

St.Charles County Summer Swim League

Meeting Minutes

October 21,2010

I. Roll call/Attendance Sign in (Sherri Lecheten)

* Absent teams: Laurel Park, St.Peters, Winghaven

2. Meeting minutes from September 23,2010 were reviewed and approved

3. Chris Rice (Whitmoor) was introduced as Assistant League Director for 2011

4. All County update (Joe McDonald)

* 2011 all county fees have been increased per the rec plex.

* SCCSSL has been charged \$1,600 + \$200 vendor fee (\$1,800 total) for several years, while fees have been raised for all other users

* Current rates are \$14.50/lane/hour, 10 hour maximum

* 2011 fees will be \$2,320 and the \$200 vendor fee will be waived in 2011 with consideration to be given in 2012.

* Kids Sports World had agreed to pay All County fees of \$1,800 for 2011 when the league vendor agreement was decided. All-County Chair (Joe) will discuss the new rates with KSW (Julie) but it was agreed that the league will have to cover the \$520 difference for 2011 if Julie is not agreeable to the increase.

6. At the All-County rec-plex pricing meeting, attended by Sherri Lechten, Joe McDonald, and Terry Eberwine for SCCSSL, Brian Bacynski of the STP Parks & Rec department brought up St. Peters city team concerns regarding SCCSSL by-laws advising of a fine assessed to teams who do not use the appointed league vendor (\$5.00/swimmer for every swimmer on the team that is found in violation). St. Peters city has on-going concerns about requiring residents to use an out-of-county vendor. There were concerns raised about pricing for suits not being competitive because of the single vendor agreement. It was explained that all teams need to make a good faith effort to use league vendor including giving the league vendor access to the team, not sourcing an alternative vendor separately, and advising team parents that Kids Sports World is the league's preferred swim vendor and every effort should be made to honor that relationship. Teams found to no make a good-faith effort can be fined by the league per the by-laws, but that has never happened in the past. The league and the team cannot mandate and control the actions of each individual family who operates on their own outside of the team. Teams cannot bring in another vendor or advise parents separately to use another vendor. It was also explained that the league negotiated the best pricing for all teams by sourcing from a single vendor. On the Blocks Aquatics had an opportunity to compete for the business, and the proposals from both vendors were very similar, but that the actual pricing with the chosen vendor (KSW) was slightly more competitive.

5. League meeting attendance

* Per league by-laws- teams not represented at 3 or more meetings per year may be put on probation and/or suspended from league.

6. Meet management issues:

a. Length of meets is excessive in some cases

*it was suggested to set a cut off for the last event in advance, but a set time was not agreed upon because of differences in team sizes and starting times at different pools.

*suggested having less events

* starters need to keep meets moving

b. Stopwatches will be provided by both teams unless league reps agree otherwise in advance.

* Visiting team – bring your stopwatches.

c. Water - use of refillable containers brought by all workers has been suggested

* logistics could not be worked out as each team has different facilities and capabilities.

d. Visiting team area provided by Host team, per by-laws

*area needs to be clearly designated for visitors

* team reps please advise your team families to respect the visitors area.

7. Stroke Judging

a. Assisted swimmers are not eligible for points (this needs to be added to by-laws)

b. DQ rules for 6 and under's - they can be disqualified for doing the wrong stroke

c. Communication equipment –

* head set/walkie talkies need to be charged and operational for the entire meet.

* Stroke judges need to remain in communication during the meet, they cannot opt not to use their communication equipment.

d. Dress Code: Navy bottoms and white top are required (per the by-laws) to be worn by all stroke judges, NOT suggested.

* Exceptions will be made for subs the night of the event in the case a scheduled worker is not present, but please ask your stroke judges to make an effort to be “in uniform” so that they are easily identifiable.