

OMS Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2009

Present: Tim Waud, Wes Edwards, David Radcliff, Ginger Pierson, Doug Christensen. Guest – Dianne Sherwood

Conference Call: Mary Sweat, Bob Bruce, Sue Calnek, Joy Ward, Stephen Darnell. Guest – Sandi Rousseau.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Tim Waud, at approximately 7:07 PM.

1. The minutes from 2-17-09 were approved as submitted.
2. Doug Christensen presented the Treasurer's report. As of 2-28-09, the Checking Account balance was \$12,147.19. There is \$43,346.01 in CDs. All bills are paid to date. Susan Norwood completed an independent outside audit of the OMS financial records. She found that sufficient procedures are in place and had no recommendations for improvement.
3. Tim Waud provided a meet schedule update.
 - A. The THB Summer Sizzler has been scheduled for June 6, 2009 and the entry form will be in the next Aqua Master. Tim will send a copy of the entry form to Robbert for posting on the website.
 - B. Assn Meet – Bob Bruce reported that everything is ready to go. Providing an adequate number of officials is the last item, but he is confident there will be enough to run the meet. Dianne asked for some input on souvenirs. After a brief discussion of the different items available, she confirmed that she would have something by the date of the meet. Mary is finalizing the Awards booklet and those present reviewed the draft.

Award Presenters: The Board agreed to the following as presenters –

Master of Ceremonies – Tim Waud

Pool Achievements – Sandi Rousseau

Spirit Awards – Doug Brockbank

Special Service Awards – Ginger Pierson

Most Splashes Awards – Tim will talk with Gano Butcher

Long Distance Awards – Bob Bruce

Outstanding Pool Swimmer and Lifetime Awards – Dennis Baker

Ol' Barn – Jody Welborn

Connie Wilson – Jody Welborn

- C. Ginger reported that the meet ribbons, team banners and spirit awards were ready.
4. The Board approved Sandi Rousseau and Dianne Sherwood as non-Board member voters for annual award purposes.
 5. The Board discussed Dennis Baker's suggestion to hold the LCM Zone Meet as a dual sanctioned meet with Oregon Swimming, Inc. While other details need to be worked out (such as entry fees, heat sheet development, reimbursement), the Board supported the concept and agreed that an interwoven meet with separate heats for Masters and USA swimmers would be the preferred alternative.
 6. Tim asked that the online meet entry issue be tabled until the Hy-Tek product can be reviewed and evaluated in comparison with the Club Assistant product. Tim shared an email from Gary Whitman, who indicated a willingness to work with the Board in making online meet entry possible.
 7. Tim shared Dennis Baker's information about a proposed two-day clinic with Sean Hutchinson and requested input on possible dates. After discussion, Tim advised he would offer June 13-14 as the primary dates and June 20-21 as alternate dates.
 8. Mary provided the Top Ten report. The final USMS SCM top ten listings have been published. The Oregon top-twelve listings have been updated.
 9. Dave advised that the upcoming Aqua Master deadlines will be April 10th and May 10th. Since those 2008 OMS members who haven't registered for 2009 have been dropped from the printed Aqua Master distribution list, Mary advised that the online subscribers who haven't re-registered for 2009 would be dropped from the list effective March 18th.
 10. Sandi provided the Board with information about a free Club Development presentation offered by Mel Goldstein from USMS. After discussion, it was agreed that Sandi should offer October 9-11, 2009 (Board retreat weekend) to Mel for his consideration.
 11. There was a discussion about the open Board positions.
 - A. There was a lengthy discussion about the Aqua Master. Those that have expressed interest in helping after Dave retires in September, 2009 have also indicated an unwillingness to take on the whole project alone. While a team concept is possible, the 36 hours (approximate) of preparatory work per issue has been a stumbling block to finding a successor. The discussion centered on the possibility of increasing online distribution and only having a very few without access to a computer receive printed issues. There are currently 500 mailings per issue. Reducing or eliminating the printed

version will reduce the workload considerably. Sandi noted that the online registration process does not even include the option to receive the Aqua Master electronically, resulting in increased numbers of those getting the printed version.

B. Wes indicated shared information from Jody about Helen Thurlow, who expressed an interest in the Fitness Chair position. Another follow-up contact is needed.

C. A discussion about the Souvenirs position centered around how to eliminate the need for maintaining an inventory and manning sales tables at each OMS event.

12. Mary advised the Board that she is seeking help with the top ten, Oregon top-twelve listings and OMS email group responsibilities. Wes will send an OMS Group email requesting assistance from OMS members. Mary will email Darlene Staley about email group management.

13. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th in Bend during the Assn Meet at 5 PM. It will serve as the annual membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:18 PM.