



Annual Spring Meeting

Wednesday March 26th, 2008

7:00 pm, Newport Hills

A. Call to order and Welcome

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Representatives from all clubs except Maple Hills were present. (Attached is a list of all who signed in.)

Joan Wold, President, introduced members of the board who were present and gave an overview of the evening's business.

B. Diving Report

Ann Rhodes offered the following information on diving:

- 6 of the Midlakes pools host diving
- Midlakes following AAU club rules for diving
- Overview of the season
- Dive meets do not conflict with swimming
- The 2008 Dive Operating Plan will be posted on the website soon
- Purpose: to have fun!! Great sport for beginners
- Currently approximately 120 divers
- All Midlakes swimmers are eligible for diving. Arrangements will be made to accommodate all who are interested in diving
- Safety is key

C. Nomination of officers

D. Election of officers

Joan offered an overview of the League Secretary position and called for volunteers. No volunteers came forward.

- Cindy McGee nominated Joan Wold as 2008 season League President. Jeanette Stevens seconded the nomination. 21 votes yeah, 0 votes nay.
- Cindy McGee nominated Ron Griffin as the 2008 Vice President and 2009-10 President Elect. Crystal Lee seconded the nomination. 22 votes yeah, 0 votes nay

An announcement was made that the Division Rep position was open and volunteers were called for. No volunteers came forward.

E. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Anderson provided handouts showing financial highlights, the 2008 proposed budget, 2007 actual budget and balance sheet dated 3/26/08. Attached are copies of these documents. Copies of these documents will be posted on the website. It was moved by Scott Allen to provide financial documents closer to the beginning of the June. The motion was seconded by Michelle Lemke. All in attendance in favor; none opposed.

F. President's Report

Packets were made available to all in attendance including agenda; Hold Harmless Agreement; Club Compliance Acknowledgement Form; Appendix A changes; 2008 Swim Schedule.

- The members were asked to post results in a timely fashion
- MM & TM trainings are mandatory in order to ensure consistency
 - Coaches are having issue with TM training times and days
 - Meeting dates to be posted when determined. Coaches' schedules will be taken into consideration.

- Is MM/TM Vista compatible?? Cindy McGee to investigate and post answer on website.
- It was suggested that we look into posting a Q&A on the website.
- Hold Harmless agreement was presented
 - Questions from the floor concerning the purpose were explained. This will cover the League no matter what club you are from or where you are swimming. This covers the League as an entity of itself. Your club document merely covers your club.
 - Hold Harmless Agreements must be signed by each participating family and kept on file throughout the season. It was suggested they reside in a binder at the pool.
 - Club Compliance Acknowledgement Forms must be signed and submitted to the league by June 10, 2008. This form acknowledges and confirms that the Hold Harmless Agreements have been completed by all swimmer families and are on file.
 - Hold Harmless Agreements and Club Compliance Acknowledgement Forms will be posted on the website.
- The League is still looking for a Secretary and Division Rep.
- The League is still supporting the organization SPLASH. We have not discussed or been asked to donate funds this year.
 - SPLASH has asked the clubs to support the movement by sponsoring Splash-a-thons again this season.
 - The SPLASH logo will appear on this years league t-shirts.
 - SPLASH will again post banners and set up information tables at championship meets
 - It was reported that this will be a \$40 to \$50 million dollar project
 - The organization is looking for corporate sponsorship
 - Time line...completion by 2012
- As was proposed and approved at the Fall Meeting, the league is asking that no alcohol be allowed in the "zone of competition". A proposed sign will be posed as a .jpg on the website for those clubs wishing to create signs.

G. Communication Director's Report

- New computer and software
 - Will work on creating new site with Web Expressions and hopefully it will be updated by the start of the season.
- New Contact Form
 - To be used by both parent reps and coaches
 - For both new information and updated information
- Operating Plan Supplements
 - Will be grouped together on the Documents page
 - They are supplements to the Operating plan
 - Clarify and explain in detail
 - Can be changed at anytime without board approval
 - Please send in suggestions for improving these documents
 - Considering referencing these in the operating plan
 - Coaches Certification Requirements*
 - Coaches Rep Responsibilities - NEW
 - Division Rep Responsibilities
 - Division Champ Guidelines*
 - Dual Meet Responsibilities*
 - Parent Rep Duties
 - Submitting Results
- Posting Results
 - Must be submitted as soon as possible
 - Must be in the format outlined in the Submitting Results documentation
 - Parent reps must help in making sure that the results are submitted each week. You will be the contact for the Division Reps
- Member Messages page
 - Upcoming events for your club
 - Kudos for your swimmers

- Job Postings
- New FORMS page to be added
 - Participation Form
 - Code of Conduct
 - Club Compliance Acknowledgement
- New ideas and corrections always welcome

H. Official's Report

Scott Allen reported the following:

- Referee expenses: Purchased 200 rule books. They were distributed to board and one per club in attendance. The coaches and officials will get their copies at the training.
- Reviewed changes in Appendix A (attached)
 - It was moved to make the housekeeping changes noted and seconded by Lynne Matthes. All in attendance were in favor, none opposed.
 - It was moved by Scott to accept the backstroke turn changes; it was seconded and open to discussion.
 - Question: Why do we have different rules from USA Swimming
 - Answer: As a summer league we are requiring less technical moves
 - All in attendance were in favor, none opposed.
- All officials need to attend Stroke & Turn training
 - Meeting dates re posted on the website
 - The trainings are scheduled for 3 hours; the first 2 hours for stroke & turn and the 3rd hour for starters and meet referees
 - The league may revisit dates and locations reconsidering coaches' schedules.

I. 2008 Calendar Review

- a. Meet Schedule
 - Cindy McGee clarified that clubs can go ahead and switch meet dates (from Tues to Thurs or vice versa) as long as the opposing team agrees. The changes will not be made to the posted league calendar (scoreboard). It will be up to the clubs to explain to their swimmers that the results will be posted as if the meet was held on the original date. The most important thing to remember is that the "A" meet results will be posted under the date it was originally scheduled as will the "B" meet.
- b. Trainings
 - Make sure you check the website calendar for dates, times and locations.

J. Individual Division Business Discussion

Divisions broke into groups for discussion. Upon returning the following championship meet locations were established

- Div I B-Champs – Newport Hills
- Div II B-Champs – Rolling Hills
- Div III B-Champs – Maple Hills or Kingsgate Royals
- Div IV B-Champs – Kingsgate Monarchs
- Div V B-Champs – Woodridge
- Jr. Girls Prelims – Edgebrook
- Jr. Boys Prelims – Samena
- Senior Prelims – Mercer Island Beach Club
- A-Champs – Mercerwood Shore Club

K. Approve Operating Plan

There were no changes to the membership dues or entry fees for the 2008 season

There were no applications for membership or expulsions.

Dick Benster (MICC) moved to approve the operating plan; seconded by Patty Ray (TOS). All in attendance were in favor, none opposed.

L. Coaches Survey Overview

Coaches Reps Laura Halter & Candis Brink presented some of the issues outlined in the Coaches Survey that was completed at the end of the 2007 season.

Laura pointed out that by calculating the number of events vs. heats vs. swimmers the maximum number of swimmers in a meet should be changed from 115 to 120.

It was moved and seconded to change the operating plan; section F (Dual Meets), #6 to read:

Coaches should strive for equality of competition, particularly when a stronger team is swimming against an obviously weaker team. Each team is limited to a maximum number of **120** swimmers entered in any particular dual meet (A or B).

All in attendance were in favor, none opposed.

M. New Business

Ron Griffin would like to take this opportunity as Vice President to start some conversations with the membership about new ideas and changes that need to be made for the coming seasons. The League could look into a message blog on the website. Ron also taking on the task of finding this seasons B-Champ promotional item.

Dick Benster offered information about the relay meet that a few of the clubs are sponsoring. Ron Griffin will look into the idea for next season.

N. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

Respectfully submitted by Cindy McGee