



The Board of the Ozark Local Masters Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at Schneithorst Restaurant on Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 10:30 am.

Board Members present:

Mary Pohlmann – SLAM

Cathy Kohn – SLAM

Karl Larson – CSPM

Teresa McDowell – SLAM

Bruce Hopson – SLAM

Stephanie Hiebert – SLAM

Bill Cannon – SLAM – non-voting

John Pohlmann – SLAM – non-voting

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Pohlmann.

The Minutes of the Board meeting and the General Membership meeting on August 16, 2009 were approved.

**Registrar's Report** – Mary gave the report since Hap Gentry was not present. Only 16 members have signed up for USMS from Ozark for 2010 so far. There are 9 people who have signed up for CSPM and 7 people have signed up for SLAM. Mary encouraged everyone to register now. The final count for 2009 was: 178 for SLAM, 159 for CSPM, 9 for LOVE and 5 for ZILA. There were 34 registered as Unattached. Club representation on the Ozark Board are 5 members from SLAM, 5 members from CSPM, 1 member from LOVE and 1 member from ZILA. The Club registration fee for 2010 remains \$30. SLAM, CSPM and LOVE have all paid. Individual registration fees for 2010 are \$37 for CSPM, ZILA and Unattached and \$42 for SLAM & LOVE. To receive a discount for seniors (75 and older) and students (25 and younger), one must send in the paper registration to Hap. The discount waives the Ozark fee of \$10. LOVE and SLAM also waive the \$5 club fee. Students must send in a copy of their student ID. Mary sent nine letters & registration forms to members of SLAM who do not have internet access or who qualify for a discount so that they could register for USMS. She requested CSPM, LOVE and ZILA to do the same for their members who may qualify for the discount. Late year registration fees are \$22 from September 1 – October 31, 2010. All of this goes to USMS. One event registration for 2010 is \$17 with \$12 going to USMS and \$5 going to Ozark.

**Treasurer's Report** – Karl reported that we had a balance of \$5,451.35 as of October 31, 2009. It is estimated that we will have 300+ members sign up for Ozark for 2010 at \$10 per member to give Ozark a total of \$3,000.00. The USMS convention will be held in Dallas, TX next fall. Mary said that it would

cost around \$200 for each delegate to fly there from St. Louis. There is \$150 registration fee for the convention. There will also be hotel and rental car costs. The money that we receive from the \$10 Ozark fee that each member pays when registering for USMS is used mainly to pay for delegates to go to convention. There are also postage and ink costs that usually run around \$60. The Board wants to get 200 brochures with information about USMS swimming to hand out at triathlons for the cost of \$10 postage. **Cathy Kohn made a motion for Ozark to sponsor four delegates to go to convention with a maximum cost of \$3,000.00. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.** Mary gave Clay Kolar's expense sheet from the convention to Karl in the amount of \$252.70. **A motion was made and approved to reimburse Clay for his expenses from the convention.** Karl will make a budget for 2010 and send it out to Board members. **A motion was made and passed to approve the Treasurer's report.**

We had members who are committee chairs present at the Board Meeting. They are John Pohlmann, webmaster; Stephanie Hiebert, Sanctions Chair; and Bill Cannon, Senior Games representative. Mary encouraged members all of Ozark clubs to volunteer as committee chairs.

Mary said that she asked Hap to send out a questionnaire to all unattached members of Ozark to find out why they did not sign up for one of the clubs. Most were not aware that they could sign up for a club when they did not practice with a club. Others were not interested in being in a club.

Mary and Bruce will look over the Bylaws to see if there is anything that needs to be changed pertaining to voting rights at the meetings. SLAM is allowed to have five club voting representatives at the Board meeting, but they usually have more present since many are officers. The question raised was should SLAM only have five votes and which members should vote.

Karl reported that Clayton Shaw Park plans to host two meets during the winter and one meet during the spring. They will host a postal one hour swim on January 10, 2010 at Ladue High School. They need to make clear if the individual will send their own results to USMS or if the meet director will send in the results. They will also host a long distance meet on February 7, 2010 at Ladue High School. Swimmers can choose to swim the 1650 or the 1000 yard swim. The spring meet will most likely be April 18, 2010. It will be a sprint meet at Ladue. The meet will consist of 50's and 100's in each stroke.

Karl urged the Board to consider having a meet at Principia, near Alton, IL. It is an indoor 40 yard pool with a bulkhead. It can be used for 25 yard or meters. It costs \$95 an hour, which includes the timing system and lifeguards. We would still have to pay someone to run the timing system.

**A motion was made and passed for SLAM to host the Ozark Championship meet in 2010.** The tentative dates for the meet are March 27 & 28, 2010 at Marquette High School. We plan to use the same order of events as last year. We plan to hold the General Membership meeting for Ozark and SLAM at the meet.

Ozark meets the required LMSC Minimum Standards for USMS. We should look at some of the suggested LMSC standards like a term limit for the LMSC Chair.

Mary will email us on a suggested date for our next Ozark Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary