

Midlakes 2008 Annual Fall Meeting

Tuesday, 7 October 2008

Location: Mercerwood Shore Club

A. Call to order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Representatives from all clubs were in attendance except NYC, Overlake, and Strattonwood. (Attached is a list of all who signed in.)

Joan Wold introduced members of the board who were present. Also announced was that a new Division I representative would be needed since Connie Flaten (Plateau) would be stepping down.

B. Election of Officers

Joan Wold nominated Ron Griffin for President and Jeff Lowell for Vice President.

24 votes yeah, 0 votes nay

Joan was recognized for her outstanding dedication and continued efforts to promote water sports in the community.

C. Diving Report

No report was offered.

D. Water Polo Report

Eric Bartleson announced that 14 clubs with 3 week sessions had water polo teams in 2008. All clubs participated in the tournament with 10- 15 kids in each age group. One of the greatest hurdles is getting more pool time.

E. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Anderson provided handouts showing the 2008 to-date and forecasted year end budget, 2009 budget, 2007 actual budget, and statements for league bank accounts (checking, saving and CD). Major points addressed were:

- The League continues to be within its budget.
- Cindy McGee was hired as Communication Director for the League.
- Nancy offered to do the League's taxes for 2008 – eliminating an \$845 expense for 2009.
- Water Polo is in need of a new clock and the cost is being looked into.
- Changing when fees are due for costs related to A and B Championships is being considered. It would allow the League more financial flexibility if fees were submitted at the beginning of the season.

F. Presidents Report

Ron Griffin continued the discussion of the League's budget and its impact on both large and small teams. Ideally, there would be less paperwork and a more equitable league when determining the fee structure for Championships.

Fundraising: Midlakes is interested in assisting clubs generate income through fundraising opportunities. Looking for sponsorship from local businesses is being explored.

Alcohol Policy: More people are aware of the League's alcohol policy. There were no proposals to changing the by-laws.

"Age-up" Policy: Swimmer eligibility based on a June 1 date rather than the June 15 date was discussed. This is not to be considered lightly given the ramifications: creating more eligibility in age groups and its impact on club records, and the issue of fairness to the swimmers. Nothing was decided, but there will be more discussion of this. It should be noted that a number of people like the way it is and feel that the system works.

Divisional Alignment: Making changes to the divisional alignment is based on the philosophical notion that change is good for the League and clubs and that it is the fair thing to do. Discussed were: the size of a team and pool and its ability to host other teams in its Division, the greater opportunity to introduce more kids to a great sport, the building of sportsmanship within a club and community.

The changes that were proposed were:

- Rolling Hills move up to Division I
- Samena move down to Division II
- Plateau move up to Division II
- KGG move down to Division III
- Somerset move up to Division III
- Triangle move down to Division IV

Schedule: The only date KCAC has available to Midlakes for A Champs is July 18, 2009 (due to two national meets being held at KCAC next summer.) These meets, the US Open and the Speedo Junior Nationals, have also caused PNS to move its Swimming Championships up to July 23-26. Many Midlakes swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers will be involved with PNS Champs.

The board is considering the following options:

- 1: A Champs at KCAC on July 18th and B Champs on July 11th.
- 2: A Champs on August 1st at a Midlakes club and B Champs on July 25th.
- 3: Change the Operating Plan so that the prelims could be timed finals July 13/14/15.

Cindy McGee moved to vote on the 3 options. Larry Royce seconded the motion. Jeff Lowell asked that it be amended to be the top two vote getters. (It should be noted that individuals could vote for more than one option.)

- 1: A Champs at KCAC on July 18th - 18 votes
- 2: A Champs on August 1st at a Midlakes club - 15 votes
- 3: Timed finals - 18 votes

Then there was a vote between the 2 top vote-getters with each individual voting only once.

- A Champs at KCAC on July 18th - 13 votes
- Timed finals - 14 votes

Dates: B Champs will be held on July 18th. Prelims as timed finals will be held on July 20/21/22.

Maple Hills has offered to hold B Champs for Division III.

This will be finalized at the Spring Meeting.

G. New Business

Joan Wold proposed to make an amendment to Article V of the Midlakes By-Laws that would allow each League club to have no more than 2 of its members on the Board. Lynn Mathis (Phantom Lake) seconded the motion.

17 votes yeah, 1 vote nay

Arguments for such a change included: having more clubs participate in the League business and the need for broader membership on the board that would result in a stronger League.

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Anne Yamamoto