

SLAM & **OZARK**

Saint Louis Area Masters Swimming

MEETING MINUTES **ST. LOUIS AREA MASTERS** **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2007**

The Boards of the St. Louis Area Masters Swimming Organization & Ozark Local Swim Committee of United States Masters Swimming met at 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 25, 2007 at Schneithorst.

Board Members present:

Mary Pohlmann
Teresa McDowell
Hap Gentry
Lori Payne
Ardeth Mueller
Cathy Kohn
Bruce Hopson
Dan Sullivan

The Minutes of the October 7, 2007 Board Meeting which were emailed to the Board were approved.

Treasurer's report

Dan Sullivan, SLAM treasurer handed out a treasurer's report. Gussie Crawford, Ozark treasurer was not present. Mary Pohlmann announced that Karl Larson was considering taking the position of Ozark treasurer. An Ozark account has been opened at US Bank with a deposit of \$500. The signatures on the account are Lori Payne and Gussie Crawford. Since the SLAM account is also at US Bank, it will be easy to make electronic transfers between the two accounts. The Ozark account will be used to pay for delegates at the convention. It will also pay for postage and mailing of the 2008 USMS membership cards.

Currently Ozark receives \$5 per registration and SLAM receives \$10. Hap made a motion to change the fee structure such that SLAM receives \$5 and Ozark \$10 effective with 2009 registrations. This will be voted upon at the next General Meeting. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. This change in fee structure should make it possible for Ozark to reimburse two or more delegates to the USMS convention.

Lori Payne appointed Mary Pohlmann as Ozark LMSC Sanction Chair.

Old Business

SLAM received \$1,904.00 in entry fees for the December 2006 meet in Columbia, MO. We paid \$792.00 for pool rental. SLAM members were expected to help run the meet, but failed to do so, partly because of the inclement weather. Lori Payne will email Anthony Thompson to find out if, Missouri Valley had to pay officials and pool rental. We will reimburse Missouri Valley half of our proceeds from the meet not to exceed \$600.00.

Hap reported that we had 326 SLAM members for 2007. We received \$2,155.00 in registration fees. Hap will give Dan \$2,064.74 to deposit in our SLAM account. Hap will keep \$100.00 in the membership account for any expenses.

New Business

2008 Registration:

We need to appoint a new registrar, since Gussie is retiring. The duties of a registrar include, data collection and input, financial transactions and printing and mailing cards. We will share these responsibilities in order to keep the burden of being registrar to a minimum. Other LMSC registrars have started registering USMS members online for 2008 through Club Assistant. So far the program is only set up for Registrars to register members. It is not set up for individuals to register themselves online. Gussie and Hap have passwords for the Club Assistant program. The SLAM USMS registration fee of \$30 has been paid by SLAM Treasurer Dan Sullivan. This was paid into the Ozark account from the SLAM account. Hap Gentry will get SLAM registered as a Club in the Club Assistant program.

Lori Payne appointed Hap Gentry as Registrar for Ozark.

Members can renew their USMS registration by updating their file on Constant Contact. They can change age, address or any other updates. After members update their information through Constant Contact, they can download the USMS waiver form, which Hap has posted, then sign it and mail a check to Hap made out to SLAM. Anna Lea Roof, the Missouri Valley Registrar, has agreed to print and mail our membership cards. Hap will provide our leftover windowed envelopes for Anna Lea to use in mailing the cards to our members to Anna. Lori will get our membership card stock from Gussie to give to Anna Lea at the Columbia meet. Ozark will reimburse Anna Lea for any expenses she incurs, such as postage, print cartridges, etc.

Communication

We need to have separate websites for SLAM and Ozark. It will cost \$8 to set up an Ozark website. John Pohlmann will run the website. There will be a link to the SLAM website. There will also be information on how to register for USMS. Mary relieved Hap of any communication duties, such as sending out newsletters. Hap will give Mary access to Constant Contact.

Plans for February Mile meet

Cathy Kohn is the meet director for our mile meet that is scheduled for February 3, 2007 at the Ladue pool. Cathy will talk with the Ladue pool manager, Corey Miller to secure the pool for the morning of February 3, 2007, and to ask if he would run the timing machine for the meet. John Pohlmann will be the meet referee. Lori Payne will ask Karen Smiley if she will be the Starter. We need to find out the cost for pool rental and other meet expenditures.

It was suggested that the General Membership meeting be held at the spring meet at the Lindbergh pool.

The next Board meeting was tentatively set for Sunday, December 16, 2007.

The SLAM & Ozark Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary