

SAL 2015 Spring Meeting
Coaches and Representatives
3/19/2015 7 p.m.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Roberta Lichter at 7:04 p.m.
 Role was taken and recorded as follows:

Swimming Reps

<u>EAST</u>	<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>				
Centennial	1	Dolphins	1	CBEast	2	LoMer	1
CounRock	1	PlyWhmsh	1	HatHorsh	2	Methacton	1
Pennsbury	1	Springfield	2	NorthPenn	2	Norristown	2
NeshCore	1	UpDub	1	Pennridge	2	PerkVal	2
LoMoreland	1	Wissahickon	1	Souderton	1	Radnor	1
				SWAC	1	UpMer	1

Diving Reps

<u>EAST</u>	<u>CENTRAL</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>				
Centennial	0	Dolphins	0	CBEast	1	LoMer	0
CounRock	1	PlyWhmsh	0	HatHorsh	1	Methacton	0
LoMoreland	0	Springfield	1	NorthPenn	1	Norristown	0
NeshCore	1	UpDub	1	Pennridge	0	PerkVal	1
Pennsbury	1	Wissahickon	n/a	Souderton	0	Radnor	0
				SWAC	0	UpMer	1

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from January were distributed. Lower Moreland moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Council Rock. The minutes were then unanimously approved.

Announcements

Girl senior scholarship winners from UMAC and HHAA sent thank you notes.

Turn in any left-over division champs awards – contact Roberta if you had any left and didn't bring them to meeting.

Champs discussion:

- Parents didn't like traffic flow – wanted to be able to be in stands and wherever they wanted to be at any time
- Young separate from older – is this preferred over boys and girls (big kids) together? Different opinions.
- Warm-ups – lane assignments may be useful rather than open warm-ups
- Deck space was tight (especially near pool) – maybe space can be assigned ahead of time based on size of team – coaches would have to agree to not move assignment signs
- Could use more built in breaks (especially in younger kids' sessions)
- Do not try to catch-up to suggested time line – it's just suggested – adults need to be flexible because it's about making a good meet for the swimmers; Can't rush – not good for kids – parents should not be impatient - want to make it good for kids and moving too fast means not enough recovery time between races
- Structure was good for viewing

- Touch pads for little kids; didn't use the touch pads at LaSalle either – maybe will use buttons or touch pads for 25s next year; reality is most 8u races throughout the season are watch timed and most young kids do not hit the pad effectively anyway
- League records were not in program because they were not available but always try to have them in the future
- Easier bringing items in (awards, etc.); more flexible and relaxed
- Transitions were good between swimming and diving
- Parking was better
- Why do delays happen? Need to alternate swim and diving for traffic flow (cars in lot and people in building). Needed to use cafeteria (holding area) to identify # of people and keep quiet for divers. Delays due to table mistakes which stop everything. Personnel differences due to the fact that people were playing multiple roles left knowledge gaps when finalizing results that caused delays. If more diving parents were trained that could help. Require more diving training to have more people who know what they're doing so table can be faster. Teams need to make volunteers work throughout the season.
- Suggestion to use online system for diving "line-up" collection.
- Overall went well. Timeline issues happen all the time at this type of event. Need to communicate to our parents that this helps the kids get used to this type of experience so they're comfortable with it when they attend HS districts, other meets, and college meets.
- Saved a lot of money and didn't have last minute insurance nightmare as in prior year.
- Discussion of pricing for LaSalle - \$7,600 vs. CB South – roughly \$3,500, no TCNJ not enough space so won't consider
- Reduce to 16 kids? Prefer not to so more kids can be involved. Still need breaks. New club with good swimmers. Will reduce to too few teams with swimmers qualifying for the meet. Increase to 24 kids – can't do due to space and time constraints.
- Two weekends – diving and swimming – would that increase the cost?
- Good signage. Good set-up. Well planned out. Always will be some complaints. Equipment worked well. Volunteers did a good job.
- People were upset ahead of time about not getting to go to LaSalle but after meet were happy.

Reports:

Treasury – teams who owe dues have been contacted – please pay ASAP; bills will come out two weeks before fall meeting and are due before first meet; will go to president for each team; notify Andrew if changing president of your team

Secretary – no report

Registrars:

Diving – no report

Girls – few registration issues but dealt with, no big deal

Boys – used to be rule could not swim for another club while swimming for SAL team so elite swimmers went elsewhere; spirit of removing that rule is to allow these swimmers to stay with their SAL team when they become elite NOT to allow SAL coaches to recruit kids for competitive reasons

Presidents – no report for swimming; diving – leagues went well; division diving also went well as did dual meets – start looking early if your diving coach is not coming back so you don't end up with no team because of no coach; if anyone knows anyone who wants to coach diving contact Jim, Roberta, Lisa; diving division champs start sooner in season to secure location, maybe do conferences rather than divisions

Division reps – no reports

Championships – covered above except: Would it be possible to get league record break ribbons out at champs? Will consider for next year. For any other record breaks throughout the season, the host team must provide documentation of the break within 30 days per league documents.

Officials/clinics – did a lot of clinics (~110 S&T attendees)

Scheduling – no report

Old business –

- continue to read and familiarize yourselves with operating procedures and bylaws; if any USAS or USAD rules change that will automatically change in these documents
- thanks to league leadership for sending good info to reps – need to indicate to reps that they MUST share with all team members
- Maximum score for jump? Jumps do have varying quality. Does allowing jumps in a meet dilute diving? Max score not provided for in USAD rules.

New business –

- get releases in fall
- Norristown – not planning to do invite; HHAA wants to do invitational Thanksgiving weekend pentathlon style; will defer back to NAAC for that weekend in future if they want it back; NAAC will discuss and confirm with board that it's OK to release date.
- Souderton wants an invitational too. Will read rules and provide sanction letter. Contact Jamie right away with date.
- New Club – coach Bill Draves of TOPS (stands for nothing because not affiliated with any particular school district) coaching for 30 years; team lost location (Pottstown Y) 250 swimmers; 70 kids came along for new team; have trained parents (scoring, officials). USAS team. Want to join league for 2015-2016 season. Trying to add diving eventually. Has facilities to accommodate diving. Perk Valley/Pottstown area. Not looking to pull swimmers from anywhere – there is a need because of Pottstown Y closing. No USAS or PIAA certified officials – some are YMCA certified. Plan to obtain USAS certifications.
- Would it be possible to post team rankings and/or records so teams can understand relative positions? Just want it at the end of the regular season. Roberta will check with Andrew. Maybe registrars can provide? May not be all that meaningful as far as match-ups for the January duals. Still head-to-head then points to break any placement ties if needed.
- 10 day rule for being registered (particularly with regard to divers) – to prevent poaching, also to allow for effective and efficient processing/protect volunteers (league board) with regard to too much unnecessary work and too many last minute requests; no proposal was made; general consensus seemed to be that this is the rule – check everything many times and carefully; have multiple people check as well; do not wait until the last minute.

Adjourned 8:55 p.m.