February 27, 2011
Ozark House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: RecPlex, St. Peters, MO
Meeting Start: 12:25 pm

ATTENDEES:

Bob Rettle, Gussie Crawford, Jay Newton, Lori Metz, Tom Lombardo, Steve Grimm, TJ McCoskey, Sean Harrison, Michelle Harrison, Morgan Dodge, Todd Gabel, Mary Liston, Dee Smith, Steve Franklin, Stefan Yarbrough, Max Byers, Drew May, Steven Sloan, John Lynch, Jacques Thru, Angie McLaughlin, Bill Rener, Bill Hillmer, Karen Baker, Laura Johnston, Don Rhine, Mark Imig, Dave McCrary, Bruce Dreyer, Erik Strom, Colin Kennedy, Thomas May, Nancy Miller, Dave Stevens, Sally Cole, Alice Oates, Rudy Oates, Christian Oates, Justin Oates, Amy Schultz and Beth Paskoff

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the BOD minutes from 2/5/2011. Approved.

ATHLETES:

Max Byers, noted at convention that more new athletes be nominated to serve as Athlete Representatives. We do not have enough nominated, and perhaps each team could nominate someone. They would like more options on athletes. Nate had emailed coaches asking for nominations. The other two athletes present were Drew May and Amy Schultz.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The tax return has been filed. We did file an extension with approval from the IRS. There will be an Audit Meeting in the next couple of weeks. We are ahead in Athlete Membership, behind in Sanctions, and ahead on Splash Fees. Gussie reminded everyone to send Splash Fees and Report to the Treasurer, Debbie Catani. Ben Christiansen wanted everyone to know that we spent $2500 on awards for Division II. Erik moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd, Report was approved.

TECHNICAL PLANNING:

Erik Strom reported that we made big changes this year, some good and some not so good. We still need work on the schedule. He will send out surveys to the coaches on 3/21 for feedback, which needs to be returned by 4/5. The committee will review by 4/19, get a report out by 5/10, open bids for 2011-12 on 5/17 and close bids on 6/7. Tech Planning will review bids by 6/14 and get a calendar up by 7/12. Erik is also working on getting hotels and other information together for Zones, which will be in Topeka this year. Tom Lombardo asked if we were going to Open water. Erik replied that we will be able to attend the Open Water session this year.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

Gussie Crawford reported that we have 2741 registered athletes, 196 non-athletes, 27 clubs with 1 new club, 2 new collegiate clubs and 1 club which is a spin-off of Matthews-Dickey. The coach for that club is Brandon Taylor. Gussie read off all of the club names – the two collegiate clubs were Lindenwood being run through FAST and SIU Carbondale. A motion was made to approve all teams, seconded and approved. Gussie reported that people need to add the statement from our updated sanction about diving. All were informed that the sanction (pdf) on the website does include this statement.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE:

Brian Perkins (Interim Officials Chair) reported that we are in the process of forming a new committee to replace the past one. He has emailed three previous members and has heard back from one. They will have a meeting after Champs to address concerns. There will be a clinic at the end of March or beginning of April. Brian will email the coaches and teams the information. Brian has been working with Paul Jones and Clark Hammond on National issues. He is considering going with electronic cards vs. the paper cards we print.

SENIOR CHAIR:

Dave McCrary needs a list of swimmers who went to Juniors and Nationals in December for reimbursement. He needs this after Sectionals. Also he will email the coaches a form to complete regarding NCSA reimbursement.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT:

Mary Liston reported that the LSC has been approved for Swimposium in the fall. We need a place to host it and dates. The host will need a pool and meeting room. Parents learn about dryland and there is in the water work. The Swimposium is a basic training that talks about what swimming is about. The clinic is for already existing swimmers and lasts approximately a day and a half. Mary will get more information and send it out. The location should be centrally located. Bob Rettle suggested this would be great for Fall.

SWIMS DATABASE

Jason Cravens reports that all is going well with SWIMS. The recent Girls High School State meet has been uploaded.

RECORDS:

Mark Imig reports all is well. Coaches send in the information, he updates and sends to Beth Paskoff for web updates.

DIVERSITY:

Alice Oates reported that the Diversity Camp is looking for a host. She has talked to Terry Firks in Clayton about this and will follow up with Terry. The Clinic should be in a facility where kids can stay. Age maximum is 8th-9th grade. USA has some money for this. Bob reported that they offer up to $3000.

Alice has gotten some calls from clubs about Outreach. Gussie proposed that we update our policy to include the phrasing: "In accordance with USA Swimming year-round athlete memberships: The Ozark LSC Registration and Membership policy handles a <u>request for reimbursement/refund for any reason for all year-round Ozark USA Swimming Memberships including year-round Ozark USA Swimming Outreach Memberships void and expired after 30-days following the purchase of the membership be it paid by a USA Swimming Club and/or USA Swimming Athlete.</u> There was discussion about policy for hardship in line with this policy, but since there was nothing concrete, the motion was tabled until the May HOD meeting when the committee figures out exactly how we want to proceed. There is a need to change the policy which will be discussed in the Spring.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The revised Ozark By-Laws were approved by a unanimous vote after Dave Stevens discussed the necessity of passing the USA Swimming approved by-laws and keeping our status in compliance withUSA Swimming. The new bylaws are effective 2/27/2011.

The nominating committee was discussed and consists of Ben Christensen (PKWY), Bruce Dreyer (FAST), Kim Weiss (CSP), Tom Lombardo (RSCA), and Steve Franklin (CAPE). Mary Liston moved to add Max Byers and Drew May to that committee in order to have 20% of athletes represented. Motion was passed.

BOD and BOR positions open for 2011 vote were discussed. A unanimous vote was done 2/27/11 to accept Bob Rettle as General Chair beginning 2/27/2011. John Lynch had a point of order to stagger the terms of General Chair and Vice Chair. Positions up for vote are: Age Group Chair, Secretary, Tech-Planning, Treasurer, At Large Board Members (4), Board of Review Members (4).

The Athlete Representatives have been increased from 4 members to 6. Athlete Representatives for the next year are Senior Max Byers (EDWY), Senior Maddie Wall (CSP), Juniors Hannah Vinyard (FAST), Amy Schultz (FAST), Easton Noble (CSP), and Drew May (EDWY).

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BUDGETING CHAMPS MEETS

Mark Imig proposed a change to the Champs meets financially for the next year. Instead of the LSC purchasing awards, the host team would purchase them except for Team awards and Individual High Points Trophies. In addition, he proposed that Splash Fees increase to approximately $.75 for individual events and $2.00 for Relays be sent back to the LSC for Travel fees. Debbie Catani said the total spent on awards this year was $8500.00 and agreed that we need to look at this, but would like to get actual numbers to run. Jay Newton explained the other side of this as a host team and the burden hosting the Champs meets can be. With that, it was agreed that a committee will review and discuss at the HOD in May. The committee will consist of Debbie Catani, Ben Christiansen, Mark Imig and Jay Newton.

NEXT HOD MEETING

May 14, 2011 at the RecPlex at 1:00 pm. Erik Strom will secure the same room.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Beth Paskoff, Interim Secretary