

SLAM & OZARK

Saint Louis Area Masters Swimming

MEETING MINUTES **ST. LOUIS AREA MASTERS** **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008**

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, January 13, 2008 at Schneithorst.

Board Members present:

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

The Minutes of the November 25, 2007 Board Meeting which were emailed to the Board and posted on the Ozark website were approved.

Hap Gentry talked about the email that was sent to him by Fred Shinn suggesting that Hap misused SLAM resources to start the CSPM Club. Mary Pohlmann said that she could not find any circumstances where Hap had misused SLAM funds. She did say that this shows the importance of having a good accounting of where funds are spent and the need to clarify the use of the Constant Contact emailing lists which is currently being paid for by the SLAM debit card. Constant Contact is being used primarily for Ozark registration at this time, but both SLAM and CSPM are using it for communicating to their members. Hap reported that soon CSPM will be moving to another email service to communicate with its members..

Hap Gentry gave Mary Pohlmann the debit card from SLAM's bank account. Mary gave the card to Dan, who is SLAM's treasurer. Hap will close SLAM's membership account. He will close out the account by the next meeting. The balance in the account is \$850, which is designated for charitable accounts.

Hap announced that to this date, Ozark memberships are: CSPM 55, SLAM 61 and Unattached 3. SLAM swimmers need to go to the SLAM website to register for 2008 USMS. Do not go to Ozark since this is only for unattached memberships. Hap asked Mary to make it clearer on the Unattached form that it is to be used only for Unattached swimmers, not for SLAM or CSPM. He also asked that it be made clear to swimmers who are trying to register using Constant Contact that this is a manual system. It will take a day or two for Hap to respond with a waiver form after the swimmer has updated the Constant Contact profile.

Since USMS requires USMS registration forms/waivers to be held for seven years, Hap needs to ask Gussie for her files of past registration forms. Mary reminded meet directors that meet documents (including timer sheets) need to be held for a minimum of one year.

Treasurer's report

Karl Larson, acting Ozark Treasurer, handed out a Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$3,749.81. He said that he has made a spreadsheet set up for future expenses. Karl has been appointed by Lori Payne to be Ozark Treasurer. He will be voted on at the next General Meeting. Lori Payne and Karl are the signatures on the Ozark account. Hap can make deposits without being on the account. Ozark needs a check/debit card to pay for Constant Contact. Ozark will reimburse SLAM for the \$30 a month fee from Constant Contact until Karl is able to get a check/debit card for the Ozark LMSC account. We are using Constant Contact to register members of both SLAM and CSPM. We will not have to use Constant Contact once USMS does individual memberships directly. Hap has received invoices from USMS that Karl had not yet received. Hap gave them to Karl pending his receipt of Treasurer copies from USMS.

Dan Sullivan, SLAM treasurer handed out a treasurer's report. SLAM has a balance of \$4,102.28 in the cash balance account and a CD worth \$6,500.00. We need a second signature on the account. Since Mary Pohlmann cannot be on the account because she lives out of town, it was decided that Cathy Kohn, SLAM's Vice President, would be the second signature. Richard "Hap" Gentry will be removed as a signatory from the SLAM account since he is no longer a member/officer of SLAM. The name of the SLAM check/debit card will need to be changed since Richard "Hap" Gentry's name is currently on it. We will decide how best to serve our members from the money that we have in our account after we get the budgets set up for SLAM and Ozark.

Old Business

Cathy Kohn reported that everything is set up for the February 3, 2008 Long Distance Meet. She has the sanction, pool, and officials.

Lori Payne reported that she is getting everything set up for the March 29-30, 2008 spring meet. She has the pool, sanction, officials and timing system. She is working on getting the entry form set up. She is also working on the meet budget. We are paying \$125 and hour to rent the pool. Bill Cannon will work on getting a place to have a Social on Saturday afternoon following the meet. Mary wants to have a brief membership meeting to vote on a few items on March 29, 2008 at the social.

Hap gave a report from the CSP meet last August. We made \$33. He said that the date for this years CSP meet would be August 23, 2008. Mary reported a tentative date of July 13, 2008 for the Saluki Masters LC meet in Carbondale.

Bruce Hopson passed out a copy of his convention report. The convention reports will be posted on the Ozark website.

Bruce suggested a tentative date for the Open Water swim of June 8, 2008.

New Business

Mary Pohlmann said that each club is allowed one member on the board for every 30 memberships in Ozark. Since CSPM has 55 members so far they will get one member on the Board. Today that is Hap Gentry, but since he is already an Ozark Board member by virtue of being Registrar, CSPM is actually entitled to an additional member on the Ozark Board. When they get up to 60 members, they can appoint another member.

SLAM will need to give a \$5 fee to Ozark for both the mile meet and the spring meet. Mary suggested that the fee go up to \$10 starting in 2009.. When records are set, we need them sent with full documentation to USMS in a timely manner via registered mail. This is the responsibility of the meet director, but Sanctions/Top Ten Chair Mary Pohlmann will help..

The Ozark website is now set up. John Pohlmann is running the website. Mary Pohlmann would like the password to the SLAM website so that she can add items to the SLAM website to bring it up-to-date. Mary will work with SLAM webmaster Dan Workman on this..

Gussie Crawford has been Ozark Treasurer for many years, before she retired last month. Mary feels we should honor her for her service in some way. She wants to nominate her for the Dot Donnelly award and the Board agreed. Lori Payne will email Penny Taylor to find out more information on Gussie and her service to the St. Louis Area Masters and Ozark LMSC.

The Board voted to give the St. Louis Senior Olympics \$200 for their annual spaghetti dinner. The money will be given to Bill Cannon, who buys the food from Fazolli's.

Mary Pohlmann suggested that we keep the one event registration fee at \$15, but that the USMS portion be raised to \$10 and the rest go to the Ozark LMSC. USMS raised the One Event fee from \$8 to \$10. The motion was voted on and passed.

Members of the Board discussed how to get swimmers to join USMS. People in the past joined to get a newsletter. Now members join to get insurance coverage and the USMS Swimmer magazine. It was suggested to have relay meets, clinics or speakers on different topics to get people to join SLAM or CSPM. Also we need to provide services for fitness swimmers and other non-competitive swimmers. We also need to encourage the development of coaches who can provide structured, organized workouts that would appeal to various levels of swimmers. Ardeth mentioned the past newsletters containing member lists which many people found helpful. Now there are privacy issues concerning the sharing of contact information, but we can look at obtaining permission from members to share this data with fellow members. A members only section on the website or other mechanism might be investigated.

The next Board meeting was tentatively set for Sunday, February 10, 2008.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa McDowell, secretary