

**SLAM /OZARK GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2007**

The Saint Louis Area Masters and Ozark General Meeting met at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at Clayton Shaw Park Pavilion.

The members present:

Mary Pohlmann
John Pohlmann
Dan Sullivan
Lori Payne
Teresa McDowell
Paul Morris
Donna Springer
Bill Grant
Karl Lawson
Steve Hancock
Karen Goodwin
Van Stoecker
Mary McNamee
Bill Cannon
Ruth Ann Hertchke
Nathan Dean
Bruce Hopson
Cathy Kohn
Bill Haas
Gussie Crawford

The meeting was called to order by President of SLAM, Mary Pohlmann. Lori Payne, Chair of Ozark LMSC and Mary Pohlmann co-chaired the meeting. The minutes of the SLAM/Ozark Board meeting held on June 24, 2007 were approved.

Gussie Crawford, Ozark registrar and treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$3,217.93 in the Ozark treasury. SLAM has 307 members. The treasurer's report was approved.

SLAM Acting Treasurer, Hap Gentry was not prepared to give a report since he was the meet director for our just completed SLAM LCM meet.

Old Business

Cathy Kohn talked about the Ozark policy for reimbursing delegates to Convention. Since we have over 300 members in Ozark, we will get to send two delegates to convention. The two delegates are Lori Payne, our automatic delegate, who is chair of the Ozark LMSC and Cathy Kohn, our board appointed delegate. The Ozark LMSC will pay for Lori Payne's expenses and SLAM will pay Cathy Kohn's expenses. The policy requires the delegates to send their budgets to the respective treasurers 60 days prior to Convention. For this year, these budgets were received by the treasurer no later than July 26 for the 2007 USMS Convention scheduled September 26-30. SLAM/Ozark will pay expenses for registration fee, ½ hotel room, full airfare, if the convention is held more than 400 miles, 25 cents a mile if driving, rental car or shuttle whichever is cheaper. The Board can approve any other expenses up to the limits set prior to travel. Ozark also has two other automatic delegates, Mary Pohlmann, who is the Chair of the International Committee, and Bruce Hopson, who is a member of the Long Distance Committee. Mary Pohlmann will have her expenses fully paid by USMS. Bruce Hopson received a \$500 Zone grant to go to convention. SLAM will pay for his registration fee and will consider additional expenses if the budget permits. The delegates must submit all receipts of expenses accrued at the convention to the respective treasurer within one month after the convention. The Board will consider the expenses and approve the dispersal by the treasurer.

Cathy Kohn reported that the SLAM bylaws do not specify what constitutes a quorum. She is working on the specific wording of the bylaws. The Board approved to define a quorum for a Board meeting as three persons, at least two being officers. A quorum for a General meeting is five persons, at least two being officers. Cathy suggested that when she completes the draft of specific wording, voting to amend the bylaws can be done by email.

New Business

Bill Cannon made a motion to nominate Dan Sullivan, as SLAM treasurer. Said motion was seconded by Hap Gentry and approved unanimously by the membership. President Mary Pohlmann thanked Dan for volunteering to be SLAM treasurer.

USMS late-year registration fee for swimmers who sign up from September 1 to October 31, 2007 was voted unanimously to be \$20, with \$15 going to USMS, \$3 going to SLAM and \$2 going to Ozark.

The membership also voted to charge \$15 for one event registration for the remainder of 2007. Of the \$15, \$8 would go to USMS, \$5 would go to SLAM and \$2 would go to Ozark. This was voted unanimously to become effective immediately.

USMS will be raising annual individual dues by \$5 in 2008. The Board suggested that the total annual registration fee for USMS and SLAM go up to \$40 for 2008. Of the \$40, \$25 will go to USMS, \$10 will go to SLAM and \$5 will go to Ozark. The membership voted to do away with the discount for members who signed up before December 31. The membership voted to offer a discount membership for swimmers 75 years or older of \$25. Also full time students, 25 years and under, will pay \$25. Since the entire \$25 will go to USMS for the student and senior memberships, SLAM will pay \$1 to Ozark to cover processing costs for each of the memberships in these categories. A financial hardship scholarship can be made available on a case by case basis to be considered by the Board. The membership voted unanimously to approve these dues changes for 2008.

Missouri Valley is bidding for the 2009 or 2010 USMS LC Nationals to be held at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Our cooperation and assistance is needed to make this a success. The membership voted to support Anthony Thompson in his quest to have Nationals in Columbia, Missouri.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary
