

Oregon Masters Swimming

Board Meeting

October 27, 2004

The meeting of Oregon Masters Swimming was called to order by Chair Jeanne Teisher at 7:00 p.m. at the Nike Campus in Beaverton, Oregon.

Board Members in attendance: Jeanne Teisher, Sandi Rousseau, Jody Welborn, Darlene Staley, Ginger Pierson, Rich Minter, Robert Smith, Dave Radcliff, Alison Moore, Tia Sitton, Doug Christensen.
By phone: Pam Himstreet, Sara Quan, Jani Sutherland, Jon Clark, Jacki Allender.

Guest of Tia Sutton: Nall

Minutes from the September Board Meeting and Retreat:

Tabled. It was proposed that the meeting minutes be reviewed by single members prior to being sent out to the whole board. It was discussed that Jani would first review the minutes then send corrected copies to Jeanne, Sandi and Jody to complete the review. After the review the minutes will go out to the whole board for possible corrections.

Association Meet Relays: Tia asked the question of why only 200 relays count. The 200 relays are team competition events and other relays may consist of members from different teams for national records etc., so therefore do not score in the team competition.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Christensen listed the income, expenditures and current balance. Darlene Staley indicated she has funds to be deposited. Doug noted that we are paying charges for banking at Key Bank. Doug conferred with Rivermark Community Credit Union and confirmed that we can eliminate service charges by moving the OMS accounts to this institution. This will save OMS up to \$500 yearly.

Motion: Approve moving the OMS accounts to Rivermark Community Credit Union. **MSP.**

Doug also noted that we could place a form on the web for non-receipt expenses and asked about the need to sign an expense reimbursement request. Jeanne asked about faxing forms with a signature. Doug will check with an auditor to see if non-signature forms are acceptable.

Action Items:

Jeanne Teisher and Sandi Rousseau are working with Robbert van Andel to work out a board only section of the OMS website.

Business- Committee

Zone Meet: Everything is going well; Sandi reported that the pool has been laser measured. Bob Bruce, Jani Sutherland, Sara Quan, Dave Radcliff, Ginger Pierson, Jacki Allender, Sandi Rousseau, Jody Welborn, Alison Moore, Robert Smith and Jon Clark will be attending the Zone meeting at the Zone Meet in Portland on November 13.

World Masters Games: Elke Asleson will be the contact for anyone from OMS for the swim meet at the World Games in Edmonton. Dave will publish available information about the meet on the OMS website.

Financial Report: Dave Radcliff reported that the June LCM meet did not make a profit. **Motion:** Reimburse the THB \$100 for the June LCM meet to make the guaranteed minimum profit. **MSP.**

Dave noted that the THB has been requested to bid to have a LCM meet in June. THB would be willing to host a LCM meet the first Saturday in June and possibly run a 5k swim at the end. It was discussed that there were attendance reasons to not hold the event near the end of June. There were no objections to attempt to host a LCM meet on June 4, 2005.

Officials: Sandi Rousseau, revisited the contract changes approved at the Retreat Meeting. Jacki Allender noted that the minimum of two officials at each end becomes inadequate for long periods and during relays while observing transitions. Two or three hour meets can get away with the minimum of officials but it is hard on officials to stay long periods of time without significant breaks. Ginger Pierson read the USMS rules and noted that only one 'certified' official (the referee) is required by USMS. Jacki noted that this is a real concern and that under USA rules there would be insurance concerns if the officials were not certified. Sandi noted that volunteers assisting OMS-sponsored meets would be covered. Jacki noted that using officials that are not certified would make her uncomfortable not knowing if the officials were qualified. OMS is going to maintain the current contract that calls for adequate numbers of qualified officials. Jacki would enjoy working on setting up training for meet officials. Pam suggests a one page hand out with meet packets that notes the differences of USA rules and USMS rules along with a note that it is necessary to have more than four officials.

Coaches:

Policy for OMS Coach(es) at Nationals tabled.

Awards:

OMS Awards proposal from Ginger including 1) All-Star award and 2) Team Spirit award was discussed. (See Handout).. The Team Spirit Award at the Association Meet was discussed. The board had a consensus that the host team should be considered for the Team Spirit Award. Dave asked about the line that in the proposal that notes the Team Spirit Award shall be at the discretion of the awards chair. This was clarified to mean that the physical award would be at the discretion of the awards chair.

Motion to accept the awards proposal as modified. **MSP.**

Pam noted that the people selling merchandise at meets need to record the sale items and money brought in so the disbursements can be sent out properly.

AquaMaster:

Rich Minter brought up the problem of needing to replace the entry forms on the electronic version of the AquaMaster while recompiling and resizing. Dave Radcliff noted that entry forms come in from different areas. Jeanne requested that the subject be moved to offline discussion between Rich, Alison, Robbert and Dave.

Open Water Meet Schedule:

Bob Bruce is planning to have a scheduling meeting soon. Bob expects to have a full slate of swims next summer and is working with Doug Christiansen to get Foster Lake as a swim.

Past Chair:

Suzanne Rague asked to relinquish the title of Past Chair. **Motion MSP.**

It was noted and agreed that Jeanne will be the next Past Chair.

Association Meet Banquet Speaker:

Sandi Rousseau presented the OMS costs for the past Association Meet Speakers. Dave Radcliff noted that the Zone meet has an entry fee surcharge. He suggested consideration of adding a \$1 surcharge to the Association meet entry to cover speaker charges. No action was taken on this. Jeanne Teisher asked for a straw vote to pay Tom Jager to speak at the banquet. Concerns were voiced that the high cost for this person may be enjoyed by only a few people attending the banquet. It was discussed that the money for a speaker would not be a precedent and would be revisited each year. The straw vote was mostly positive, there were negative votes and an abstention. **Motion** to pay for Tom Jager as an Association Speaker.

MSP.

Rule Books:

Sandi Rousseau brought up purchasing USMS Rule Books. **Motion** to purchase the same number as last year. **MSP**.

Rich brought up the need for ownership and administration of OMS email lists. Jeanne has taken on the responsibility for solving the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Rich Minter