

SAL March 19, 2013

Call to Order:

EAST	#	CENTRAL	#	NORTH	#	WEST	#
NeshCore	1	DCAA	2	CBEast	1	LoMer	2
Centennial	1	PlyWhmsh	1	CBSWAC	1	Methacton	2
CounRock	2	Springfield	2	NorthPenn	1	Norristown	1
LoMoreland	2	UpDub	2	HatHorsh	2	PerkVal	2
Pennsbury	2	Wissahickon	1	Souderton	2	Radnor	1
				Pennridge	0	UpMer	2

1. Call to Order: Roberta Lichter, President. Minutes moved by CR, seconded by UMAC. Approved.

2. Treasurer: Tom McManus. Absent. Current balance \$26,500.61. SAL Charities \$5,312.00 Available Funds \$21,188.61. Outstanding bills \$4,000 for Division Hosts. Need to find a new treasurer for the SAL.

3. Registrars Report

Mark McElwee – boys were fine this year. Watch your entries that results go to the correct registrar – boys vs. girls and split your file so that separate entries go to the correct registrar. Diving was also a smooth year. Possible that coaches and reps attend the same meeting next year.

4. League Presidents

Boys – Paul Mancini: hope that results would not be effected by non-registered swimmers next year.

Girls – John McGinley – everything went fine. Championships were nicely done.

Diving – Jim Davidson – Division champs went well also.

5. Division Reps

Central: Kristen Liebscom – DCAA Liebschfamily@comcast.net

East: George Shaya - Council Rock sams@cavtel.net

North: Jen Steinberg - SWAC

West: Katherine McClelland - Upper Merion

6. Championship Review – Sandy Hartman from North Penn will be taking over championships for John McGinley next year. Fran Crippen Foundation received donation from SAL Charities.

7. Officials & Clinics – Mike Dunn – FINA changing breast stroke rules – look for them in the near future. Each clinic this year averaged about 22 attendees. Next year there will be a diving clinic in each division. Contact Roberta for date confirmation.

8. Scheduling – one issue, what to do with 5th, 6th, and 7th places in the end of the season. Another consideration, try not to match the same teams two weeks in a row.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business

a. team database control is important when submitting information to the league. Reminder to the teams, watch how athletes are registered. Also, gather middle initial for all athletes so that database is cleaner. Mid-Atlantic needs at least three weeks to get an athlete on the books. Double check USA Swimming designations. Match to the SWIMS database.

b. Coaches report – Brian Zeigler – Perk Valley. One issue – invitationals. Why are parents from other teams **REQUIRED** to work at invitations? And why won't they start the meet without the volunteers? This applies to swim invitationals not diving. The league will **NOT** mandate how teams run their own invitational meets. Possible – tie the number of volunteers to the number of entries. Second issue – 18 out of the 22 teams have a USA team. Coaches' dilemma – USA Elite meet vs. league championship meet. Is it fair to make the athlete choose? Schedule may not avoid the Elite meet because SAL leagues are based on availability of LaSalle. Should we consider high school conflicting meets as well?

c. Diving scoring for electronics. Will be meeting to discuss further. Methacton liked it. Not going to be league mandated to purchase diving software for the 2013-2014 season. There will be email announcements for diving meetings by the league. Make sure to update your league directory with the SAL website.

d. Fall meeting – plan on having a combined coaches and reps meeting together.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Garro
Secretary SAL