



UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING OZARK LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2008

The Ozark Local Masters Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at 10:30 am on Sunday, February 10, 2008 at Schneithorst.

Board Members present:

Lori Payne
Mary Pohlmann
Teresa McDowell
Richard Gentry
Ardeth Mueller
Bruce Hopson
Karen Goodwin
Cathy Kohn
Dan Sullivan

The Minutes of the January 13, 2008 Board Meeting which were emailed to the Board and posted on the Ozark website were approved.

Hap, Ozark Registrar, announced that to this date, Ozark memberships are: CSPM 90, SLAM 115 and Unattached 8. There were some new registrations at the Long Distance Meet, which was held on February 3, 2008. It was asked that Hap go through Constant Contact and get the number of emails under 500 so that we will be charged \$15 instead of the \$30 that we are currently being charged per month. He said that he had already done that down to 497, but 3 people unexpectedly signed-up before the end of January to raise the number back up to 500. He said that he would work toward getting that down well below 500 during the month of February so that the charge would be reduced to only \$15 per month. The Board was made aware that Club Assistant is a free service and can also send out e-mails with attachments. However, currently Registrars are the only ones who have access to the Club Assistant program. The Board decided to keep Constant Contact through the end of this year. Anna Lea Roof will continue to print the USMS membership cards through 2008. Members can print their own cards through the USMS Club Assistant program currently.

Treasurer's Report

Karl Larson, Ozark Treasurer, was not present. He will email his report to the Board. Cathy Kohn announced that she had met with Karl and is now certified as the second signature on the Ozark account. Cathy took the checks for Ozark from the Long Distance meet. Ozark registered 90 people for the month of January 2008. Hap has a bill for \$2,285.00 for USMS out of those registrations. Karl will send check.

Old Business

General Membership meetings will be held during the spring meet on March 29 and 30, 2008 during the breaks. Ozark membership meeting will be held on one day and SLAM membership meeting will be held the other day. Mary will have a list of everything that the membership will need to vote on before the meet. We want to make the meetings very short.

Ozark has been charging a \$5 sanction fee for its meets. The Board decided that it was not enough money to cover the expenses of mailing National Records to USMS through certified mail. Bruce Hopson made a motion to raise the sanction fee to \$25 per day effective 2009. Said motion was seconded by Cathy Kohn and approved unanimously by the Board. Recognition events, like the Senior Olympics will be charged a \$10 sanction fee effective 2009. The motion was made and seconded and passed by the Board.

The Board discussed the selection process to send delegates to the convention. The LMSC Chair is an automatic delegate. This year we are entitled to one additional delegate because we had over 300 members last year. The Board decided to inform the Ozark members by way of email, when we are seeking candidates to send to the convention, so that they could nominate interested members.

The Board of Directors is made up of: 4 officers, immediate past chair, a representative from each club and chairs of all standing committees. For every 30 members, a club is allowed to have one additional representative on the Board. This means that the Board could get too large. The Board will limit how many people serve on the Board by choosing committee chairs from the Club representatives whenever possible.

The Board went over proposed changes of the By-Laws of the Ozark Local Masters Swimming Committee. These will be posted on the Ozark website at least two weeks prior to the General Membership meeting. Cathy will get them in final form.

The Ozark Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

No date was set for next the Board Meeting, but March 9 was suggested as a possible date. We will communicate by email.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary