February 5, 2011
Ozark Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Edwardsville YMCA Edwardsville, IL
Meeting start: 1PM

Attendees:
Bob Rettle – Acting General Chair
Dave McCrary – Sr Chairman
Erik Strom – Age Group Chair
Ben Christensen – Finance Chair
Gussie Crawford - Membership/Registration Coordinator
Bruce Dreyer – At Large
Jason Cravens – At Large
Max Byers – Jr Athlete Rep

Athlete Rep Report:

- At OZ A Champs , Max had concerns with ready room and flexibility allowed to swimmers
    - Consistency among meets
- Max raised concerns from other swimmers that there is no February senior (15 and over) level meet
    - Dave McCrary raised that there needs to be a greater amount of clarity and communication around the champs meets.
    - Further, the new meet process needs to play itself out and be allowed to run for more than one year.
- At convention, it was highlighted that OZ is not handling athlete reps and their nomination/voting the way it is supposed. Reality is that there needs to be a greater number of athlete reps nominated.
    - Dave McCrary explained that there needed to be greater clarity around timing and process of nominating athletes among coaches which would assist with this.

1/18/11 Executive Committee Meeting Recap:

- Erik communicated that he will be staying in his position as Tech Planning Chair
- Board acknowledged meeting minutes

Tech Planning/Age Chair Report:

- Board agreed to allocate $250 to pay for food at the HOD meeting
- Room for the HOD meeting has been handled.
- Awards for the DII Champs meet have been ordered. Erik to forward info to Deb Catani to be paid.

Sr Chair Report:

- Dave to send out email to coaches to gather the number of athletes and events for the NCSA Junior National meet in Orlando.

Finance Chair Report:

- Ben explained that we have received an extension on 2010 taxes due to scheduling conflicts. This will have no impact on the 2010 taxes.

Membership/Registration Coordinator Report:

- Gussie noted that there were five outreach athletes that need to be added. Some of these are coming into outreach after their enrollment. This poses a problem as these athletes have already been enrolled and making this change will require them to be backed out of their USA Swimming ID and re-enrolled as outreach.
- Bruce asked that we change to the name on the website as “Financial Aid Outreach”. Also include requirements for the program.

- Gussie to follow up with USA Swimming to determine how to handle swimmers that ask for outreach assistance after the September
- Board will bring this up at the HOD meeting and ask Alice Oates to provide a new policy that with proper documentation, Ozark will allow athletes to enroll in Outreach midyear and get assistance with meet fees going forward. This will only be applicable to Ozark LSC meets.

General Chair Report:

- Bob acknowledged that two appointments have been made; Beth Paskoff as Secretary and Brian Perkins as Officials Chair.
- Bob acknowledged the work that was completed by Dave Stevens on the current Ozark bylaws to bring them up to date with USA Swimming requirements
- Bob acknowledged that the next HOD would be held at the RecPlex on 2/27/2011. Key items to be reviewed will be
    - The revised bylaws would be reviewed and voted on
    - That a nominating committee would be formed to create a slate of nominees for the following open positions; General Chairman, Age Group Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large Members
- Bruce will review the revised Bylaws in an effort to clean up the document. Bob, Bruce and Dave will then coordinate to review the updated copy of the Ozark Bylaws. Coming out of that meeting, a clean copy as well as a copy showing changes will be posted to the Ozark Website prior to the 2/27/2011 HOD.

Miscellaneous:

- Max Byers to coordinate with Nate Weiss to send a note to all Ozark coaches asking for one athlete rep nominee per team.
- At the HOD, we will need to determine which committee members will be continuing in their role.
- Background checks were discussed – there is concern given the number of officials that have not yet completed their background checks. Gussie will determine which officials have not yet completed their background check and send this to Bob and Brian. Bob will coordinate with Brian to finalize this.
- Bob suggested that teams be required to log in and update their team info on the Ozark website in order to maintain the latest info. This will ensure that the teams have a communication method via email.
- Bob will determine who will be going to convention. This will take place after 2/27/2011 HOD,
- USA Swimming could be considering the St Louis area for their "build a pool" seminar.
- Bob spoke to a diversity seminar that could be held in the area. This will include $3000 grant. Bob encouraged that this be a focus for us in the future.
- Bob inquired about a coach's seminar. Has this happened in the recent past? Bob encouraged that this be something we run in the near future.

Minutes taken by Ben Christensen

Meeting Adjourned: 4PM

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