

Saint Charles County Summer Swim League
August 11th, 2009
Meeting Minutes

The league meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by league director, Rob Lechner. Roll call was taken by Jim Schlueter.

Minutes from the July 14th, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

League treasurer, Tammie Schneider, gave the report. Our current balance is \$7953.84. No deposits. T-shirts and awards fees from All-County still have to be recorded. On-line vote approved to pay extra heat sheet costs from League account

All-County Review/Feedback

Overall, All-County went very well and we finished the two meets ahead of schedule. A big Thank You was given to the All-County Director and Assistant Director by the league. Thank You Lisa and Terry!!!

Trophies - The All-County Director reported that we had given the Crown Trophy a file to print plaques that had a formatting error. Pam Brashears is reviewing the error and correcting the file for reprinting of plaques that are in error. League reps will be notified when new placards are available for pick-up. Extra costs from Crown to be determined but will be paid by league.

Suggestions for Next Year's All-County:

- Heat Sheets – recommendation to separate morning and afternoon sessions when printing next year to reduce cost. Suggestion to review formatting before printing as last year they were double column and this year they were single column adding to the extra amount of pages. May be a Meet Manager formatting output issue. Suggestion to put Heat Sheet file on league's web site, but that had been reviewed in the past as detrimental to overall league costs because of the printing discount we receive for printing in mass.
- Heat Card Table – recommendation to move it to a location before the swimmers reach the South bull pen. There was confusion in front of the table and pen since the swimmers had to pass in front of the bull pen before getting their cards.
- Audio System – recommendation to re-check microphone volume once natatorium is full. Some could not hear the announcements.
- Electronic Event Board – recommendation to keep bull pen info on the board at all times and not rotate signage. Board did not update fast enough for swimmers.
- Bull Pen – suggestion to label bull pen row seating so young children know what row place to sit in. This has been done in the past. Recommendation to have experienced people running bull pen. Recommendation to have bull pen volunteers attending the pre All-County meeting to know where the pen is located and practice communications over radios with control room.
- Headsets – A recommendation was made to buy 8 matching headsets to improve communications between control room, bull pen and All-county directors. We had a

variety of mismatched headsets that just didn't work together so communication was an issue.

- A comment was made on swimmers swimming up and delaying heats at the other pool due to not being present on time. The recommendation is that a heat should not wait for a swimmer as it will delay the entire meet.
 - Meet Manager – comment on a unit conversion that Meet Manager was outputting some events as Short Course (S) and then converting to yards (Y). Please watch for this.
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A motion was made by Pearson Buell and seconded by Paul York to have the league procure 8 matching headsets. The vote unanimously passed.

Old Business

Per previous discussion on swim suit suppliers, a recommendation was made by Lake St. Louis to invite swim suit suppliers to the February 2010 meeting so we can hear offers early in the season. League Director will need to take action to make the invites.

New Business

League Director discussed solicitation by TeamPages, Inc (<http://www.teampages.com/>). TeamPages is a website hosting service that accommodates league sports, and provides a multitude of options for hosting the website. The cost of TeamPages is substantially more than we pay now. It was decided that existing communication lines are good enough to not warrant going to a new site. No action required.

A suggestion was made by O'Fallon to change free-style to front crawl for 6 and under to show a sense of fair play to the younger swimmers and not allow a swimmer to swim a different stroke. Per the By-Laws, the league follows MSHSAA rules so no action was made to make a change.

Due to a lack of participation by swimmers, Knob Hill would like to increase their team size beyond 80 but still maintain 5 events per swimmer. Discussion ensued about changing the number of events per swimmer / team size table in the By-Laws. In addition, a suggestion was made to apply the change by divisions as well. Pool size and event durations will also need to be considered. League Director tabled the issue until a committee could be formed next year to address the issue.

Monticello reported that the City of O'Fallon has threatened to shutdown their events due to amount of people on the swim deck and parking issues. Mention made of the city passing a new ordinance putting limits on such. Monticello may need to find a new venue for their meets next year.

Monticello provided a new name for the 2010 league secretary. Kim Scharck will be the new secretary.

League Director brought attention to league By-Laws stating that league meetings are to be held Mar – Aug. A September meeting was placed in this year's calendar by League Director matching last years calendar. A motion was made by the League Director to cancel September meeting and a vote passed unanimously. It was recommended that league meetings do commence in Feb 2010 to address issues early in the year. League Director will need to take action to call the next meeting in Feb 2010 and address By-Law change.

League Director recommended the Board Handover dinner take place as schedule for Thursday Sept 17th. League Director will contact 2009 and 2010 board members as to the location and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.