

Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League
September 19, 2007
Cincinnati Resource Center
General Meeting Minutes

Call to order- Mike Leonard

Devotions – Claudia Multer

Introductions – Mike introduced the executive committee and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Everyone was reminded to check the roster and make corrections.

Minutes of the May 2007 General meeting were read – motion to accept – Anne Albert, Rob Biedenham – unanimous approval

Treasurer report – Dave Johnson – Balance on hand \$65,237

Report on Long Course from Executive meeting – Mike Leonard – Changes to League Long Course Championships – in an effort to shorten the longer sessions at long course the executive committee proposed the following changes

1. Change qualifying times
2. Merge 400 free into men and women events – swim fast to slow alternating men and women and men in prelims – swim age group at night
3. Merge 200 free into men and women events in prelims swimming slow to fast – swim in age groups at night
4. Start Friday finals at the same time as Saturday

Motion to accept the block of suggestions – Norman Wright, Toby Boedeker, unanimous approval

Records – Report prepared by Dave Murray – read by Claudia – We now have two sets of records- meet records and league records – Meet records will be set at the meet by the swimmers age as of December for short course and June 1 for long course. These records can be automatic. League records can no longer be automatic as the league voted that league records must be set by the swimmers age the first day of the meet. A coach or designated person must apply for a league record. An application along with the rules for setting records must be submitted for every league record.

Sectional Meets and League Championship meets instead of A & AA. – At our May meeting we voted to change the names of the meets. We now have Sectional meets and championship meets.

Great Lakes Zone Swim Meet – March 14, 15, 16, 2008 – Cleveland State University – Cleveland, Ohio - Meet information is ready to post on the web. Check www.glzyswimming.org for more information.

YMCA Short course Nationals – Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 1-4, 2008 – Information is posted on www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org. There is a new time standard sheet that has both short course and long course time standards.

YMCA Masters Nationals – May 15 – 18, 2008 – theme Roaring 20's – a fun meet open to all YMCA masters swimmers. Encourage your YMCA swimmers 18 and over to compete.

Timing system – need new administrator – Several teams in the league purchased the timing system years ago. The purpose was to keep the price of an autotimer at a minimum. Claudia Multer has managed the autotimer for 35 years and would like to see someone else take over. Contact Mike Leonard if interested.

Proposal on recognized meets

Each team will submit to the league a schedule of meets by December 1 for winter and June 1 for summer. Listed meets are recognized for proof of time and proof of participation. Meets added after the designated dates are not recognized for proof of participation and the times may not be used for Southwest Ohio championship entries. Exceptions will be considered for meets rescheduled due to facility problems or weather issues. Rescheduled meets will be cleared through the executive committee to receive approval prior to the competition. Meet schedules are to be submitted to: Dave Murray for posting on the web site.

Schedules will be posted with the note that there are no walk-in entries. All entries for dual meets are pre-entered by the coach. Host teams are to ensure that no swimmer is participating in a meet without a coach present or arrangements made beforehand by the coach.

New Swim Officials Training – Claudia –

1. The new program has 2 levels
2. Every official must get cards signed to prove participation at meets.
3. Recertification's must show at minimum of 12 sessions in 3 years when they come for recertification
4. Level I must shadow at minimum of 3 meets before they get their regular red card to begin accumulating signatures
5. Level I must officiate a minimum of 1 year and have proof of 8 sessions to attend a Level II clinic
6. Every official regardless of Level must attend a league refresher every year.

Trainings and refreshers will be listed on the web

Lane slips and score sheets – Lane slips and score sheets were available at the meeting.

DQ forms will be posted on the web in a downloadable form.

Coaches Certifications – Toby will put a new form on the web --- Every coach will need to start over and FAX all information to TOBY – please do it early. A coach's pass is free up to January 15 after there is a monetary penalty.

SWIMS database – USS and YMCA are discussing the feasibility of adding YMCA meets to USS SWIMS database. Details need to be worked out, but the probability is that it will happen.

Swimposium – October 5, 6, 7 in Columbus. Excellent speakers lined up. Get registrations in ASAP.

Important dates

Zone registration – Due November 1 – simple – just download the form and fill it out and mail it. It is free now and will cost later. Do it even if you do not think that you will have any zone swimmers.

Entry due dates – just a reminder that entry due dates are usually 10 to 14 days before an invitational. You may be closed out if an invitational gets too big. Usually, it is first come first serve.

Certificates of insurance – necessary for nationals – start in January for short course to be sure that your certificate is in. Check the web site to be sure that it has been received.

New Principles Course – Mike Leonard gave us a preview of the new Principles course. The course flows better and has some exciting new materials. It will be good information for anyone taking the course.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Multer, Secretary