

OMS Board Meeting

11/16/05

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm.

Present: Jody Welborn, Robbert Van Andel, Doug Christensen, and Jeanne Teisher. Guest: Joelle Cowan.

Conference Call: Jani Sutherland, Mary Sweat, Jacki Allender, Bob Bruce, Joy Ward, Tia Sitton, Steve Darnell, Gary Whitman. Guest: Sandi Rousseau.

Absent: Ginger Pierson, Darlene Staley, Pam Himstreet, Dave Radcliff, and Rich Minter.

Longtime OMS swimmer Lavelle Stoinoff has recently been diagnosed with cancer and wishes are sent to her for a speedy recovery. A get well card will be circulated.

Congratulations are sent to Clare Michel (daughter of OMS member Colette Crabbe) on her recent win in the OSAA State High School Cross-Country championship.

Name badges are available for Jani Sutherland, Joy Ward and Steve Darnell. Alison Moore will notify Dave Radcliff of the board members who still need badges.

Approval of the minutes from August 28th and October 7th along with the retreat minutes from October 8th will be deferred until the January meeting when Rich Minter is in attendance.

Rich Minter has submitted his resignation from the board. The board appreciates his contributions over the past several years and his hard work.

Joelle Cowan has volunteered for the position of secretary.

Doug Christensen presented the budget for 2006 and reviewed the budget from 2005. We are currently in the black \$461.92. All activity has not been recorded. If you have expenses please submit them soon.

All board members have not received copies of the budget. Doug will put the budget in a form to be emailed and send the budget out for review. Of note, some redundant categories have been combined (e.g. postage) and "not used" items have been eliminated. The budgeted loss for the next year is \$5690, less than last year's budgeted loss of \$5755. Questions about certain items were asked and answered without changes being made. The budget will be on the agenda at the January 2006 meeting.

Conferencing calling at Rivermark was discussed. There is not a special conferencing phone but a regular phone can be set up for calling. Purchasing a conference call phone specifically for OMS use was discussed. These phones are expensive but OMS has not priced them recently and Doug will look on eBay and elsewhere and bring the information to the board at the next meeting. Of note, we are currently using a Polycom phone.

Alison Moore presented the evaluations on the Redmond meet. The comments and evaluations were good and there were specific compliments for Mary from the officials. Full reimbursement to COMA: **MSP**.

Chehalem proposed a swim meet in December that was discussed and voted on by email. The email vote was 7-5 against holding the meet. Reasons included the holiday season, the lack of

publicity available for the meet due to the late bid submission, and the concern about not giving Chehalem a good turnout of swimmers. We have offered first choice of meets for the next year. Motion to authorize the email vote **MSP**.

Canby will be hosting a swim clinic featuring Tom Jager in association with the Animal Meet. Ken Schuh is requesting OMS recognition of the clinic. After discussion, **MSP** to recognize the clinic.

OMS should have a policy for recognition of clinics. Issues in the future will include possible recognition fees. This item will be included in future agendas.

Pam Himstreet sent email report regarding World Championship outfitting. It is currently being designed and she plans to have items for sale at the Association Championships. She requests ideas.

She also requested that board members attending the zone meet help with sale of t-shirts and souvenirs so that proper tracking/sales of inventory occurs. Alison will remind Dennis Baker, Meet Director, to have someone assigned this duty.

Robbert van Andel discussed the new website design. Included are updates about upcoming meets and entry deadlines. There are also RSS feeds from swimmingworldmagazine.com. Sandi Rousseau mentioned there is video clip of the breaststroke pull down with dolphin kick at the swimmingworldmagazine website and it would be useful to put a link on the OMS website. Robbert will do this and we will notify members of this link with the next email that goes out to OMS members.

Robbert also updated the board regarding online registration. He is approximately 1/2 way through the set-up and hopes to have it available for TESTING only for the Canby Animal meet and is aiming to have it ready to use for the Association meet. Registration will include an email "receipt" and website will show the events that a swimmer is registered for. Currently the plan is to use Paypal for meet entry payments and there will be a surcharge for registering on-line (probably \$1). Robbert will investigate the need for a merchant account. It was recommended that Robbert add banquet tickets to the registration forms. Board members will email Robbert with other recommendations.

Mary Sweat asked about including Masters coaches not registered with USMS in OMS emailings. Tia Sitton will email those coaches and ask them if they wish to be included in OMS emailings and provide this information to Mary.

Steve Darnell distributed (and had previously emailed) the proposal that he developed (with assistance from Bob Bruce) for swim clinics. At the present time it is a suggestion for clinic structure and a preliminary guideline for further discussion. Swim clinics are being evaluated as they have been identified as something that swimmers would like to see more of and may be a way for OMS to give "back" to the swimmers (by absorbing some or all of the cost) and giving value to OMS members. It was suggested that Open Water clinics be incorporated into the structure (and it is recognized that we have had many great open water clinics). The Coaches representative should have a voice in the clinics and this will be added to the job description. Steve will make these changes and send out the revised proposal on email.

Jani Sutherland and Bob Bruce presented a Board reorganization proposal at the retreat. The gist was to streamline the board through a decrease in voting members and increased use of committees. The original proposal needs to be sent out on email for all board members to review and discuss. Jani will do this.

Open board positions include Secretary (Joelle Cowan has volunteered), Coaches Chair (Jody is discussing with potential volunteer) and Sunshine.

There is a new scholarship applicant and Jody will send out the information to the Scholarship committee.

Jody has also received an application for the coaching position(s) at the World Championships (Barb Harris). She will collect the applications until the deadline, December 15th.

An email will be sent out to encourage swimmers to think about attending the World Championships. We will keep a list of the swimmers interested and Mary will do this.

Jody presented the results of the OMS poll regarding determination of team size at Association meets (pool and open water). The response was enthusiastic with over 50 replies. The swimmers were very pleased to be asked their opinion.

The question: Should we determine team size by the number of swimmers registered on the team or by the number of swimmers entered in the meet. The poll was overwhelmingly in favor of leaving team size determination like it is now with team size determined by the number of swimmers entered in the meet.

Motion at the retreat: To use team total roster size to determine team size category for OMS events. This motion was tabled. A motion was made to take the motion off the table. **MSP**. Motion made to use team roster to designate team size for OMS events. **Motion voted down**. We will continue to use the number of swimmers entered in the meet to determine team size.

Sandi Rousseau discussed the meeting with Brandon Drawz at Mt.Hood Community College regarding the possibility of bidding on the 2008 USMS Long Course Nationals. There is a proposal to make improvements on the 50-meter pool upgrading it to a competitive tank. If the improvements are approved then it will be possible for OMS to bid for Nationals. At the present time, we are waiting to hear back from Brandon with the goal to bid on the 2008 Long Course Nationals, depending on the construction schedule. If any circumstances prevent OMS from bidding on the 2008 USMS Long Course Nationals, OMS will consider bidding on the 2009 USMS Long Course Nationals.

Alison Moore has volunteered to work on the OMS promotional display but needs help with it. Jody and Joelle have volunteered.

MSP to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting: January 25th, 2006 at Rivermark at 7:00 pm. Directions will be emailed.

Corrected 11/28/05 SD