

CASL Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 21, 2008

The Board met August 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown YMCA with the following members present:

Ron Snider (President), Dale Tillman (Vice President), Stephanie Malone (Secretary), George Thomas (Hamilton YMCA), Corinne Henderson (Treasurer), Jeanette Carroll (Registration), Buck Meyer (CAT), James Belvill (Fairylane), Henry Tharpe (Dalton), Regena Young (Red Bank), Linda Brubaker (Ringgold), Mike Patrick (Ringgold), Ronnie Kimball (CGCC), Mark List (Ringgold), Les Rowe (Fort Oglethorpe), Kristie Perry (Red Bank), Krissi Whitaker (East Ridge) Tony Swink (Calhoun), and Bill Caukins.

Mr. Snider called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed. Mr. Snider asked that the board review the proposed agenda. Mr. Caukins made a motion to accept, with a second received from Mr. Rowe vote was taken, and passed unanimously, and the agenda was accepted as written.

The minutes from the board meeting of July 15th, were reviewed. Mr. Snider asked if any changes were proposed. Mr. Rowe made a motion to be accepted as written. The motion received a second from Mr. Tharpe and vote was taken, and passed unanimously, the minutes were approved as written.

DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:

Reports of the Officers and Committees:

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Henderson presented everyone with a copy of update balance sheet. We are still awaiting money from Scenic City for the city meet.

Registration Secretary (Jeanette Carroll) – Ms. Carroll presented everyone with updated copy of the number of swimmers. CASL had 1,675 swimmers registered this year.

Awards (Les Rowe) – The awards for the city meet were handled.

Unfinished Business:

City Meet comments/further discussion on shortening Sat. - Mr. Snider felt that the city meet went well considering the weather issues. The parking seemed to work itself out as everyone became aware of where they could park. Mr. Meyer feels that clerk of course is an area that could use some improvement. Mr. Snider proposed to make a rule that

states that all meets must be completed. If teams are not able to get all scheduled meets in then one team will have to forfeit. All meets must be decided. The rule currently states that if you win your division you move up to the next division and likewise if you lose your division. The announcing for just seniors seemed to help speed along Saturday evening. The weather also prompted changing the announcing and seemed to actually work better. The wall that Mr. Snider made for the graduating seniors was a big success. This should be expanded to include all seniors next year. Mr. Snider's presentation of the Fuguat Award was very touching and special. A lot of positive words were said. Mr. Snider will check with the Fuguates and see if they would be okay continuing with that presentation. Mr. Meyer of Cleveland asked CASL to consider letting them be in the rotation for hosting the city meet. Cleveland understands that this will not be any time soon; however they are a year-round team and would like consideration.

Traveling trophies/award banners 2007, 2008/ diving trophies – Mr. Snider went over the final standings of each team and these will be posted on the website. Mr. Snider will also get with Scenic City to be sure banners are made and teams are notified. Every pool rep needs to be sure that if they have a traveling trophy to get that back to CASL prior to the city meet. Mr. Bonds handled the diving trophies. An issue regarding the diving will be discussed at the next meeting when Missy Smith is present. The 2007 banners were never done. Dalton will take care of making sure the 2007 banners are completed and teams are notified.

Diving safety/insurance, registration sub-committee – Ms. Smith who volunteered to be on the sub-committee was not present and will be looked at next meeting. Ms. Carroll said she had numerous divers that had expired registrations. Ms. Kimball suggested that CASL return to making the registration meeting mandatory. This year the registration was combined and all the details regarding registering divers were not included. This was the first year that divers had to register on-line themselves.

Budget concerns/increase fees, reinstate team fee, Officials' payroll, fundraising – Raising fees were again mentioned. Mr. Tharpe raised the point that the last time CASL raised fees were in 1989. Mr. Snider suggested a fund raiser for each team and also having each team supply their own officials. Mr. Tharpe feels that officials need to be kept separate. The cost of the officials for the city meet was approximately \$5,000.00. The question was asked how many officials are needed for the city meet. Ms. Henderson would like the formula on which the host team uses in paying CASL. Mr. Caukins feels that in order to increase revenue we need to increase swimmers. Another suggestion is to raise the city meet entry fees. The increasing in fees will be a topic that will be continued in future meetings.

Safety/review, competitive, monkey wrench – Mr. Snider is currently still working on completing the safety handbook. Every team will receive a copy when completed. Winning can not be more important than safety as stated by Mr. Snider. Summer swim may see some changes as the school schedules continually change. The issue of safety will continue to be a topic that will need to be addressed.

Nominate officers for Sept. elections/ 3 month vacation –

President – Dale Tillman

Vice President – No nominations at this time

Secretary – Stephanie Malone

Treasurer – Corinne Henderson

It was agreed upon that after our next meeting the board would not meet again until 2009. All pool reps need to be present for the September meeting if possible.

Other business -

Mr. List asked the requirements for a new team wanting to compete in CASL. All requirements are on the website. The new team that may be forming would be in the Ooltewah area.

COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:

ADJOURNMENT

Following completion of the business brought before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Rowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion received a second from Mr. Patrick, after which a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next and last meeting of the year for the board will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, September 18, 2008.

Submitted,
Stephanie Malone
Recording Secretary