

SLAM & **OZARK**

Saint Louis Area Masters Swimming

MEETING MINUTES **ST. LOUIS AREA MASTERS** **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007**

The Boards of the St. Louis Area Masters Swimming Organization & Ozark Local Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at 10:00 AM on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Ladue Horton Watkins High School.

Board Members present:

Mary Pohlmann

Teresa McDowell

Hap Gentry

Lori Payne

Ardeth Mueller

Cathy Kohn

The Minutes of the August 25, 2007 General Meeting which were emailed to the Board were approved, as well as the June 24th Ozark and SLAM Board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report

Hap Gentry reported that Dan Sullivan our new treasurer, has paid for everything that has been submitted. He is working on getting everything updated. He will forward a report by email.

Old Business

Mary and Cathy will continue to refine the following items:

1. Policy regarding selection and reimbursement of Ozark/SLAM delegates to USMS convention.
2. Amendment to Bylaws regarding quorum for Board meetings and General meetings.
3. Amendment to Bylaws regarding composition of the Board of SLAM and Ozark.

Past due reports:

Open Water Financial report (Bruce Hopson)

CSP Financial report (Hap Gentry)

Lindbergh pool certification (Lori submitted this today)

Lindbergh national record documentation (Lori said it is in the mail)

New Business

2008 Registration: A new piece of legislation passed at the USMS Convention this past week requires that the LMSC registrar keep LMSC funds in a bank account separate from any other funds. We must open a separate account for our Ozark LMSC funds soon. Gussie is out of town, so Mary will talk with her as soon as she gets back into town. Hap suggested that we should set up an account at the US Bank, since we already have accounts set up there. The USMS National office will need the bank account information for electronic transfer of funds from credit cards charged from online registrations which are scheduled to begin with the 2008 registrations.

The annual LMSC registration of \$30 per year has been eliminated, but the annual Club fee of \$30 to USMS remains the same. SLAM should pay this fee to Gussie and submit an annual Club registration form to her.

USMS has entered into a contract with Club Assistant to develop and run individual online registration. This will be a web-based interface. It is anticipated that all registrars will use the web-based interface starting November 1. USMS is recommending that we delay sending out renewal notices to our members until the web-based interface is ready for individuals to directly renew online. This should be ready for individuals to use by mid to late December. Payment will be made by credit card with USMS electronically transferring funds to the LMSC bank account.

Budget for 2008 – SLAM Treasurer, Dan Sullivan, will be working on a budget for 2008. Any proposed expenditures should be sent to him as soon as possible.

Responsibilities of Delegates to Convention

Cathy and Mary will incorporate into our Convention Delegate policy what we expect of delegates going to convention. They should provide a short written report of meetings that they attend (particularly those that their fellow delegates did not attend). They should also attend the House of Delegate meetings.

Plans for February Mile meet

Cathy Kohn is the meet director of our mile meet that is scheduled for February 3, 2007 at the Ladue pool. Cathy would like a packet on the meet director's duties. Mary will get this type of information to Cathy. Mary asked Hap to talk with the Ladue pool manager to secure the pool for the morning of February 3, 2007. We will encourage all of the SLAM workout groups to promote this meet. Lori suggested that we send out emails about this meet and the fall meet that will be held in Columbia, MO on December 1 and 2, 2007. Cathy will work on marketing ideas for this meet, but the idea of a separate clinic on the previous day was dropped. We should send out information using Constant Comment and post on the website as soon as a sanction is obtained. Mary will coordinate this with Hap and Dan Workman.

Mary asked Lori if Anthony Thompson needed any help for the meet in Columbia, MO on December 1 & 2, 2007. Lori said that Anthony had everything set up for the meet. Mary told Lori if any SLAM funds were needed, a written budget request must be submitted at least one month prior to the event, as was passed by the Board on June 3, 2007.

Plans for spring meet

The Board agreed that the spring meet should be held at the Lindbergh pool on the weekend of March 29 & 30 or April 5 & 6, 2008. We should look at the dates of other meets in the area that might be scheduled for that time. We will decide on the date at a future time.

The Board will conduct business by email for the next couple of months. Our next scheduled meeting will be Sunday, November 25, 2007, if necessary.

The SLAM & Ozark Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary