

**Suburban Aquatic League
Spring Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2002**

Role was taken: At least one rep was present from every team except North Penn & Springfield.

Treasurers Report: None at this meeting. There will be one at the Fall Meeting. Billings for team dues will be invoiced by the Fall meeting and are based on championship entries for each team. Therefore, it is very important for all division host teams to submit a report of team entries to the treasurer.

Championship report: The meet went smoothly and was well attended. The two touchpads this year were greatly appreciated. There were a few timing problems. The timers were not correctly recording the backup times from the stopwatches but looking at the board to record the backup times. Please pass on to your timers that work at the meet to record times from their stopwatches.

Web Master Report: There was a request to have directions to pools from the nearest main roads on the website. That can be submitted in the fall with team info. The team information will be submitted to the Webmaster who will be updating the league directory for the upcoming year.

Registrars: Mike Dunn would like to have specific instructions for teams to use for creating the roster, etc. for team manager/meet manager submissions to the registrars. That way everyone would be on the same page for submitting things to the registrars.

Officers and election of Officers: Needed:

League Secretary - Sue Moyer would like to be replaced. The only duty would be to attend all meetings to record and submit minutes for each of those meetings. Since there were no volunteers, it was suggestion to have one team assigned at each meeting to take minutes. This could be on a rotating basis. **It was decided that NORTH PENN would be the first team to take this role at the fall 2002 meeting.**

However, if there is anyone willing to take on this role, it would be preferable to have one person to be responsible for this.

Girls President - **John McGinnley volunteered** and was approved to take this role.

East Division Rep - **Terry Peterson volunteered** and was approved to take this role.

All other officers have agreed to another term.

Old Business:

Communication of Meet Results became a big issue near the end of the season this year. It is the responsibility of the host team's representative to communicate the results of the meet to the registrar and the Webmaster.

Teams were responsible to send TMII Meet Results to the registrars, MM results in Flat HTML format to the Webmaster and to their next opponent (if it was not posted to the SAL Web Page).

This past year there was a problem in that some teams were not able to post the results on the web due to school district rules. It became a problem when teams would go to the web and try to look at results. Many felt at a disadvantage when they went to the web and their results were there and their opponents were not. **This will need to be cleared up by next year so that all teams have access to the results they need.** There were several options suggested and discussion regarding this issue. **IT WAS DECIDED THAT EACH TEAM WILL NEED TO SEND RESULTS TO THE REGISTRAR AND TO THE WEBMASTER AFTER EACH MEET. RESULTS CAN THEN BE OBTAINED ON THE SAL WEBSITE.** This would eliminate the need to send results to the next opponent. Coaches could go to the SAL Website and get the information they need. (At this time Central Bucks is the only team that has been restricted from posting information to the SAL Website but they will report at the Fall meeting if this has changed)

Dual Meet Scoring System

There was a written proposal distributed to each team representative to change the scoring system of the SAL dual meets. The proposal was made to change the individual events to be scored the same as the High School Meets for individual and relays. There was a good discussion regarding this issue, pros and cons. This issue was initially proposed at the Fall meeting to be voted on at the Spring Meeting. This proposal would need a constitutional change. However, according to the constitution, we need a quorum to vote for a change in the constitution. We did not have this at this Spring meeting.

Each team rep should take this issue back to their teams. THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE FALL MEETING. There should be 2 representatives from each team.

New Business:

Ridley Swimming Team has requested membership into the Suburban Aquatic League. They would be part of the South Division. They meet the requirements to join the league and the vote of the current SAL team reps was to accept them into the League. They should also be required to follow the current computer requirements of using team and meet manager.

Issues from 2001-2002 Season

Diver Registration with the league. We need to clarify in the constitution about divers being registered with the diving registrar as well as the SAL Boys & Girls registrars. The League registrar should have an entire team roster including divers. A separate diver list needs to be given to the diving registrar. Other diving questions were raised but since the diving president was not at this meeting, all discussions are table until the fall meeting.

Championship meet entries. There was a brief discussion about how entries were done this year that severely affected the unlimited age group entries. There then was a motion that coaches submit entries for championships using the top 40 list as a guide and the league will seed the meet from the result and psych sheets and be limited to only those entered. Majority was in favor and it will be done that way next year.

Championship meet dates. The reps were asked whether the dates and times for the Championship meet at LaSalle. What week do we want to try to have the meet? Do you want it on a Saturday or Sunday if there is a choice with open dates at LaSalle? We need to remember that we could get bumped if another large event is scheduled at the school. After a brief discussion it was decided that we would try for Feb 8 for Diving and Feb 9 for Swimming. Pete Crippen will be taking care of this.

Championship meet/Flight Championship clarification. We need to further define our championship meets to a team championship meet (which is the Flight Championship meets) and the individual championship meets. The need for this clarification is necessary due to issues that came up this season. It is in the constitution that the tri-meet (Flight championship) is governed by the dual/tri meet rules. In the constitution there are 2 sets of events. The difference is that for the dual/tri meet events they are "& under" events and the League championships are "bracketed" events (11-12 age group, 13-14 age group.) By definition, these 2 sets indicate that you cannot swim UP in bracketed events. An 8 year old is a 14 & under but an 8 year old is not a 13-14. We need to define team championships (Flight Championships) and the individual championships. The four different types of individual championships (Swimming & Diving, League & Division) should be listed. For some reason the diving events are not listed on the events for what is now called "swimming" championship and is suggested to be changed to "individual" championships and add the diving events. This would clarify that diving is an event in the individual league championship. This is not a change, but a clarification that diving is an event in league championships. We are trying to differentiate between the flight championships and the individual championships. It was suggested that the proposed change to the constitution be posted on the web. This will try to be done. The agenda from this meeting listed the specific sections that would need changes. **THIS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE FALL MEETING.**

Constitution Review. It was suggested that a committee be formed to really look at the constitution and create by-laws and operating procedures. This is a long-range project with an initial report at the fall meeting. Mike Dunn will chair this committee.

New Depth rules for pools. PIAA has increased the depth required for diving off blocks to 4 feet. This is a PIAA rule. US rules are slightly different with depth and block height specifications, that have not changed, but may change to follow PIAA rules. There was a short discussion about the problems this could create for some pools and the liability it could create when diving off the starting blocks into water less than 4 feet deep. It will be reviewed at the Fall Meeting.

Championship Awards: Karen Palombo requested that the Host teams with awards left over should bring them to the Fall meeting. If there are ribbons left, please store them flat for use next year. Thank you.

Division Host Teams: It was suggested that a report be run to find out how many “no shows” there were at the meet. All teams need to be aware that the dues for the league are based on championships entries whether they show up or not at the meet. Please make your coach or person in charge of entries aware of this.

Meeting was adjourned with the reminder that all teams have 2 reps at the Fall meeting.

Submitted by:

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