

# **CASL** Chattanooga Area Swim League, Inc.

## **Minutes of Regular Board Meeting**

**February 24, 2005**

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

Henry Tharpe, president (Dalton Dolphins); Chris Varnell, treasurer (Red Bank); David Nagle, secretary (Signal Mountain); Missy Smith (Stuart Heights); Charles Todd (Dalton Dolphins); Julie Tharpe (Dalton Dolphins); Ron Snider (Mosby Park); Danny Huffman (Mosby Park); Ronnie Kimball (CGCC/diving); Nelda Welch (Ridgeside); Donald Raines (Colonial Shores); Mark Wiley (Red Bank); Stanley Kupiszewski (Cumberland); Michael Mathis (CGCC); Mike Patrick (Ringgold); Doug Berg (Fairyland); Angela Hayes (CAT); Amy Foley (CAT); Leslie Rowe (FTO); Doug Torrance (Signal Mountain).

Mr. Tharpe called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum existed.

The proposed agenda was reviewed . Mr. Snider moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the board meeting of November 18, 2004, were reviewed. Ms. Tharpe moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Dr. Kupiszewski seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion unanimously carried.

### **DISPOSITION OF THE AGENDA – REGULAR ORDERS:**

#### **Reports of the officers:**

Treasurer's Report. Mr. Varnell reported that the League's operating account had \$4,468.72 and that the money market account had \$4,567.08 (or a total of \$9,035.80) as of December 31, 2004. He further reported that the League's operating account had \$4,264.76 and that the money market account had \$4,567.47 (or a total of \$8,832.23) as of January 31, 2005.

Mr. Varnell asked the board to readopt the 2004 budget. He explained that there are two reasons: (1) an increase in expenses for officials; and (2) a decrease in revenue caused by fewer swimmers. There is a difference of \$1,200.00.

Mr. Wiley made a motion that the board readopt the 2004 budget. Ms. Tharpe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Varnell also mentioned that the post office box needs to be renewed.

Registration Secretary's Report Ms. Carroll was not present at the meeting and, therefore, no report was given.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

Officials – Bill Caukins and Chris Varnell are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Dual Meet – Mike Patrick, Doug Torrance, and Mark Wiley are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Publicity – No one has been assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Membership – Jeanette Carroll and Beth Griggs are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

City Meet – Bobby Dann, Henry Tharpe, Chris Varnell, and year-round team representatives are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Awards – David Nagle, Leslie Rowe, and Angela Hayes are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Financial Administration – Chris Varnell and Donald Raines are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

Bylaws – Stanley Kupiszewski, Bruce Rogers, and Amy Foley are assigned to that committee. No report was given.

**Reports of Special Committees:** No reports were given.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The committee assignments noted above were made.

A thorough discussion of marketing the 2005 season was had. Mr. Tharpe discussed having a clinic for coaches. The issue is whether there is a better way to encourage kids to sign up for summer swimming. The League may or may not need fresh ideas that will also be a judicious use of League funds. Mr. Rowe suggested distributing flyers in the backpacks of school children. Mr. Todd observed that individual clubs do that on their own already. Mr. Tharpe noted that \$2,000 has been used in the past and emphasized that any idea must be an effective use of the money. Another issue discussed was whether new swimmers or year-round swimmers should be targeted. Mr. Todd volunteered to look into having a representative from SwimAmerica attend the clinic. Mr. Tharpe noted that all teams should have representatives available at the clinic so that there is a central point for signups. Mr. Wiley volunteered to draft a generic flyer for use by all teams. There was discussion about asking Chattem to sponsor League events and approaching Chattem to determine if there is any interest in affiliating with the League in return for a sponsorship. Mr. Mathis volunteered to broach the subject with certain persons at Chattem.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the 2005 division lineups. There are 16 teams participating this year. Mosby Park, as the newest member of the League, will begin in the White Division. Ringgold, as the 2004 winner of the White Division, will move into the Red Division. The Cleveland Aqua Tigers were last in the Red Division and would ordinarily move to the White Division, but its representatives have made a special one-time request to allow that team to remain in the Red Division. Red Bank, as winner of the Red Division, will move up into the Blue Division. Cumberland will move from the Blue Division to the Red Division. Therefore, the White Division will have five teams competing. The Red Division will have six teams competing. The Blue Division will have five teams competing. Mr. Tharpe noted that, using this approach, no team will be penalized for winning its

division last year but not be permitted to move into the next division. In other words, all teams that should move up are moving up.

The board thereupon discussed the number of meets which the teams in the new Red Division should have in the 2005 season. Mr. Raines stated that those teams will have to have either five or ten meets this summer. Mr. Snider remarked that reducing the number of dual meets in the Red Division would not be prudent because it will reduce the competition. He believes that the growth in the league should begin at the bottom.

Dr. Torrance made a motion that the Red Division contain six teams this season. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

The issue of scheduling dual meets in the Red Division was not resolved at the meeting. Mr. Patrick intends to work on the schedule for that.

With little discussion, Mr. Todd made a motion to change the name of the team from Dalton from "Carpet Capital" to "Dalton Dolphins." He further explained the reasons for the request. The motion received a second from Mr. Rowe. A vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed.

A diving presentation was made by Ms. Kimball. A request was made to have the City Diving Meet at Baylor School this summer. Ms. Kimball stated that East Ridge representatives have agreed to that idea. No one voiced any objection to indoor diving.

### **Special Business:**

1. City meet handbook. Mr. Bobby Dann has drafted a proposed handbook. The consensus was that the League needs better rules and deadlines to define the duties and responsibilities for the host team and the participating teams.

2. Bylaws/rule changes. The proposals were attached to the Agenda. Mr. Tharpe welcomed suggestions for any changes to be referred to the committee and noted that such changes need to be finalized before the season begins.

3. Officials salary review. The board needs to evaluate this issue and determine if the scale is competitive.

### **COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Todd mentioned an issue not on the agenda. There will a coaches clinic May 6-8 in Atlanta. He suggested that all League coaches be notified of the clinic. The website for information is [www.Gaswim.org](http://www.Gaswim.org). Mr. Tharpe agreed to send an e-mail as a reminder.

Mr. Tharpe also mentioned that all coaches must have First Aid Training. The League will either sponsor such training or make it available to all coaches. Mr. Todd added that such training should be required before coaching begins.

The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at the Downtown YMCA in Chattanooga.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Nagle, secretary