



UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING OZARK LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2008

The Ozark Local Masters Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at 10:15 am on Sunday, November 2, 2008 at at Schneithorst.

Board Members present:

Lori Payne

Bruce Hopson

Teresa McDowell

Mary Pohlmann

Cathy Kohn

Shirley M Coile

Guests present for part of the meeting: Dan Sullivan and Bill Cannon

The minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on March 29, 2008 and the last Board meeting of February 10, 2008, emailed to the Board and posted on the Ozark website, were approved.

Mary Pohlmann gave Hap Gentry's Registrar's report. Mary reported that USMS registration began online yesterday. So far three people have registered online from Ozark. A person has to mark a box if they want a membership card mailed to them. This should cut down on the membership cards that have to be mailed out. When registering online, two emails will be sent to you. One is your credit card receipt and the other is a welcoming letter with link to your USMS card. You can save the file and print out your own membership card or register by paper registration. **Mary made a motion that we only mail out cards to people who request them. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.** Perhaps Hap will be able to print and mail USMS registration cards this year, since we should have fewer people requesting them. We appreciate Anna Lea Roof of Missouri Valley helping us this year with this duty. One can go to the Ozark website to link up to the 2009 registration online.

For 2008 Ozark has 362 USMS registered swimmers. SLAM has 189. Clayton Shaw Park Masters has 142. LOVE has 4. There are 27 Unattached swimmers. Lori announced that the Clayton Shaw Park Masters has not yet identified representatives

who are available to attend Ozark LMSC Board meetings. They are entitled to five. Hap and Karl each count as one representative for CSPM. FAST is not registered as a USMS Club and therefore is not entitled to representation.

Mary made a motion to include the position of Registrar on the Board. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Cathy will look into bylaws about amending it to add this positions to the Board. She will look for other items that may need amending for our next General Membership meeting.

Karl Larson emailed the Treasurer's report to the Board since he was unable to attend the meeting. Ozark has a balance of \$3,285.50 as of October 31, 2008. Mary suggested for the 2009 financial reports, that a column showing the income and expenditures from the previous year would be helpful for comparison.

Since Ozark is no longer using Constant Contact and we are paying a monthly fee, **Mary made a motion to end our subscription to Constant Contact.** We are now using Club Assistant for emails. The only benefit of Constant Contact was to keep the email addresses of people who had signed up to join USMS in the past and are not currently USMS members. We will make sure that all pertinent information is downloaded by Hap and Mary before we cancel the subscription. Mary will check with Hap about this. **Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

Lori Payne is constantly updating places to swim on the USMS website. People logging onto site want to know if it is a coached practice or not. Bruce will fill out information on places to swim downtown.

Ozark had five sanctioned or recognized meets last year. We have received financial reports for all sanctioned meets which should help for future planning. There is a \$25 sanction fee for 2009 (\$10 for recognized meets). The sanction form for 2009 will ask that the referee and starter for the meet be named. We need two different people for those jobs.

Mary informed us that Carbondale will host the Carbondale Senior Games on June 5 & 6, 2009. The swimming portion of the Games will be Ozark recognized and Saluki Masters will apply for and pay the recognition fee..

We plan to have the annual membership meeting at the spring meet next year.

At the convention Gussie Crawford received the Dot Donnelly award. Anthony Thompson was elected to the USMS Board of Directors as the At Large Member from the Breadbasket Zone. Lori Payne was elected the Breadbasket Zone Chair. Convention delegates were reminded to submit their reports as soon as possible so they may be posted on the Ozark LMSC website.

Mary said that through Hap using Club Assistant she can send out any news that we want to mail out to Ozark members of USMS. She asked that all Club submit news that can be emailed out and/or posted on the Ozark LMSC website.

Mary made a motion that the late registration fee for 2009 and beyond will be whatever USMS charges with nothing going to the LMSC or to clubs. The USMS fee for late year registration is currently \$20. **Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.** This will need to be approved at the next General Membership meeting. Then Hap will need to remove the \$2 Ozark and \$3 SLAM fee that currently is in the Club Assistant database for the late registration fee.

We tabled other discussion concerning 2010 individual and club registration fees. USMS is raising the USMS individual registration fee by \$2 in 2010 and plans to continue to increase by \$2 for 8 years (subject to House of Delegates approval).

Lori said that the Ozark By-Laws requires that the Ozark Board meet four times a year. **Mary made a motion to suspend the need to have a fourth meeting for the Ozark Board for 2008. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.** Cathy will look into the wording for an appropriate amendment to the Bylaws.

It was recommended that we try to arrange an informal joint meeting of the Missouri Valley LMSC and Ozark LMSC Board members at the December 13-14 meet in Columbia. Lori will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary