

SAL March 2009 Meeting

03-24-09

Call to Order:

Division		Central		North		West	
East							
NeshCORE	0	Abington	2	CBEast	1	LoMer	0
Centennial	2	HatHorsh	2	CBSWAC	2	Methacton	2
CounRock	2	Sprngfld	1	NorthPenn	2	Norristown	1
LoMoreland	1	UpDub	2	PerkVal	2	PlyWhmsh	2
Pennsbury	0	Wissahickon	2	Souderton	2	Radnor	2
				Pennridge	1	UpMer	1

1. Call to Order: Roberta welcomes all teams.

2. Treasurer: Balance as of 3/23/09 is \$23,551.83. Some outstanding bills ~\$2000 for pool rental. No dues outstanding – everyone is paid. Part of balance is for SAL Charities, approx. \$1700.00, plus additional \$500 from Council Rock and \$500 from CBAC for Charities.. Balance is because of increased team dues.

3. Webmaster – Andrew reported no problems.

4. Registrars – Good end to season. Minor issue still exists with athletes with multiple names. Please clean your roster before submission to the registrars. Use one name only per athlete. Have only one member of the club control the database at a time. Timely submission of meet results throughout the season. Coaches who like old records – they should create a new database each year. Do not alter the database (like making up birthdates) – it messes up the registrars' records.

5. Diving President: Jim Davidson. Had some trouble with the database, once the issues were resolved, everything ran smooth. UDAC and SWAC worked together for Last Chance Diving. League and Division Champs were great. Thanks to Peg Cohen for her work as Diving Registrar. Lisa Forlini will take over as Diving Registrar next year.

6. Division Reps – no reports.

7. Boys President: Tom McManus. There were problems with the altering of rosters during meets. Dues for next year are based on league and divisions championships, Tom needs division results and diving results to calculate next years' dues. He has league results.

8. Girls President: John McGinley – no report.

9. Championships – went well except for the transformer on the scoreboard for the girls session. One issue remains – the meet runs overtime. Not such a big deal when girls are in the morning –

so not a problem next year – but will be the following year. Solution – 1. not allow B relays or 2. take the top 18 relays only. That may require some athletes not competing but we need to watch the time. We try to limit relays to 3 heats. Awards currently go to 18 places (changed a few years ago from 12 places). Also added ~\$1000 to the awards bill for the increase from 12 to 18 relay awards. The SAL will discuss again at the fall meeting. Good idea for workers to check in with the table – thanks John. Division Champ assignments are handled by host clubs. Good idea for Division to have stickers for assignments as well.

Fly over starts at Champs, Mike Dunn, thought they went well. Swimmers didn't know what heat and lane they were in – they should know before they go to the blocks. Fly-overs weren't mandatory this year but they may be next year. Get double watches for timers. Ready Bench area was difficult for the boys session. Sending a coach to the ready area would be beneficial. Some meets don't have ready areas at all. Timers behind the lanes can check kids as well.

10. Awards – if someone broke a league record – pick up your awards. Bring overflow awards back to Karen Palumbo.

11. Hall of Fame – new nominees to Mark McElwee. Need additional athlete names.

12. Ask team members to attend Officials Clinic both Stroke & Turn and Starter Refs. We will run a Team Manager clinic as well.

13. Coaches Rep – no report.

14. Scheduling – no report.

15. Old Business: Lower Moreland deferred the issue of older swimmers to the fall meeting.

16. Division Changes – Perk Valley. Proposed realignment based on driving distances. Three division changes: Perk Valley to the West, PW to the Central, Hatboro Horsham to the North. Brian Ziegler, PV Coach, discussed with the Division Reps. CBSWAC motioned, Methacton Seconded. Proposal passes 18 to 9.

17. Deciding ties for division champs: Historically, ties were determined by head to head competition. Secondly, if there were 3 teams, scores of the meets against only those teams (in other words, not all competition scores), when there are more than two teams are identical. Only then would more than one team receive trophies. Added to the Operating Procedure to the League Rules and posted on the website.

18. Virtual Meets – Jamie Forlini will work on building virtual meet rules and have them posted on the website. Best case scenario – we will not need virtual meets, but we need to have procedures just in case. Diving has had virtual meets all along. We need to work together to schedule accordingly. Virtual meets will remain the meet of last resort.

19. New Business: Wissahickon – does the league have a policy about inappropriate behavior of athletes and parents? The league does not have a policy it is a team matter. If there is an issue, make sure the Registrars are aware.

20. Council Rock planning to add an invitational meet between Christmas and New Years.

Adjourned,

8:10 PM

Kathleen Garro
SAL Secretary