



## **UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING OZARK LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING MINUTES SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009**

The Board of the Ozark Local Masters Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at Schneithorst Restaurant on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 10:15 am.

Board Members present:

Mary Pohlmann - SLAM

Cathy Kohn – SLAM

Karl Larson – CSPM

Hap Gentry – CSPM

Teresa McDowell – SLAM

Bruce Hopson – SLAM

Shirley Coile – LOVE

Bill Cannon – SLAM

The Minutes of the Ozark Board Meeting on February 22, 2009 and the General Membership Meeting on March 7, 2009 were approved.

Hap Gentry, Registrar, reported that we have 280 members signed up from Ozark for 2009. We have 137 members signed up for SLAM, 110 members signed up for CSPM, 6 members signed up for LOVE and 27 signed up as unattached. Ozark had 274 people sign up online and only 6 members mailed in the form. Hap reported that most members are getting their emails. Hap is working on any problems with email when he learns of the problem. Hap reported that he needed the email address of anyone who signed up to swim one event so that he could send them emails hoping that they will join USMS at a later date. Hap reported that June 15 is the deadline for membership count for convention delegate numbers.

Hap will compose an email to Unattached members inviting them to attend our Board meetings. The Board will review the email before it is sent. We would like to get the input of Unattached members since they constitute about a tenth of our membership.

## Treasurer's Report

Karl emailed the first quarter of the 2009 budget ahead of the meeting. Hap reminded Karl that he had forgotten to figure in the discounted memberships, where Ozark would not receive the \$10 fee from those members. Hap will help Karl find the discounted memberships. Ozark has a bank balance of \$5,589.58 at the end of the first quarter of 2009. **A motion was made and passed to approve the treasurer's report.**

Mary reported that Stephanie Hiebert, the new Sanctions Chair, had obtained all of the sanctions for the upcoming summer meets. Mary helped her get all the three different types of sanctions for meets held this summer, including the St. Louis Senior Games, Carbondale Senior Games and Open Water Swim. Clay Kolar has accepted the position of Officials Chair. Bruce Hopson will fill the Grievance Chair. Mary asked Shirley Coile if Alice Oates from LOVE would be interested as serving as Fitness or Safety Chair. She could email Mary if she is interested.

Mary had sent out a handout to the Board on Convention Delegate Selection, Responsibilities and Reimbursement before the meeting. She asked if any Board member had questions or comments about the handout. A discussion followed about the Reimbursement of expenses. Parking was added as an expense. The mileage was changed from 400 to 300 miles to fly to the convention, instead of driving. There would be reimbursement for the cheaper of the two, whether you drive or fly. Mary will confer with Karl when budgeting for the convention. **A motion was made and passed for Mary to make changes to the Reimbursement of Expenses and send the changes to the Board by email to vote on.**

The deadline to apply for Ozark LMSC delegate to attend the USMS Convention in Chicago, IL is June 1, 2009. The decision will be made on June 15. Currently we have four people who are planning to go to the convention. They are Mary Pohlmann, Bruce Hopson, Cathy Kohn and Lori Payne. There is still one delegate position open. Anyone can go to the convention even if they are not a delegate. They cannot vote if they are not a delegate.

**A motion was made and passed to put the USMS registration fee from each club on the Ozark website. A paragraph about each club would be written by the club to put on the website also.** This will help to avoid confusion of the members when they sign up for USMS.

Mary reported that Ozark had purchased 50 luggage tags with the USMS logo on them. **A motion was made and passed to give the tags to the people who work within the Ozark organization as well as all of the Ozark members who go to Nationals in Indianapolis. Then sell the remainder of the tags for \$2.00.** Mary gave all of the Board members one of the luggage tags.

USMS requires each LMSC to have one general membership meeting every year. Our Bylaws require us to have a meeting once a quarter. Mary would like to change this Bylaw. This would have to be voted on at the General Membership meeting. Hap suggested that we have at least three meetings each year, one for every swim season. **A motion was made and passed to hold three Ozark Board Meetings each year.** Mary will put this on the agenda for the next General Membership meeting.

The last date to apply for USMS registration within the year is October 31. **A motion was made and passed October 31 to be the end of the year date used to determine the number of representatives that each Club may have on the Ozark Board.** June 15 will continue to be the date for midyear determination of representative numbers.

Mary wants Cathy to look into the Bylaws to see if they allow Board members to vote on issues by email. If a change is needed to allow email voting, this will have to be voted on at the General Membership Meeting.

Mary wants Hap to send out emails to members to list all of the upcoming meets. Cathy suggested that we let people know where and when the long course meets are held to help them prepare for Nationals in Indianapolis in August. Also let them know about the Long Distance Meet that will be held in June. Emails take the place of our newsletter. Mary will put together some of this information and the delegate solicitation in the next email newsletter.

Hap knows some people who might be interested in serving as Triathlete Chair.

Next meeting will be held on August 16, 2009 after the Clayton Shaw Park meet. This will be a general membership meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell,  
Secretary