christensen, Jack Finlay, Eileen Walker, Carolyn Wardlipski, Karen Baker, Jay Newton, Dave McCrary, Mark Imig, Debbie Catani, Daniel Murphy, Mark Imig, Joe Bening, Gussie Crawford, Bob Rettle, Colin Kennedy, Chuck Kaylor, Stephanie Toth, Greg Hickel, Drew May, Beth Paskoff

The HOD meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm. Roll call was done on a sign in sheet.

ADOPTION OF 10/10/12 MINUTES – Erik Strom moved to approve minutes, Dave McCrary 2nd. Minutes approved.

ATHLETE REPORT – Amy Schulz, Ozark Senior Athlete Rep and Central Zone Rep reported that she attended the Zone Meeting last month. They talked about the Open Water Meet and Clinic in Wisconsin. The Flyer for the meet is on the Central Zone Website.

FINANCIAL – Ben Christiansen reported that the changes for splash fees and surcharges are going well and it has us in good shape. There was nothing to report on the budget.

TECHNICAL PLANNING – Erik Strom stated the Tech Planning Committee is talking more about making 200's available to 12 & under swimmers. The events are available at the HEAT meet coming up. There are also opportunities in the long course meets coming up. The committee will meet in April to start planning 2013-14 season. Meet bids will b due shortly after the meeting.

SENIOR CHAIR – Bob stated that Jack Maddan was the previous Senior Chair; however, since his departure, Bob has talked to Jordan Kuper about filling this position. Jordan has accepted and will complete Jack's term until elections in May. Jordan has nothing to report at this time. He is aware of reimbursements to athletes and will work with Dave McCrary, Mary Liston, and Colin Kennedy to learn more about the position.

AGE GROUP CHAIR - Sean Harrison reported talked bout attending Open Water Zones in Pleasant Prairie, WI this year. It will be an LSC Team entry. Packets will be finalized next week. It is very important that athletes also do the Clinic. The meet is June 29-30. The Events offered are 15&O – 5K; 13-14 1-1/2 Miles; 11-12 1 mile; 10&U ½ mile. The plan would be to fly to Chicago and rent a vehicle to drive 40 minutes to Pleasant Prairie, WI. A times are the qualifying standard. He has a block of rooms reserved. Please talk to your athletes about doing the meet. Ozark does not have a budget for this meet, so the swimmers would be responsible for any charges. Debbie Catani stated there was an excess of $4500 in the budget that could be used for that. Debbie, Ben Christiansen, and Sean will discuss further. This does not need a motion from the floor. Sean will travel and may take Assistant Coaches depending on the interest from swimmers. Dave McCrary questioned coaches driving swimmers, as it could be a liability on the coach and Ozark.

LC Zones – Sean is having another contest for 14&U Caps ad t-shirts again this year. Information will be posted on the website soon. The Zones Coaches Packet will be available within a week. The Athlete Packet will be available shortly thereafter. Sean has reserved a block of rooms at the Ramada Inn in Topeka. He did not reserve a block for the parents, but the Ramada has some rooms set aside for the parents of Zones teams.

Champs Meets – the Age Group Committee is looking at modifying 2014 Ozark Champs meets and will work with Technical Planning to do so.

COACHES REP – Colin Kennedy – nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP – Gussie Crawford stated we have 2867 registered athletes, 331 non-athlete, and 28 clubs. Erik Strom made a motion to approve the 18 teams that had not been approved at the last meeting. Mark Imig 2nd, motion carried. Gussie reminded everyone to pickup their lists of registered athletes and coaches.

SAFETY AND DISABILITY – Mike Scott was unable to attend.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT – Mary Liston advised the clubs to be aware of their Safe Sport Guidelines. Be comfortable with your policy on Bullying and Harassment.

SWIMS – John Rempert was not in attendance at the meeting but will continue SWIMS. Angie Dorsey from FAST is assisting John in getting the times entered.

RECORDS – Mark Imig said everything is up to date. There have been a couple of new times set at Division 1. Please contact Mark if a swimmer breaks an Ozark record. He will update and send to Beth Paskoff to post on the website.

OUTREACH/DIVERSITY – Alice Oates reported that she would like all clubs to send at least 2 athletes to the Diversity Swim Meet. Criteria for that meet consist of age, demographics, race, experience, economical, and gender. The qualifications are BB times. There will be Olympic Athletes at the diversity meet, and it will be held in a 50M pool. Awards will be given 1-8 medals, 9-16 ribbons and team trophies. The idea is for the inclusion of these athletes and provides them an opportunity to compete. Selection process is up to the individual clubs. Meet dates are June 8-9, 2013.

Alice and Gussie have talked about getting a pool to have cultural meets in Ozark. This is one thing Alice is working with from their budget. In addition, the Outreach and Diversity committee is holding monthly clinics, which focus on balance and get the participants ready for swim lessons or club swimming.

OFFICIAL'S COMMITTEE – Brian reported on 2 rule changes:

1. Deck Changing is not allowed, and this must be put in the meet invitation.
2. Requirement for Meet Entry Chairs to become Admin Officials is now required as of September 2013. This person is responsible to manage the meet issues involved with timing from Hy-Tek. The Officials will manage certification, and Karen Butz will help in the training. This will be required for any sanctions. There will be an online test and a 3-4 hour clinic. This official must be present at all meets.

RECORDS – Mark Imig was not in attendance

WEBSITE – Beth Paskoff – no report except to send pictures.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Bob Rettle reported that Ozark is working to achieve LEAP Level 2 for our LSC. One thing that would get us a lot of points to advance would be to have a Diversity Chair as part of the Board of Directors. Bruce Dreyer has modified the by-laws to add this position (copy attached in packet). This will also create a Diversity Committee. This modification to the by-laws requires a 2/3 vote to pass. John Lynch moved for approval of the revised by-laws, and Erik Strom 2nd. Gussie added that USA Swimming is really pushing this and it would be a great idea for us to adopt this. Bruce discussed that the demographics with St. Louis City are very similar to the demographics nationally. A vote was cast by a show of hands. No one was opposed. Motion carries.

Jay Newton discussed the issue of warm up/warm down lanes at Championship Meets. A motion was made by Jay that "at all Ozark Championship Meets, the host team will provide acceptable warm up/warm down opportunities during the met as documented in the meet bid". This will include Ozark A Champs, Ozark Division I, Ozark Senior Champs, and Long Course Champs. Jordan Kuper seconded the motion. Vote cast by a show of hands, none opposed. Motion carries.

2013 Long Course Championship meet will have to be moved. The SIUC pool is getting maintenance this summer, and the pool is not available. Jordan Kuper stated that River City Aquatics would like to host this meet with co-host as Saluki. The pool at Cape is available, and they are purchasing aerators to keep the water cool. They are also trying to get the high school gym as a crash area for the swimmers. Everyone agreed on this change. Meet information needs to be posted by 4/1/13. Cuts will be BB.

ELECTIONS will be held at the May HOD meeting. The nominating committee needs to have 5 HOD members and no more than 2/5 can be BOD members. The committee has been set with Thom Bick, Mary Liston, Jeff McCoskey, Derek Shipp, Mark Imig, Jack Finlay, and Katie Kuhl.

Positions up for the May meeting are: Age Group Vice Chair, Diversity Chair, Treasurer, Senior Vice Chair, Safety Coordinator, Membership Registration Chair, 3 Member-at-large members, 4 Board of Review members.

Erik Strom brought up setting up a conference call number for Ozark to make it easy for us to have conference call meetings. We will address in May. Bruce Dreyer said it might be cost prohibitive for Ozark.

The next HOD meeting will be Saturday, May 11. The time and place will be advised.

Gussie quickly let everyone know that the have inactive coaches on their registration. Please make sure you let her know whom to deactivate.

Bruce Dreyer moved to adjourn, Bob Rettle 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Paskoff, Secretary