

2007 Annual Fall Meeting

Wednesday October 17th, 2007

7:00 pm

Newport Hills

The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

The League provided a light dinner for all in attendance.

In attendance: All clubs were represented except: Highwoodlands, Norwood, Samena, Seattle Tennis Club, and Triangle.

A. Call to Order

Joan Wold opened the meeting by thanking the 2007 Parent Reps.

B. SPLASH Update

Joan introduced Nancy Quint representing Splash. Nancy presented an update of the organizations progress. She offered handouts with detailed information regarding issues, news, and what Midlakes League members can do to help.

- Serious regional pool issues
- 6 to 8 possible sites
- Bellevue School District – endorsement via Resolution
- Need more clubs to participate in Splash-a-thons. Ask Splash reps to attend and assist.

She also presented a pictorial of the Midlakes swim-a-thon events. She asked that if any of the clubs still had any of their banners that they be contacted to make arrangements for their return. Cindy offered to post this request on the website.

C. Treasurers Report

Jeanette Stevens presented the treasurer's report.

1. 3700 swimmers in the 2007 season – 200 more than 2006
2. Brought in professional services in 2007
3. Non-profit status was updated in 2007
4. Directors and Officers insurance is in place
5. The 10k short term CD made \$500
6. Hired CPA in Kirkland – suggest we retain these accountant services for 2008
7. It was decided that the League will not collect the \$3 per swimmer insurance fee for the 2008 season due to the surplus funds we have been able to maintain.
8. We will increase our contingency fund from \$10k to \$20k
9. The League will provide American Red Cross First Aid stations for each of the prelims and A-Champs for the 2008 season. The cost is \$125 per event.
10. Financial projections for 2008 would be the same as 2007 with a 2% increase.

Jeanette formally thanked Joan Wold for her leadership as League President over the past two years and on behalf of the League presented her with a gift certificate and plant.

In response to the treasurer's report, Eric Bartleson asked about the feasibility of the League reimbursing the club that hosts A-Champs for costs. It was decided that this could be discussed by the 2008 Board of Governors.

D. Diving Report

There was no Diving Report.

E. Water Polo Report

Eric Bartleson gave the Water Polo Report:

1. 2008 saw 13 clubs participating.
2. MICC won the Championships
3. There will be a WP meeting scheduled soon
4. WP League considering offering the sport to members of pools who do not host Water Polo. Details are being looked at to combine teams successfully but maintaining fairness.
5. The League held 135 games in 3 ½ weeks!!!
6. Cindy asked Eric to provide an updated Operating Plan to post on the website.

F. President's Report

1. Joan thanked the Board members and presented them with Starbucks gift certificates.
2. The Executive Committee (League Officers) proposed a change to the Operating Plan to be added to Section #E (Competitive Regulations) as #12. The wording (to be determined) will address that "Alcohol will not be permitted in the Zone of Competition. The Zone of Competition will be defined as 10 feet from the edge of the pool. There were no questions or comments. Joan moved that the change be adapted which was seconded by Patty from TOS. The motion was approved, all in favor, none opposed.
3. Joan presented the EC's recommendation to implement a "Hold Harmless" agreement. This documentation will be required by all clubs. The clubs will be responsible for maintaining signed Hold Harmless agreements from all club members. Joan is working with legal advisors to come up with the proper wording. This wording can be incorporated in the clubs individual registration documents or the League will provide an official form for use. This will be added to the Operating Plan, Section #B (Club Requirements) as #4. Joan moved that the change be adapted which was seconded by Nina Nolan from MH. The motion was approved, one opposed.
4. There were no new applications for membership
5. There were no members under consideration for expulsion
6. The Communications Director position was discussed and general functions described (see website for details). The position would be hired on an annual contract and will be reviewed by the Board to determine renewal. This will not be a board position. Cindy McGee has agreed to take this position. The motion was made to adapt this position. There was no opposition. It was also mentioned that a computer would be purchased by the League.

G. Proposed Webmaster Position

Joan presented the new Communications Director Position and purpose: to support the Board of Governors with communication, scheduling, collecting information, maintaining archives, etc. The Communications Director will also include the duties of the webmaster. The position will be paid on an contract basis and will be reviewed annually by the board. Communications Director will not be a board position. The League will provide the Communications Director with a computer. It was moved that this Cindy McGee be hired as the Communications Director. All approved, there was no opposition.

H. Election of Officers

1. Joan presented the slate of one nominee for Treasurer – Nancy Anderson (NYC); and one nominee for Officials Administrator – Scott Allen (). She explained the need for the remaining Officer positions and the Awards and Records Administrator. After waiting patiently there were no volunteers. Joan asked that the members break into Divisional groups and discuss who might be available from their clubs for possible recommendation.
2. After bringing the group back together Nina Nolan from Maple Hills graciously volunteered to take the Awards and Records Administrator position.
3. It was moved that both Scott Allen and Nina Nolan be approved for the Midlakes Board. Both were approved, none opposed.
4. An official vote for the election of Nancy Anderson to the Treasurers position was called for. It was approved with 21 votes.
5. Disappointed, Joan, closed the voting sighting that we would have to convene another meeting in order to vote in new officers.

It was asked that there be job descriptions available so that members could look them over when trying to assist in recommending possible candidates. It was explained that the "job descriptions" were in the By-Laws which are posted on the website.

I. Proposed By-Law & Operating Plan Changes

Operating Plan Changes:

- The follow verbiage will be altered: #E (Competitive Regulations), #1
 - *Current United States Swimming Rules will be followed in all league meets except the following and those noted in Appendix A (pg. 48):*
The changes will read: **Current USA Stroke & Turn and Starting Rules** will be followed in all league meets except the following and those noted in Appendix A (pg. 48):
 - It was moved that these changes be adapted. The motion was approved, none opposing.

It was moved by Cindy McGee, in light of the Communications Director taking over the job of managing the website, that the position of the Webmaster be deleted from the Board of Governors. This was seconded by a representative from MIBC and approved, none opposed.

J. 2008 Division Alignment/Calendar

It was announced that there will be no changes in the Division alignment for the 2008 season.

Calendar Review-

- June 17th will be the first meet of the 2008 season
- Prelims will return to their historical arrangement: Jr. Girls on Mon July 21, Jr. Boys on Tues July 22, and Seniors on Wed July 23.
- B-Champs will be Saturday July 19th
- A-Champs will be Saturday July 26th
- MSC will host A-Champs again for the 2008 season
- MICC & MIBC both showed interest in hosting Senior Prelims

K. New Business

Linda Fairchild voiced concerns over the "age-up" date of June 15th. Because our start date varies, at time a swimmer could change age groups after the season starts. It was suggested that the first day of the season be used each year. This brought concern over make such a change within Team Manager and Meet Manager software that we may not be able to ensure remains consistent with all clubs. It was the decision to table the idea until Spring.

There was a concern over PNS swimmers entering the season with "no times" and therefore being entered in B-meets. It was proposed that we set up TM to allow the use of times from the previous year. Eric proffered information that indeed TM had "used time since" settings that would provide this option. It was discussed that new coaches do not know their swimmers well enough at the beginning of the season to make the proper lineup alterations without using this option. This will be discussed prior to TM training for the 2008 season.

Perry Dolan, coach for COL, would like to set up an Invitational. It will be a 25 yd meet for all ages. We asked that he get the information together and present it to the League. The League will be happy to assist with promoting the event.

L. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy McGee